



AMBARICHO INTERNATIONAL PRAYER AND MISSION MOVEMENT

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Encouraging Our Missionaries

An organization called Partners With Ethiopia (PWE) recently visited with one of AIPM's



missionaries, Dereje, during their May vision trip to Ethiopia. Dereje came to Christ 20 years ago. He was the first convert under AIPM's efforts to reach Muslim-dominated areas of Ethiopia. One night he had a dream that there was someone waiting for him in a field outside the village and

they had a message he needed to hear. What he didn't know was in the field the first AIPM missionary had been fasting and praying for days. In the morning Dereje went to the field and he was led to Christ. It changed his life forever.



Dereje is now a missionary in that same area. In the past 19 years he has been subjected to persecution, warnings, and even a death attempt. Throughout it all, God shielded him from the force of the enemy.



God continues to bless the local church that AIPM planted despite the fanatical Muslim community and the government surrounding it. The gospel is preached with power and authority. The church started a school, which is a great need in the community. More than 300 Muslim students are attending the school. It is an incredible outreach opportunity for the church. During the visit PWE donated books for the school.

 **WHEN WE PRAY, GOD WORKS!**

Dereje said he was highly encouraged by PWE's visit. He shared his testimony with their group. He also shared several prayer requests which included the need for a motorbike. The region Dereje is trying to reach is large. A motorbike would make transportation much easier. Also, the church is struggling to adequately fund the school and pay the teachers. Please pray for God's provision. Finally, pray for the expansion of the kingdom in this Muslim-dominated region of Ethiopia.

Visiting our missionaries is such an amazing way to learn more about what God is doing through AIPM. If you are interested in learning about visiting Ethiopia, contact Matt Mendenhall at matt.m@aipmusa.org.

University Prayer Conference



God continues to use AIPM to mobilize and encourage university students across Ethiopia. June 2-4 Dr. Desta spoke to students at Bulehora University. Bulehora is located in southern Ethiopia. There are around 13,000 students attending this university. More than 700 students attend the Christian fellowship on campus. Biruktawit did her mission school internship in Bulehora in 2022. This particular prayer conference was organized by Biruktawit, and Dr. Desta was the main speaker.

Dr. Desta spoke about the power of prayer. He challenged the students to pray more. He told them that one of Satan's main tactics is to keep us from prayer. Prayer is key in the battle to win souls. Dr. Desta also met with the student leaders who were responsible for leading this Christian fellowship. Again, he challenged them to make their prayer life a priority because if they want to do great things for God, especially to lead others, they must come before Him first. After all, when we pray, God works!

Throughout the three-day event the Holy Spirit was moving. During one night of the conference Dr. Desta was calling students forward who felt led to get involved in missions on a deeper level. One-third of the students came to the front. They were kneeling and crying out to God to use them. The Holy Spirit was convicting the hearts of the students for His heart cry.

Book on Prayer

Dr. Desta wrote a book on prayer that was published in Ethiopia. It has been translated into English and is in the editing process. We are excited for this book to be published in the U.S. later this year. Please be praying with us that God will use Dr. Desta's story to challenge all of us to make prayer a top priority.

Dr. Desta's Upcoming Visit to the U.S.

We are so excited to let you know that Dr. Desta will be in the United States July 11 through September 11 to connect with U.S. partners. He will continue to share the message on the power of prayer, and raise more support to send out AIPM's missionaries. Please contact Matt Mendenhall at matt.m@aipmusa.org for more information about connecting with Dr. Desta.



Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for AIPM's two large-scale projects. We shared a few months ago that AIPM had been asked to open a brand new missionary training school. The AIPM Global Mission University is in the works. This new nondenominational and international school will serve Christians from other African countries and around the world. The school would be used not only for new pastors and evangelists, but for continuing education for missionaries currently serving in Africa. Please pray for God's direction with this project.

Secondly, please continue to pray for AIPM's new building which will be the hub of world missions in East Africa. Prior to the COVID pandemic, the entire cost of the project would have been around \$400,000. Due to massive, pandemic-driven inflation, the total cost has risen to over \$1,800,000 and is continuing to rise. We know that God's reach knows no bounds. Join us in trusting Him to provide.

AIPM appreciates your prayers. Our motto is ***When We Pray, God Works!*** Your faithful prayers are making a huge difference in our efforts to share the gospel message. Please continue to pray, and if you feel led to donate financially to support our missionaries and AIPM's growth, you can give online at www.aipmusa.org/support

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