

GREAT COMMISSION MINISTRY ETHIOPIA

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IS
MOVING**

The harvest is plentiful ...



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GIRMA ALTAYE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



The Great Commission ministry Ethiopia (GCME) is committed to help the fulfillment of the Great Commission in Ethiopia and beyond, in partnership with local Churches, individual Christians and mission agencies. To enhance ministry fruitfulness, the organization has been organized into five main departments that are referred to as “mission critical”. It also has five regional offices based in key cities in addition to the central office based in the capital city, Addis Ababa. The organization has 161 staff, of which 114 are support raising missionary staff. The ministry also has 175 local missionaries working fulltime in the Northern and Eastern parts of the country who are not considered staff, but are directly supervised by our staff members. In addition, GCME has partners with whom it implements various mission projects.

This report covers the time span between July 2016 and February 2017 as implemented directly by our staff, through training and mobilization and through our partnerships. For the last six months our country has been under a state of emergency because of political instability. Therefore, it has been a difficult time to implement ministry plans, especially those that were planned to be implemented in remote villages. Though there is a decrease in quantity and quality in some of our ministry outcomes due to the political instability, with the helping hands of God, our staff members traveled risking their lives to achieve the following results.



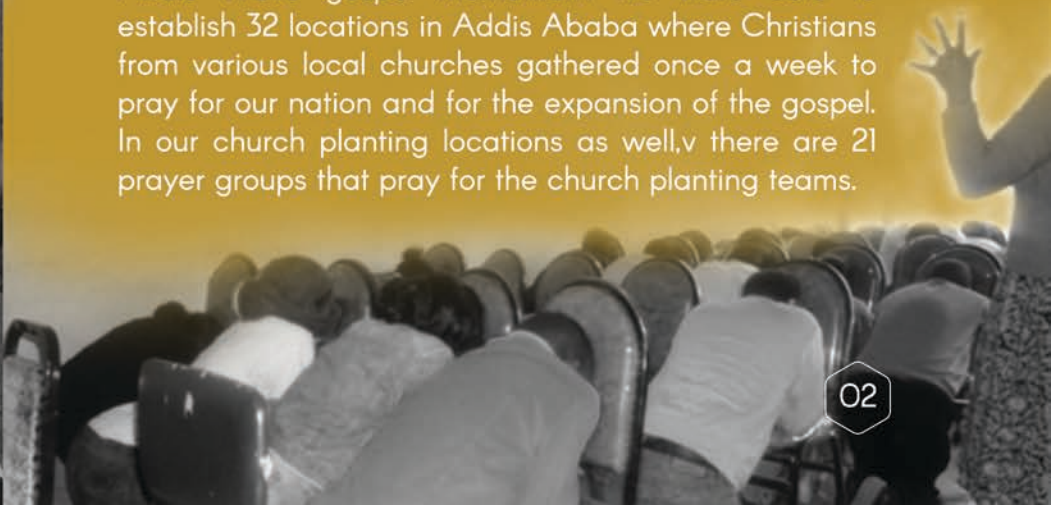


PRAYER MOVMENTS



Prayer movements are the backbone to every activity and work that we do as Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia. Day and night we pray with the authority that God has given us so that the darkness's influence would not engulf our nation.

We have monthly prayer and fasting programs. We also did two rounds of three day national fasting and prayer time where all regional offices participated. To ensure that this prayer culture catches on, we are working to coordinate local churches to be part of the Addis Wave movement so that its momentum can grow. During the Addis Wave gospel momentum we were able to establish 32 locations in Addis Ababa where Christians from various local churches gathered once a week to pray for our nation and for the expansion of the gospel. In our church planting locations as well, there are 21 prayer groups that pray for the church planting teams.



STUDENT-LED MOVEMENTS

SLM works towards reaching students in universities, colleges and high schools by training and mobilizing Christian students. It also utilizes the youth energy of young students to spread the gospel to communities around them. Discipling new converts and Christian students to be true followers and witnesses of Christ is another goal of the movement.

Out of the 213 strategic campuses and 825 key high schools in the country, our ministry is present in 111 of the campuses, directly and through volunteers. This means that over half of the campuses still need to have a ministry presence. The harvest is plentiful. God has helped us to work with 1,566 student leaders all around the country and has given us much fruit in the work we do. So far, leadership trainings have been given to 485 student leaders in Mekelle, Bahir Dar, Jimma and Addis Ababa, which is about 60% of our annual goal. The training is planned to continue in the second semester in Harar, Adama, Hawassa & Nekemte.

Through prayer, care and share evangelistic strategy, on-campus exposure of the gospel reached 8,480 students. During semester break missions, 76,316 people outside campuses were reached. In total, close to 6,500 decisions were made to follow Christ. 685 students from various campuses and high schools participated in short-term mission trips. 2,716 students also received training on how to conduct effective evangelism and some of them have already started multiplying themselves.



LEADER IMPACT



The target of our leader impact ministry is reaching leaders in the marketplace and empowering them to reach their fellow leaders. There are subsections within this movement itself. It has senior professionals, young professionals, professional women movements and athletes in action. Through these strategies 5620 people were exposed to the gospel, 1100 people made decision and 612 people have been going through follow-up. In Addition, 765 leaders have attended various trainings.

GLOBAL CHURCH MOVEMENTS

It is believed that Ethiopia has over 35,000 evangelical local churches and close to 20 million (20% of the total population) evangelical Christians. Through our church movements, we aim to equip these churches, making them centers of spiritual movements and help them to multiply themselves. Under this movement we have five sub-sections:

1. CHURCH PLANTING AND MULTIPLICATION
2. THE NORTH-EAST INITIATIVE (MISSION SENDING)
3. WOMEN FOR CHANGE MOVEMENT
4. CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
5. CHILDREN MINISTRY

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*Churches and Fellowships
Planted*



ETHIOPIAN CHURCH PLANTING TRAINING CENTERS

CHURCH PLANTING AND MULTIPLICATION

We help churches plant new churches in different locations and help them multiply. We apply a training called “Multiplying churches and Communities” with the church planters given to us by local churches. This training program applies a strict coaching process to help church planters become fruitful. We also use mass evangelism techniques like the Jesus film that have proven to be effective in our context. Our church planting activity is the most affected section in the last six months by the political instability in the country, because most of these activities are done in the remote villages of the country. Regardless, our teams were able to help plant 145 churches and fellowships, and 21 groups (having less than 10 people). The size of these churches ranges between 15 people to over 200 people.

**“THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL,
BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW”**

MATTHEW 9:37



THE NORTH-EAST INITIATIVE(MISSION SENDING)



The North-East is the most unreached part of Ethiopia. The North is predominantly Eastern orthodox Christians and the East is predominantly muslim population. To reach these parts of the country we recruit, train and deploy local missionaries who know the culture and context of the people. So far we deployed 175 missionaries in these areas and they were able to produce these results. Berea intentional gospel ministry based in the US is our major partner in this initiative.

41,070 people were exposed to the gospel

3556 people decided to follow Christ

1174 went through follow-up

309 people were baptized by local churches

28 churches were planted in the East

81 new life groups were established in the North

WOMEN FOR CHANGE MOVEMENT

Our Women for Change movement facilitates the training, equipping and mobilizing of women for the gospel. In the last six months, 815 women were trained in effective evangelism and discipleship techniques. Through them, 38,747 people were reached with the gospel, 1,906 people made decisions to follow Christ, more than 300 people went through follow-up and 2 churches were planted.

In addition to these, we organized 21 days of prayer and fasting in 9 cities. Around 500 women took part in it. For the coming August, our Women for Change movement is organizing a national women's mobilization conference in Harar where about 2500 women from all over Ethiopia are expected to attend.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

We engage in leadership development for newly planted and existing churches. Applying various strategies, tools and using local and foreign trainers, we trained a total of 2,760 church leaders. We offered various trainings in the last six months. The “Christ centered Preaching” training was one aimed at helping church leaders make Christ the center of their preaching. Key leaders in almost all major cities have attended this training in Ethiopia. The response we received from the church leaders was filled with gratitude and much appreciation, which is very encouraging. In addition, there was a city-wide leadership training conference in Addis Ababa, in which 270 church leaders participated.



CHILDREN MINISTRY

Children under the age of 15 constitute 44% of the total population of Ethiopia. This means there are around 44 million people open for the gospel. The church in Ethiopia, however, has a very low understanding and preparation when it comes to reaching this section of society.

The Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia forged a partnership with AWANA to train and equip local churches. In the last six months 416 children's ministry workers from 175 local churches were trained and equipped with this curriculum. These trained leaders are expected to evangelize and disciple about 26,250 children in their churches.



DIGITAL STRATEGIES

Digital Strategies works to utilize digital means to reach people with the gospel. In developing countries like Ethiopia, growing numbers of mobile subscribers and digital use has become the trend. Our aim is to harness this opportunity for the gospel.

DS utilizes various media such as film, social media and telephones to deliver it's services. Through these mediums, we were able to expose over three million people to the gospel in the last six months, 35,000 indicated decisions for Christ and 6,000 people started follow-up.



The Indigitous Movement has been growing tremendously in Ethiopia. We have now reached seven cities across the country, hosting Indigitous# events in campuses and churches. Most of these cities now have teams of 10-40 young people, meeting weekly to fellowship and grow the movement.

The strong team behind DS consists of 9 staff who are enthusiastic to use their passions and talents for God.



INDIGITOUS

INDIGENOUS + DIGITAL = INDIGITOUS

HR RECRUITMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Like any other organization the success of GCME very much depends on the ongoing recruitment and development of human resources. In the last half of the year, we recruited 21 new staff that are now going through the new staff training program. We also organized trainings and meetings that were geared towards the development of our staff.



MOBILIZATION

We have conducted mobilization conferences and events in the last six months. In the month of December our Women for Change movement mobilized 620 women to reach the towns of Jimma, Mizan and Agaro. 37,000 people were exposed to the gospel through one-to-one evangelism and Jesus Film showings. Through our Addis Wave mobilization project, we are currently mobilizing over 300 local churches in Addis Ababa, to train 20,000 Christians in evangelism and discipleship and also reach over 400,000 people. In the church planting front, we had a fruitful mobilization training in September where 126 leaders from major denominations, local churches and mission agencies participated.



OUR BUILDING PROJECT



As a self sustainability project we have started the construction of a 12 story building two years ago. During the last six months, the building project was paused because of a shortage of funds, but we have started again! The third floor of the building is under construction and we plan to move our office to the first floor of the building by the end of July.

We praise God for all the success He has been giving us in all our projects. We pray that we will redeem this country for the gospel. Strengthened by His grace, we keep working towards the fulfilment of the Great Commission.

Purpose

Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others; and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship

Our Mission

Win, build, and send Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements

Our Vision

Trusting God for movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

Our Values

Faith, Growth, and Fruitfulness

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