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Matthew 16:13–19 (ESV)

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Dear partners,

After reviewing my previous communication to you from Awasa, I realized that I had neglected to send a group picture from that location, so I am including it here below.

Awasa Group 09/15/23





Selam (peace) from Arba Minch, "Arba Minch" means "40 Springs", originated from the presence of more than 40 springs (see one above). Arba Minch is located in the Gamo Zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region about 500 kilometers south of Addis Ababa, at an elevation of 1285 meters above sea level. I arrived here on Sunday 09/17 late afternoon after an hour flight from Addis Ababa. Similar to previous locations, this is a strategic setting to gather leaders from the city, its surrounding towns and villages where they are ministering to a variety of different people groups. Pastor Wende and his associate Pastor Chachi organized the group and assisted me as my interpreters.





Arba Minch Training Report:

This training was conducted under the trees at the Emmanuel United Church property in Arba Minch on Monday 09/18 and Tuesday 09/19. This was a round four training. The 20 participants were a combination of church pastors, planters, evangelists and key leaders as well some denominational and regional leaders. This 4th round study is entitled: The Church that Jesus is Building-Understanding Our Identity and Purpose. The reason for this study is that even the Jesus is the founder a sustainer of His Church, since its conception it always has a tendency to lose sight of its true identity and purpose. The introduction of this study briefly examines the letters of warning, reproof and correction that Jesus wrote to the Seven Churches in Revelation chapters two and three. From there it exegetes key New Testament passages that emphasis seven identifying characteristics of the Church that Jesus is Building. To conclude the two-day session, they were each given the assignment to search out and site New Testament passages that dictate and/or describe such matters as: church identity, authority dependency and purpose. They will conclude the assignment by reporting at our next session. We all are looking forward to round five in April 2024 as the Lord wills and provides. The highlight of each of these trainings are always the testimonies the participants give. These are personal reports as to how they have been impacted by their current and previous trainings. They always speak of the progressive revelations which build upon each other to form a ongoing greater understanding of the Gospel, the Kingdom, the Church that Jesus is building and their roles and responsibilities as participants and leaders in the Master's Mission on Earth. They always emphasis how they sense the influence and conviction of the Holy Spirit through these training/ fellowship encounters. They speak with a sense of awe and excitement of major life and ministry transformation and a

clearer understanding of God's will and purpose for them. Every participant is eternally grateful for your prayer and financial support the enables the ministry to continue. They thank God for and pray for you, their brothers, sisters, sponsors and Kingdom ministry partners in the U.S.A. It is truly wonderful to experience and I wish you all could be here to do so.

Here a sister in Christ prepares diner for the group:



Moving Forward:

Tomorrow, Wednesday 09/20 I will take a local flight to Addis Ababa where I will be picked up at the airport and transported by car approximately 100 kms, about one hour and a half drive back to Adama for a second training in that city with a new first round group of promising, aspiring young leaders on Thursday 09/21 and Friday 09/22.

Please join us as we Praise God for:

- Continuing to Bless me with continued good health.
- The overwhelming success of our trainings so far and the lives and ministries that are being encouraged and transformed.
- Supplying good and safe travel, food and housing for all involved.
- His miraculous discipleship movement that continues to increase to the outskirts of Ethiopia and beyond.
- Exponential leadership reproduction through:
 - Proclaiming the Kingdom Gospel in accordance with the Scriptures,

- Displaying the Kingdom Life by living in obedience to Jesus.
- And by practicing The Masters Plan for disciple and servant leader multiplication.
- Providing such a faithful support team that all of you continue to be.

Please join us as we Pray that God:

- Will continue to bless me with good health, throughout my travels.
- Will open the hearts and minds of each student
- Protect and provide for each participant, their families and ministries.
- Will continue to bless and provide as He directs us, TMMI, to go and grow!
- Would **continue to provide** for us, many more like-minded prayer and financial partners as He continues to open more and more doors of opportunity in and beyond Ethiopia.

May God bless you all for your faithful prayers, partnership, support and encouragement in ministry.

Sincerely Yours,

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