



Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia (GCME)

Annual Report

July 2018 – June 2019

Introduction

Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International that is committed to help fulfil The Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in Ethiopia and beyond in partnership with local churches, individual Christians and mission agencies. To enhance ministry fruitfulness, the organization has organized itself into five main departments that are referred to as “Mission Critical Components”, which are Global Church Movement, Student-Led Movement, Leader Impact, Digital Strategies and Prayer Movements. In addition to these, we have a department called Special Ministry under which are cross-cutting ministry strategies like the Jesus Film and Family Life. It also has seven regional offices located in Harar, Adama, Hawassa, Jimma, Nekemte, Bahir Dar and Mek’ele in addition to the National Office based in the Capital. This is July 2018 to June 2019 annual report as implemented directly by our staffs, through training, mobilization and our partnerships.

Summary Report

As Jesus promised “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” in Matthew 28:20, the Lord has been working with us in fulfilling The Great Commission. God has moved peoples’ hearts to His Son, Jesus Christ. In total, 6,892,590 people heard the gospel; 134,013 people decided to follow Christ and 65,686 people are engaged in follow-up and discipleship programs. Furthermore, 106,528 people took long and short term trainings of different sorts from all the available strategies; and 1,284 churches planted.

These results are not in the standard of planned expectations but ministry was affected by many negative factors like students' late registration, instability in some of Ethiopian university campuses, which caused the closing of campuses from a minimum of a week to three months, insecurity in various urban and rural parts of our country were among the challenges.

1. Global Church Movement (GCM)

In Ethiopia there are about 35,000 local churches and estimated 20 million believers (about 20% of the 105 million total population of the country). Through our church-led movement, we aimed to equip churches to be healthy and multiplying. This movement has 5 sub-sections: Church Multiplication, North-East Initiative, Women for Change, Mobilization and Awana – children ministry.

- 1.1. Church Multiplication (MC²):** Using the Multiplying Churches and Communities Curriculum, we provided vision conference training for 2,485 pastors and leaders in 23 locations and 1,087 church planters are being trained MC²3.0 in 11 clusters. Furthermore, we were able to help them through coaching and mentoring to plant new churches. In addition, we used mass evangelism tools such as The Jesus Film. In this year, our teams were able to help plant 540 churches and communities; 479,454 people heard the good news, 49,008 decided to follow Christ and 26,792 of them are under follow-up.
- 1.2. North-East Initiative (Missionary Sending):** The North-East initiative is a missionary sending strategy for unreached people groups in the North and Eastern parts of Ethiopia. The Northern part is mostly dominated by the Ethiopian Orthodox Christians and the Eastern part is dominated by Muslim population. Through North-East Initiative strategy, we recruit, train and deploy local missionaries who know the cultures and social contexts of the two major groups. Currently we have employed 145 fulltime missionaries partnering with Berea International Gospel Ministry (135) and others (9).



Picture: Water baptism at one of our mission site, East Shewa

The annual national mission sending report:

- People who heard the Gospel - 116,023
- People who decided to follow Christ – 7,661
- People who went through follow-up – 4067
- People who were baptized – 1,336
- Churches and Communities that were planted – 246
- Missionaries that were trained – 213
- Fulltime local church leaders that were trained – 346
- Bibles distributed – 3,700
- People who took contextual evangelism – 210

1.3. Women for Change: Women's ministry is part of the global church movement and its mission is launching movement by mobilizing women that account for half of the Christian community. Women have a great impact in bringing transformation within the society. Therefore, GCME strives in assisting women to pray in accordance to the Scriptures in their local churches and mobilize them to multiply themselves from home, neighborhoods and the community.



Picture: Vision sharing for women

- 5,418 women participated in our chain prayer, fasting and bible study programs; and holistic charity works.
- 88 weekly based bible study groups established with members of 955 women.
- Vision sharing programs held in Adama, Burayu, Wolkitie, Akaki Kality and Bahir Dar for 2003 women.
- About 50 women donated blood in Adama and Akaki Kality vision sharing meetings
- Women donated stationery materials for 40 elementary school students
- People who heard the Gospel = 25,384
- People who decided to follow Christ = 1,683
- People who went through follow up = 165



Picture: Women's prayer and bible study meeting

- 1.4. Children Ministry (Awana):** Children affairs are a priority to God. Therefore, Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia in partnership with AWANA children ministry strives to reach children and parents through evangelism and discipleship. In our children ministry, we offer empowerment trainings for church leaders and Sunday school teachers. We also equip Sunday school teachers with curriculums. In the last six months we trained 257 Sunday school teachers from 94 local churches in Addis Ababa, Gambella and Kibre-Mengist and equipped them with curricula. About 6065 children were reached with the good news in the last one year.



Picture: Sunday school teachers at AWANA training

- 1.5. Mobilization:** We have mobilized local churches for evangelic outreaches and about 40,854 people have heard the gospel out of which 1301 came to Christ. 543 of the converts are being followed up; and 207 people took evangelism and discipleship training.

2. Student-Led Movement (SLM)

As Student-Led Movement, our focus is to take the gospel to every student, build spiritual movement on every campus, and raise godly leaders for our nation and beyond.

- 2.1. Gospel for Every Student:** Preached the gospel to 126,216 students. This evangelism fruit includes one-on-one gospel presentations, mass exposures and mission. These works were supported by continuous fasting and prayer.
- 2.2. Movement for Every Campus:** As a result of the face-to-face evangelism approach, we were able to help 10,062 students accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior and Lord. In our follow up strategy, we helped 1719 students to go through faith deepening follow-up series materials. Such follow up helps new believers to learn assurance of salvation, fellowship with Christ, role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life, growth in the Word of God and Prayer. We helped 3,131 to become disciples for Jesus Christ who truly follow Him and commit to build God's kingdom (from both existing and new believers). We started ministry presence on 12 new campuses.



Picture: Water baptism for converted students

- 2.3. Leaders for Every Nation:** We have given leadership training for 746 students. We also have given training to 14,729 students on spiritual movement building and leadership skills and released them to go and make differences. Sent 1,797 students on short term mission projects to go and proclaim the gospel and make disciples of nations. These students planted 5 churches and launched spiritual movements on 30 universities where we never had ministry presence before. We recruited 38 students to join mission labor forces out of which 23 of them are working with GCM student ministry.



Picture: Leadership training for students

3. Leader Impact (LI)

A leader is one who influences and leaders exist at every level of the society. When a leader begins a relationship with Jesus, he/she will be able to influence those around him/her for the Kingdom of God. Our Leader-Led Movement strives to reach professionals and executives in their marketplace and to see spiritual movements for the fulfillment of The Great Commission. There are 3 major domains under Leader Impact. These are: Professionals, Athlete in Action and Abigail Professional Women's Network.

- 3.1. Prayer and Bible study:** One of the strategies used under leader impact life changing is bible study and prayer programs. Christian professionals in different sectors attend these programs.
- 3.2. Professionals' Training:** We conducted a training on 'Christianity and Family in Ethiopia today' for 60 families. English language training was given to the school English teachers and Christian military officers which is enabling us to have a relationship with these teachers and military officer to give them training on evangelism and leadership. 576 professionals took marketplace mission training and they reached 2497 people with the Gospel and 5 people came to Christ. 20 professionals who had been attended Transformational Leadership and Governance seminar graduated and now started studying "Biblical Transforming Leadership Studies".
- 3.3. Abigail Professional Women Network:** This is a network of Christian professionals working with the Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia. Vision has been shared with 50 Christian women on Great Commission Ministry

Ethiopia in general and Transformational Leadership and Governance Seminar in particular, which has resulted in launching of Transformational Leadership and Governance Seminar with 40 women. 50 Christian professional women took mentoring seminar, as a result they took the responsibility of mentorship for 31 children and these children clearly heard the gospel of Jesus. 175 children heard the gospel during the Christmas festivity and out of which 10 came to Christ. 35 professional women took marketplace mission training and as a result they reached 277 people with the Gospel and 12 of them decided to follow Christ.



Picture: Mentors and Mentees (children)

3.4. Medical Mission Outreach: In partnership with Korea Hospital Physicians, Good Will Medical Association, Orion Church, Apostolic Service Church and Akaki-Kality Sub-city Evangelical Churches Fellowship we conducted 4 different medical outreaches and 1368 people got free medical treatment; patients heard about Jesus the Savior; and 103 of them decided to follow Christ and are being follow up the churches mentioned above. In partnership with Health Christian Fellowship and Akaki-Kality Mekane-Yesus church we trained 280 professionals on marketplace mission and Prayer-Care-Share evangelism strategies and they reached more than 500 professionals with the Gospel and about 90 came to Christ.

3.5. Athletes in Action (AIA): Sport has the power to captivate hearts, and we desire that the thing that has already captivated the hearts of so many would become the gateway for their hearts to become captivated by Christ. Currently, we have various functioning groups:

- Three Track and Field fellowships in Addis Ababa
- One women Soccer fellowship in Addis Ababa
- One men Basketball fellowship in Addis Ababa
- One team Track and Field fellowship in Asela

- Sixteen Church Sport teams in Adama
- Thirty-Three Chaplin volunteers in Addis Ababa
- Two volunteers in Bahir Dar
- Two volunteers in Jimma
- Fifteen Associates staffs

We use Sport and Life Training Manual, Total Athlete Serious Training Manual, Sport Chaplaincy Training Manuals, The Prize DVD, Struggle and Triumph DVD to train athletes and through these, we've trained new and existing teams, we have been able to reach 3800 athletes out of which 206 decided to follow Christ and 97 of them are being followed up, and 3 bible study groups are established.



Pictures: New converts and follow-up meetings respectively.

4. Digital Strategies (DS)

Digital Strategy, as one the strategies in Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia, helps to reach people through website, email, social media and telephone. In addition to evangelizing people it gives trainings on understanding the digital era, pros and cons of technology, influence of pornography, how to use digital technology for evangelism and understanding the digital world for parenting; we also use short movies, personal testimonies, various videos, gospel links and designs to share Christ with others. Through all these means:

- People who heard the Gospel = 5.4 Million
- People who decided to follow Christ = 5710
- New engaged disciples = 3521
- New multiplying disciples = 291
- And other activities like 3 days hackathon to launch gcmethiopia.org, digital strategy and digital missionary training given to 55 students and youths, 3 days holiness retreat and training for participants across the country and visit trip to our digital teams at Bahir Dar and Gondar universities.

5. Prayer Movement: Prayer is the backbone of all mission activities of the ministry and the key tool to fulfill the Great Commission. It is a special focus of GCME that staffs give due attention to prayer and fasting; and each ministry strategy is encouraged to have its own prayer-oriented movements. We implemented devotion time with staffs weekly, monthly prayer and fast times, a quarterly program of three-day prayer and fast times that involved every staff member were implemented twice. The focus of our prayer is our nation and the expansion of the Gospel.



Picture: Head office three days fasting and prayer meetings.

6. Special Ministries (SM)

Departments under Special Ministries include

- Pastoral Training Program
- Biblical Counseling Training
- Family Life and
- The Jesus Film Project.

6.1. Pastoral Training Program (PTP): 867 pastors that are going through a yearlong biblical training took the second phase training and through them 11,134 other ministers including elders are trained; more than 60,485 people heard the Gospel, 8308 decided to follow Christ and 81 new churches are planted. In addition, 17,366 believers are actively participating in regular prayer groups. In Romans Project, 876 pastors and church leaders took the challenge to read the Book of Romans 20 times and rewriting it in hand.



Picture: PTP training meeting

In the Annual church leaders program, which is called “Evangelical Leadership Summit”, that has happened for the third time in February, 2019, about 550 church leaders attended the three days training under the theme of “current challenges and responsive church leadership”



Picture: Annual church leaders conference

6.2. Biblical Counseling Program (BCP): The two year program, biblical counseling training, we started in partnership with North Hills Church is encouraging. We started the training with 40 people in Addis and 53 in Harar, in both groups trainees are from our staff and churches. Currently, a total of 93 pastors and church leaders are going through biblical counseling training.

Two books ‘How people change’ and ‘Instruments in the hands of the redeemer’, which are parts of the project for the trainees are translated into Amharic and on the process of printing. We believe that the training will bring a new counselling paradigm in the church and it will contribute highly towards discipleship. God is changing lives and helping the trainees make their counseling methods more biblical.

6.3. Family Life Movement (FLM): The sole purpose of family life program is building godly and healthy marriages and families in the country through offering premarital and marital trainings, family services, seminars and counseling.

- 5,140 people got Family Life seminars and teachings
- 60 people engaged in premarital trainings
- About 530 people engaged in Family Life ministry trainings
- About 123 married couples engaged in Home Builder's Movement
- 12 people under our marital counselling program
- 3 TV panel discussions happened (2 EBS and 1 Evangelical TV shows) with an estimated number of 15 million people around the world viewing (coverage).
- Radio broadcasting panel discussions with Fana Broadcasting Corporate FM 98.1 with a minimum of 9 million audiences were expected to listed.

6.4. Jesus Film Project (JFP): The Jesus Film is translated in to 1700 languages globally and of which 47 languages are local. In the ongoing Jesus Film translation program, we have translated the Jesus Film in 4 local languages in this year and we have done premier shows for two languages, which are Ale and South Gumuth. During the open air show of the film in these languages total of 12,500 people watched it and 210 people prayed to receive Christ as their personal savior and lord.



Picture above: Ale Jesus Film outdoor showing: two film shows have been conducted and about 9000 people watched it, and as a result about 60 of them came to Christ.

In addition to the Ale and Gumuz film shows, there were another 84 Jesus Film showing with 65,241 viewers out of which 3,322 decided to follow Jesus Christ and 1,289 are being followed up.



Picture: People watching the Jesus Film and welcoming Jesus to their lives as response to the film, respectively.

The Jesus Film Symposium: To make the Jesus Film available to churches and mission agencies and also to create awareness of the free availability of the film we conducted a one day Jesus Film Symposium where 263 leaders from all church denominations and mission agencies attended. The

program also attracted the attention of major evangelical media stations in the country. We produced DVDs with the translated films and distributed to the leaders.



7. Ignite Ethiopia L.I.F.E. Partners Conference

We have conducted Ignite Ethiopia L.I.F.E. partners conference for Christian professionals and businessmen in July 2018 in Jimma, August 2018 in Addis Ababa, December 2018 in Jimma and February 2019 in Bahir Dar assembling 40, 150, 165 and 143 people in attendance respectively.

After the first Ignite conference in Jimma, professionals and businessmen organized a leadership team for Ignite movement. This leadership team was able to collect about 60,000.00 birr from Ignite conference participants, bought rice, visited the displaced people in Jimma, and they also preached the gospel to them – as a result 28 people decided to follow Jesus. They were also organized two free medical missions to Children and their families who were being supported by Compassion International in Jimma and 39 people decided to follow Jesus. This leadership team worked hard to conduct another Ignite conference for professionals and businessmen who could not attend the previous one and as a result the third Ignite Ethiopia L.I.F.E. partners conference happened in Jimma.



Picture: Ignite Ethiopia L.I.F.E. Partners Conference – Jimma, Ethiopia.

The theme of the conferences was “Ignite the gift that is in you”. Topics covered during the conference were Stewardship, L.I.F.E. (Leadership, Influence, Finance, and Expertise), Profession as a call, The Great Commission, Importance of reaching leaders and Strategies of reaching leaders.



Picture: Ignite Ethiopia L.I.F.E. Partners Conference – Addis Ababa.

Well experienced speakers, Dr. Mamusha Fenta, Dr. Damte Shimelis, Mr. Solomon Alemseged, Mr. Shiferaw W/Michael, H.E. Ronam Tesfaye, Mr. Haileyesus Bekele, Prof. Daniel Kitaw, Dr. Rev. Geleta Simesso, Eng. Prophet Henok Teshome, Pr. Yonatan Tekie, Mr. Girma Altaye and Mr. Tewedros Muluneh facilitated the sessions. All of the attendants were motivated and willing to give their L.I.F.E. to the work of the kingdom.

8. Human Resource Development

- 8.1. New Staff Training:** Those who went through the nine month New Staff Training have already finished their journey and ready for graduation to take new ministry assignment. We recruited another 17 new staff and they are going a nine month new staff training program.
- 8.2. Associate staffs:** There were also associate staffs training for 291 people and all of them joined the Ministry as associate staffs.
- 8.3. Leadership Development:** In Partnership with Global Academy for Transformational Leadership(GATL), a total of 22 people are receiving master's level leadership training and out of these 17 of them are staffs of GCME who are being developed to be fruitful leaders.

Appendixes

Godana's Testimony

God is multiplying His church

Godana Jarso is one of our church planters from Mekaneyesus Church in Borena. On 29th April, 2017, right after the church planting training in Borena, we conducted the Jesus Film show in a small village called Jala, where there was no identified believer. This rural village, Jala, is located 50km from Mega town with no paved road to get there. During the first Jesus Film show 20 people decided to welcome Jesus into their lives and Godana committed himself to help these new converts grow in their faith. He organized a fellowship group using these new believers. Along the follow up process, Godana selected few people among the new believers in order to develop them as leaders while our church planting team coached him on monthly basis. When these growing leaders took the initiative to share Christ daily, the church became growing rapidly and multiplication started. The church that started winning 20 people in April 2017 grew to 877 believers in December 2018 which is within less than two years.

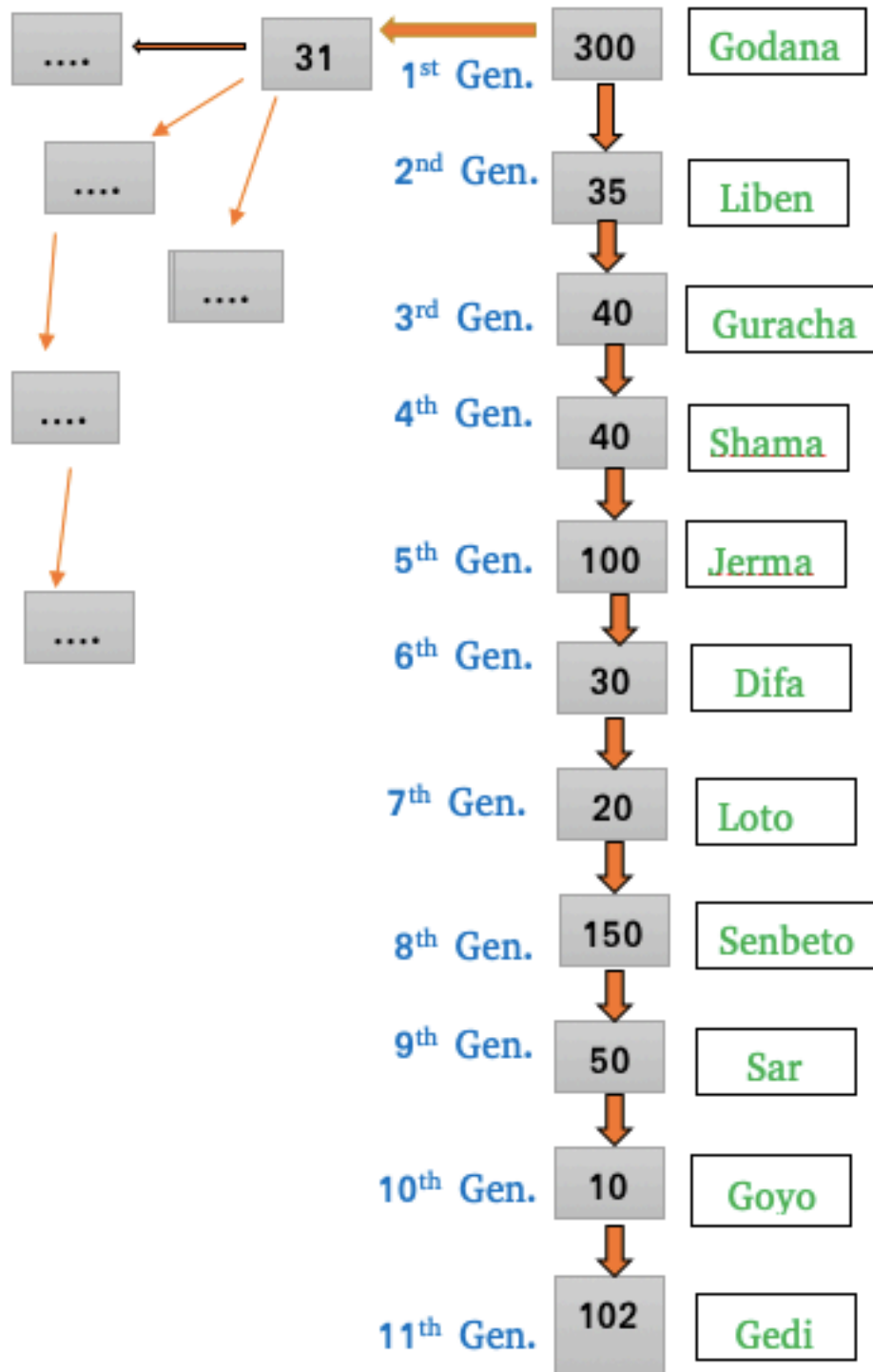


Pictures: Godana and the Jala church

Godana's vision was to saturate the area with the gospel and to plant churches in each village. By the grace of God Godana and his few fellow leaders have seen 11 generation of church multiplication in less than a year. God is Multiplying His Church!

Diagram: Godana and his friends' generational tree of churches

Generations of Church Multiplication - Godana



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Degu's Testimony

Garage became Centre for outreach

Degu, pictured below, grew up in a poor, rural farming family. He had to work and did not have the chance for school. His brother brought him to the city to work with him in a garage. Many people had tried to share the gospel with Degu but he refused to hear the message. Life was miserable for Degu, because he never attended school while some of his friends did, he had no job. He was working in his brother's garage.



Through time he became addicted to Khat, a traditional herbal stimulant, and alcohol which made him feel guilty. Because of the addiction, he was afraid to sit with Christians those who share the gospel. One day one of our church planters, Tesfaye, who was trained with MC² reached out to him and shared with him the love of God. Tesfaye invited him to the new believers' bible study group even though Degu had not believed yet. As Degu continued attending the bible study meeting, his life completely changed and he prayed to receive Christ. Immediately after he came to Christ, Degu started to share Jesus with others in the Garage, where he is working. Degu has led many people to Christ. He

said "when I continue sharing the gospel bodily God has blessed my work from time to time. I have nothing before I came to Christ now I have my own garage. From nothing God make me rich both spiritually and financially".

Now one can safely conclude that Degu's garage had become an 'outreach center' everybody who went there heard about the gospel of Jesus. He has a principle that 'anybody who comes in this garage should hear my testimony and take a gospel tract.' In addition to his daily evangelism he decided to help street children. He supports them to join school, finds their family and connects with them, finds job for them, some of them are hired in his garage... he also adopted 6 street children.

Desalegn's Testimony

The “lord” gave his life to the Lord

Desalegn Kebede, pictured below, is a church planter who had been trained with Multiplying churches and communities. After the training he decided to move to a remote area called Fafate, 312 KM west of Addis Ababa. While he was looking for a Persons of Peace, he found few backslider Christians in the village. After a while he has organized those backsliders as a bible study group and helped them study the word and trained them to pray and witness to their family and friends. One day, Desalegn organized the group for street evangelism in the marketplace, one of the Persons of Peace who was a government official assigned security guards to protect the group in the middle of the market. They witnessed to the crowd and 7 people decided to follow Jesus and joined the bible study group. The saw few new believers and a church at Addis Sefer, one of the first believers was a Muslim.



Pictures: Church at Addis Sefer.

Beside the church at Addis Sefer, Desalegn selected few members and trained them for mission to another area called Dalecha. The people were very traditional in their lifestyle and their worship. They have a known spirit possessed person among them who they worship as their “lord” and he had many followers. It was impossible to talk face to face with this person unless through his bodyguards. The mission team challenged the guards to talk to their lord face to face. After few minutes of waiting to get the permission of the “lord”, they got the permission to talk to him and the mission team used the opportunity to share Christ with the person. After they shared the gospel the “lord”, all his family members and his guards, totally 11 people decided to follow Jesus. The “lord”

gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord. They then started the second new church at Dalecha within short period of time.

Dalecha Church members are growing because of effectiveness trainings they are getting. Desalegn is a gifted Church planter and clever worker who is faithful to practice what he had been taught in MC².



Picture: Dalecha church

Molu's Testimony

The One who changed my life can change yours

Molu Tane, pictured below, was a demon-possessed man and some would come to him for help. He could not stop the influence of the spirit. No one can share the gospel with him as he was well known in the community. The community honors and fears him because of the power of the spirit in him. One day one of our Church planters called Nunu who likes sharing Christ bodily especially for those who are possessed in evil spirit, Muslims and leaders of traditional religions, brought Molu to the church. When Nunu and some other Christians prayed for Molu, the demon left him. Although he was set free, unfortunately the demon went into his wife. Because of that she would not listen to anything about Jesus, finally she left her house to live with her mother. Meanwhile, his mother accepted Christ. This has now created division between the in-laws. He has lead 17 people to Christ in 2018, as he is known in the area, by sharing his life testimony he is leading people to Christ. As he shares Christ with others he simply says to people "The One who set me free can save you. His name is Jesus."

