

March 20, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Our Lord,

Thank you for the love many of you already have shown to your brothers and sisters in Ethiopia as demonstrated by your ongoing prayers and financial support for the successful mission trip which you partnered with me in November 2010.

Thanks to the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in Ethiopia, Kenya and surrounding regions at this time, unprecedented numbers of Muslims are coming to Christ and many of them are being called into pastoral and church planting ministries. As a result, theological and practical training is greatly needed there. It is primarily for that purpose that I plan to return to Ethiopia and then on to Kenya. Church planters, pastors and leadership teams continue to benefit from and reproduce the training that the Lord used us to deliver in 2010. An additional blessing, as a result of the 2010 trip, has been the wonderful partnership that Crossway Christian Church has developed with this phenomenal church planting movement in Ethiopia. Since then we have been blessed to fund lifesaving medical assistance to a mother and her newborn on two separate occasions. We have also supplied 50 plus goats to orphans to give them a means of ongoing support. We have funded "Birthday Parties for Jesus" for the orphans to celebrate Christmas and supplied 400 plus Bibles for new believers.

Without your prayer and financial partnership, this important ministry would not be possible. Thank you for allowing God to work through you for the advancement of His Kingdom here and abroad. I would like to share with you some details that will better inform you about this work we are partnering in and specific prayer needs.

I plan to fly out of Portland Me., Friday October 31st and arrive in Addis-Ababa on Saturday November 1st. I intend to engage with leaders and congregations at various churches in Addis before traveling to the training venue in Adama, (formerly Nazareth) Ethiopia. While I do that, pastors and planters from diverse and remote regions will be traveling by various modes; some at great risk and danger to attend the training. During the days, Monday through Friday we will train these leaders and during the evenings we will bring a condensed version of training to lay-leaders of various cell and house churches. On Saturday November 7th I plan to fly into Nairobi, Kenya; where I will repeat the same schedule. I will visit various ministries in Kenya on the weekend and depart from Nairobi on Monday November 16th, as the Lord wills.

As I have sleep apnea and will not be able to use CPAP on plane my primary prayer is that the Lord will grant me adequate sleep/rest on the long flight. Please pray for the safe travel and protection from hazards and persecution of students, translators, their families and churches. Please pray also for a miraculous filling, empowering and enablement from the Holy Spirit for everyone involved. Finally, please join me in praising God for His provision; by His grace and your generosity approximately 50% of the estimated \$4300 cost has already been provided! Our God faithfully provides!

If you are led of the Lord to pray, please let me know that you are doing so, as it always is a great encouragement to know who is praying for me. If you desire to give your financial support, checks may be sent and made payable to Crossway Christian Church, PO Box 363, Saco Maine, 04072; Attention Church Treasurer. Please note on the memo line: Africa 2016 and Paul "Chico" Parker.

I thank God and pray His constant blessing upon you all for your faithful and continued partnership, support and encouragement in ministry.

Sincerely Yours,
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