



AMBARICHO INTERNATIONAL PRAYER AND MISSION MOVEMENT

AUGUST 2023 NEWS AND PRAYER LETTER

Exciting Update on Dr. Desta's Visit to the U.S.



We are thankful to report that Dr. Desta's time in the United States has been very productive. He has been busy preaching in numerous English and Amharic speaking churches. He has had many opportunities to share the vision of AIPM in smaller settings, including over meals, small groups, vision meetings, and prayer meetings.

He spent two weeks with David Day in Portland, OR in early August. David has been helping Dr. Desta by filming him for AIPM's YouTube channel. Dr. Desta is teaching through his book on prayer. The YouTube channel aims to reach Ethiopians with the message of prayer, so everything is in Amharic.

Dr. Desta has a full schedule for the remainder



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of August. If you're interested in meeting with him, please don't hesitate to contact Matt Mendenhall at matt.m@aipmusa.org for more information.

Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, GA - August 19

Banner Elk Christian Church, Banner Elk, NC - August 24

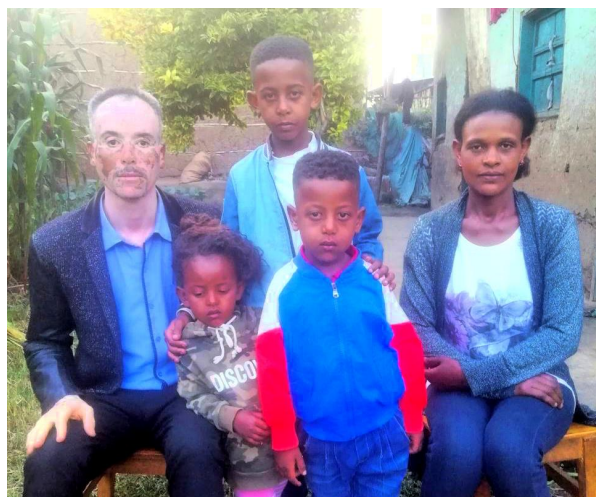
Bay Leaf Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC - August 26

Immanuel Baptist Church - Mission Team Meeting, Pace, FL - August 28

Sherwood Baptist Missions Luncheon, Albany, GA - August 31



Missionary Highlight



For the past 11 years, Birhanu has served as an AIPM missionary. Before sensing God's call to missions, he served six years in his local church. He was born and raised in Durame but came from an Orthodox family that did not communicate the gospel message. His older sister became a follower of Jesus, leading her entire family to faith in Him. Since the young age of 14, Birhanu has been a dedicated follower of Jesus. He desired to serve in the church, so he pursued a diploma in biblical studies.

Today Birhanu, along with his pregnant wife and three children, lives and serves in a predominantly Muslim area of southern Ethiopia. They have found that sharing Jesus in this area is very difficult for many reasons, including idol worship, demonic activity, and the presence of Islam. However, they have persevered. In the past nine years, they have shared the gospel message one-on-one with over 6,000 people. More than 1,000 have come to Christ.

During the first two years of their ministry with AIPM, they faced incredible difficulties and saw many miraculous signs from God. It was a time of testing that drove them to fast and pray regularly. They chose Thursday as their consistent day of fasting and prayer, which they hold to today. They encountered witchcraft, demonic activity, and opposition that caused other missionaries to leave the area. It also drove local followers of Jesus to abandon their faith and pursue the world's pleasures, including alcohol and money. Despite those discouraging circumstances, they persevered. At one time, they saw God rain fire from the sky and consume several people's properties, which they believed was God's judgment on them for various reasons. They took advantage of the occasion to share the gospel message.

We encourage you to pray for Birhanu and all the AIPM missionaries in Ethiopia. As Ethiopia's political strife, war, and inflation rate rise, many missionaries, like Birhanu, are struggling financially but determined to stay the course and continue spreading the gospel.

Prayer Requests

We firmly believe that God's power and blessings know no limits. Therefore, please pray for AIPM's two significant projects - the AIPM Global Mission University and the new building in the heart of Durame that will serve as the center for world missions in East Africa.

We believe that When We Pray, God Works! Your consistent and faithful prayers make a significant impact on the spread of the gospel. Please continue to pray, and if you feel led to donate financially to support the missionaries and AIPM's growth, you can give online at www.aipmusa.org/support.

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