# The Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia Annual Report (July 2021 to June 2022)

July 2022 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

# **Executive Summary**

Ethiopia has over 115 million people, and out of this number, 25 million claims to have some relationship with Jesus, whereas more than 90 million do not. We have a biblical mandate to reach 90 million people with the gospel of Jesus Christ by mobilizing the 25 million Christians. The Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International, has been serving in the country for the last 42 years. The organization has four major field focus areas: Student Ministry, Church Ministry (Global Church Movements), Leader Strategies, and Digital Strategies. The organization has 250 full-time staff members and a little over 1500 trained associates.

The twelve months achievement statistical summary

- ⇒ 136,080 people were trained
- Over 55,512,877 people heard the gospel message through our various ministry activities. Out of this number 28,581,398 were through the digital strategies and over 20 million through the Jesus Film show, and TV broadcasting. The rest 6,931,479 were using face-to-face evangelism strategies.
- ⇒ 183,515 people decided to follow Christ
- ⇒ 58,564 people are engaged in follow-up groups
- ⇒ 56,951 people engaged in the bible study groups
- ⇒ 763 churches and groups were started
- ⇒ 3240 bibles were distributed for the new believers
- ⇒ We mobilized over 3,000 people for 21 days of fasting and prayer.
- ⇒ 107,241 people decided to follow Christ
- ⇒ 36,526 people are engaged in follow-up groups
- ⇒ We were able to mobilize and train over 6,100 students and youth on the fire-seed campaign
- ⇒ 1300 people attended couples' seminars.
- ⇒ 1800 youth attended pre-marriage seminars
- ⇒ 47 new staff were recruited and started MPD training in June 2022
- ⇒ 11 new staff completed GCTC and were commissioned in May 2022
- ⇒ 763 associate staff are trained and joined us in the ministry
- ⇒ 1200 square meter land purchased for Arbaminch branch office

### **Global Church Movement**

The church ministry (Global Church Movements) started in 2014. It functions in five substrategies: Church Planting, Mobilization, North-East Initiative (Missions), Women for Change, and Children Ministry. Many church leaders and believers have been trained and involved in it, and about 7,000 churches have been planted across the country since the strategy began. We desire to see healthy and multiplying churches in every village. This strategy has 78 staff, 1039 associates, 614 church planting training (coaching) centers, and 34 evangelism teams.

The past twelve months were challenging because of civil war, drought, and global pandemic Covid-19; Regardless, the Lord was with us in every aspect, and we were able to thrive in many areas. The following highlights the Global Church Movement ministry results in the last ten months.

- ⇒ 74,464 people were trained
- ⇒ 1,970,085 people heard the gospel message through one-to-one and mass evangelism
- ⇒ 85,478 people decided to follow Christ, and 38,734 people are engaged in follow-up groups
- ⇒ 56,711 people engaged in the bible study groups
- ⇒ 723 churches and groups were started, and 3240 bibles were distributed to the new believers
- ⇒ We mobilized over 3,000 people for 21 days of fasting and prayer.
- ⇒ We distributed over 1000 sets of children's ministry curricula for the churches



# 1. Church Ministry

The Church Planting sub-strategy stands to help fulfill the Great Commission by helping establish a vital church or missional community among every 1,000 people in every village and city of the country and beyond. We take steps and engage in many activities on the ground to implement the vision. We

currently have 599 church planting training and coaching centers, where church planters meet with their coaches and supervisors once a week. A site selection(survey), vision conference, coach training, church planting recruitment and training, and ongoing supervision are parts of the church planting process.

# 1.1 Site Selection (Surveying)

Surviving is the first step in identifying the location for a church plant in the least reached communities, unreached people groups, and unchurched areas so that the believers can spread the gospel and plant churches. We have conducted 150 village surveys in the last twelve months and identified 119 villages for church planting.

# 1.2 Vision Conference

After surveying and deciding where to conduct evangelism and church planting, a vision conference will be conducted for church leaders, pastors, evangelists, e.t.c, where we sell the vision of church planting. The vision conference is a vision training, discussion, and brainstorming time with the local church leaders for two or three days. We will partner and sign a memorandum of understanding with those church leaders who own the vision. In the last twelve months, 12,093 pastors and elders have been trained about the urgency and the need for church planting in their location and the country.



# 1.3 Church Planting

After the vision conference, church planters will be recruited, a church planting location will be decided, then the first training will be launched. Within a certain target site, which we call the training center, a group of 10–20 church planters will be trained. The group will, after that, meet once a week to continue the training and coaching. In the last twelve months, we trained 32,567 believers for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting, 747,181 people heard the gospel message while 46,280 people accepted Christ and 24,135 new believers were followed up, 27,155 people were engaged in weekly bible study, and 645 churches were planted.





# 1.4 Coaching and Supervision

We recruit and assign a trainer from the local community who can train and coach at least ten other church planters in a training center so that our full-time staff focuses on developing the trainers. Every week, the church planters met with the trainers for more training, prayer, and coaching. The full-time staff visits the church planters and coaches in the field monthly. Currently, there are 13,866 church planters under ongoing supervision.

# 1.5 Phase II coach Training

God has helped us train 763 movement leaders, referred to as "Coaches," from 22-25 March 2022. These leaders have been engaged with us for the past two or three years, implementing our strategies and mobilizing and equipping people for the kingdom. Out of the 763 total trainees, 469 of them were church planter coaches and trainers who are responsible for 10 to 25 church planters, 88 of them were Women ministry trainers, and 33 of them were children's ministry or Sunday school teacher trainers. 83 were church mobilizers and action group leaders. Each leader is responsible for a specific ministry site and intentionally develops 10 to 25 leaders. According to the data we collected, these leaders regular bases are coaching 8945 leaders. These leaders came from all parts of the country, except the Tigray region, which is currently under lockdown because of the war in Northern Ethiopia. The topics covered during this training included organization overview (Vision, mission, strategies, and direction), evangelism and

discipleship, leadership, church planting, prayer and fast, community transformation, women and children ministry, village survey, and related.











- 2. Mobilization: Empowering believers to proclaim their faith boldly!
  - 2.1 Outreach Events

We widely mobilize the body of Christ for a month of evangelism twice a year. During the Ethiopian Christmas and Easter, we block the month for outreach activities such as training, mobilization



at Sunday services, Jesus film show, tract distribution, medical mission, city cleaning, helping the poor, prison ministry, street evangelism, one-to-one evangelism, mega voice evangelism, marketplace evangelism, and so on. For example, during the last Ethiopian Christmas Outreach event, we mobilized 378 local churches in Addis Ababa and other regional cities. As a result, 2,384 believers were trained, 264,365 people heard the gospel message, 5,349 people decided to follow Christ, 2,690 people joined churches, and 878 needy families were helped. Many other activities like blood donation, prison visits, and city cleaning were carried out.

# 2.2 Evangelism Groups

We form teams of active evangelizer in a particular area of a city to continue evangelistic outreach every week and activate to saturate the area. The groups also mobilize the believers in the area for evangelism. The teams met once a week for prayer and training. In the last ten months, we have

strengthened 14 existing evangelism teams and established 20 new groups in major cities. These teams have 2500 members who are well equipped for evangelism. Through them, 505 pastors were inspired, 4,881 believers were mobilized and trained, 352,410 people were exposed to the gospel, 6,179 people accepted Christ, 2,163 went through follow-up series, and eight churches were planted.

# 3. Women Ministry (Women for Change)

The women's department focuses on equipping women, who make up 51% of the population. By touching women, we aim to connect the community. Some of the activities are listed as follows:

3.1 Mission-focused prayer and obedience-based bible study:

Over 2607, women are engaged in weekly bible study and prayer in 289 groups.



# 3.2 Discipleship and Holistic Training

Over 429 pastors were envisioned in women's ministry, and 7,245 women were trained for evangelism in the last twelve months.



# 3.3 Ongoing Evangelism

We encourage the women to reach their community using various social connections in the community, one of them being cultural coffee ceremony events. Magdalena, one-to-one, the Jesus film, and other tools are also used to reach the community. In the last twelve months, the women reached 179,948 people through the gospel. 4,346 made decisions, 998 went through follow-up series, and one church was planted.

# 3.4 Outreach and Prayer Campaign

We initiate a 21-day fasting and prayer campaign every July. Last July, over 3,000 women were mobilized, fasted, and prayed in seven regions. In addition to the prayer campaign, we mobilize women





for outreach campaigns for a month once a year. On April 22, we mobilized 1109 women and reached 102,340 people; 1706 decided to follow Christ, and 360 needy women were

supported with financial, food, cloth, and sanitary gifts.



# 4. North-East Initiatives

The North-East Initiative (NEI) is a missionary sending strategy for unreached people groups in Ethiopia's northern and eastern parts. The northern part is predominately Ethiopian Orthodox Christians, and the Muslim population dominates the east region. Through NEI strategy, we recruit, train, and deploy local missionaries who know the culture and context of the two major groups. So far, We have deployed 146 full-time missionaries in partnership with a ministry called Berea International Bible Study and Gospel Ministry, and others. This is a highly contextually ministry trying to reach the unreached. We recruit and send missionaries among the communities; missionary training; bible distribution, visiting, coaching, trauma healing, persecution care, supervision, and envisioning churches and individuals. The following are the twelve-month results: 1329 people were trained, 116,818 people were exposed to the gospel, 11,462 decided to follow Christ, 4,984 went through follow-up series, 1,220 bible study engagements, and 70 churches were planted.





# 5. Children

Ethiopia is a country of younger people. Children under 15 account for 47.3% of the total population, while youth between 15–25 account for 20.7%. Observing this huge need, the Great Commission ministry forged a partnership with the AWANA ministry eight years ago to fill in the gap.

### 5.1 Curriculum

We have an age-based, contextualized, theologically sound curriculum both for teachers and students for Sunday school teaching. We have provided a thousand sets of curricula to the local churches in the last ten months.

# 5.2 Sunday School Teachers Training

We offer organized training for Sunday School teachers, from the basics to refresher courses. In the last twelve months, 3597 teachers have been trained, 12,012 children have been engaged in evangelism



and discipleship groups, over 22,881 children have been exposed to the gospel, 2,799 children have accepted Jesus Christ 433 children have engaged in follow-up classes.



# **5.3 Parenting Seminaries**

We equip parents on Christian parenting, and 4000 parents have been trained in the last ten months.

# **5.4 Leadership Forums**

Many Church leaders have little awareness of the importance of children's ministry. We offer vision casting training for the 4-14 Forum church leaders. In the last ten months, 477 pastors from 114 local churches have been trained

# **Student Led Movement**

# Focus Areas

- ⇒ Staff Prayer and Evangelism
- ⇒ Student Leadership Training
- ⇒ On Campus Saturation & Action Group
- ⇒ Student Break and Summer Mission
- ⇒ New Staff Recruitment
- ⇒ Highs School Campus Bridge
- ⇒ Fire Seeds Student Mobilization Conference

| No | Movement Indicator        | Statistic Report |
|----|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Full time Staffs          | 29               |
| 2  | Alumni Staff              | 310              |
| 3  | Staff On Trainee          | 24               |
| 4  | Action Group              | 108              |
| 5  | Train For Action          | 48,500           |
| 6  | Mass Exposure             | 2,163,154        |
| 7  | One To One Exposure       | 663,632          |
| 8  | Decisions To Follow Jesus | 28,401           |
| 9  | Leadership Training       | 3,046            |
| 10 | Mobilization Training     | 6,100            |

# A. Staff Personal Evangelism, Prayer & Refreshment

There are 29 Full time and 24 Intern Staff on Trainee in Ethiopian SLM. We take Initiative for Prayer & Evangelism. We are helping and working with students to help the fulfillment of the Great Commission On the Campuses and beyond.





Ethiopian SLM is Committed to Spiritual Discipline. We have Weekly Devotion and Evangelism time in every region where there is a staff and alumni team. According to Our staff and Alumni Evangelism Report, 13,470 people hear the Gospel of Jesus through one-to-one evangelism and 2931 received Jesus as their personal Savior. 122 of them are Under Follow Up

# **B. Student Leadership Training**

Leadership Training is given in different regions of the country for University, High School, and College students. We train 1,246 student leaders in different leadership development training.



C. On Campus Saturation & Action Group

OCS is a Strategy designed to engage every Christian student to reach out to their classmates in the years they stay together; We implement this strategy on 83 Strategic Campuses More than 4600 students used this strategy in Ethiopia Campuses.

# **Action Group**

A team of like-hearted students on our Movement Campuses who are committed to prayer, evangelism, discipleship, and Mission, we have 108 Teams who took training and Certified this year. They are above 48,500 students. Action Group Training is given by student leaders, Alumni and Staff.



### D. Student Break and Summer Mission

This is an incredible work that God has done through Christian Students Movement in Ethiopia. Break and Summer Missions are normally done between the semester break and at the end of the year. it goes from three days to three weeks. It's the field where we identify and recruit the staff. This Year 3400 Students are engaged in Student Mission. 352,044 people were exposed to the gospel of Christ 11,750 people received as their savior.





# E. New Staff Recruitment

One of our focus areas as Ethiopian SLM is staff recruitment. We are helping and working with 24 Intern staff with our student movement. Now all our Intern staff starts Discipleship Ministry Partner Development (DMPD) training.



# F. Highs School Campus Bridge

Campus Bridge is the program that we design to empower students who complete high school and join higher-level education. We build and bridge by training and experience sharing for the students. By this year we train and conduct the program for around 1800 high school students in the central region, Hawassa, and Bahirdar region.





# **G.** Fire Seeds Student Mobilization Conference

- **a.** 6100 Students Trained on 3 different Towns
- **b.** 7 Seminar Topics
- **c.** 590 Mobilized For Mission
- d. 35 Missions Conducted
- e. 150 Alumni Engaged
- **f.** 298,118 People Heard the Gospel
- g. 13,720 Received Christ
- h. 5,389 Start Follow Up



# **Leader Strategy**

Departments under leader strategies include leader impact, health section, Abigail section, professional section, and athletes in action. There is about 16 workforce working in leader strategies, and there is 30 additional new workforce in associates and volunteers. In leader strategies, about 1124 people took various training, and 240 people participated in the regular bible study. There are 28 small groups, each having 25-30 members. Gospel presentation = 24,544; decision = 651; follow up 126.

# **Health Section**

- ⇒ 1634 heard the good news
- ⇒ 130 came to Christ
- ⇒ 1850 people got free medical treatment

# Abigail Christian Women's Network Report

- Number of people who heard the good news: face-to-face = 2500, social media = 5000
- Number of people who came to Christ = 10 people
- Number of people who have been followed up = 8 people
- Number of people trained = 61 people
- Training given: PCS = 50 people, bible study = 31

# Prayer

- Teleconference: Every Monday 6 people from Abigail Christian Professional Women Network
- Telegram: Every Thursday 40 people from Abigail Christian Professional Women Network
- Face-to-face: Every Saturday 5 people from Abigail Christian Professional Women Network
- Quarterly: 50 People from Abigail Christian professional women network
- Yearly: 30 People from Abigail Christian Professional Women Network
- Prayer walk: Abigail Christian Professional Women Network does it



# **Bible Study and Training**

- ⇒ 30 women's divided into three groups studying Life change bible study
- ⇒ 25 Women Participated Hawasa Vision Sharing Program



⇒ 70 Women have participated in Salt & Light Training & 31 Women have trained & in graduated from Transformational Leadership Governance Seminar Panel Discussion

# **Professionals Section**



- Prayer and Bible study: Every Tuesday 20 young professionals pray together
- ⇒ 54 Christian government workers fellowship leaders trained on evangelism (PCS, Four laws, personal testimony).
- Professionals from different domains took training on spiritual discipline at Goro Sefera Full Gospel Church.
- ➡ Training on marketplace calling and spiritual discipline took 45 professionals from different domains partnering with Shinshecho Kalehiwot Church at Shinshecho.
- ⇒ Visiting and restoring 15 Christian government worker's fellowships that are weakened due to Covid-19
- ⇒ 86 professionals from different domains together have done a prayer and fast repentance in Addis.
- ⇒ 250 professionals took training on TLGs at W/Sodo, Hosanna, and Arbaminch.
- ⇒ 40 Professionals took TOT on TLGs in September 2021



TLGs in Arbaminch and Welaita Sodo



40 professionals from different domains took TOT on TLGS.



TLDs in Hosanna town



Training on the strategy of Evangelism for Professionals

# **AIA Summary of the Report**

- We have an ongoing ministry with 15–25 different sports clubs.
- Each sports club has at least 20-30 members because of our trained volunteers.
- The chaplains use the sports life curriculum to open the door and start conversations with players and coaches.
- Each session lasts about 10–30 minutes with the team at the start or end of practice.

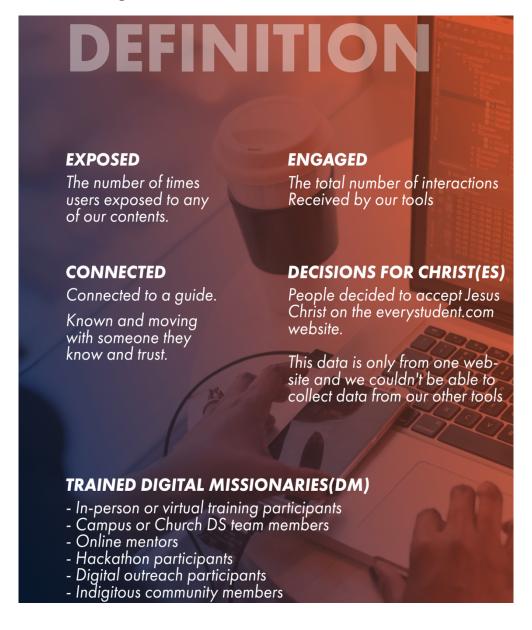
Those who have more questions can meet with the AIA volunteer to discuss what the Bible says on the topic. We recently signed a chaplaincy agreement with eight teams. The teams have more than eight coaches working with over 200 athletes in four different sports. There are a lot of opportunities for us to build into their lives through our Sport Life Materials, share the gospel when conversations open, and follow up discipleship. God has also opened doors to raise volunteers from churches through our church sport. We have seen volunteers representing various sports committing their lives to Jesus and starting follow-ups. We are translating two different sports devotionals into Amharic: Struggle & Triumph What God Says I Have. These two new tools will help us in discipleship with the athletes and coaches we are working with athletes to the Bible who may have never read it but show interest.



- Exposure = 3100;
- Win = 212;
- AIA volunteers = 200;
- AIA Associates = 15;
- AIA sport chaplaincy Teams = More than 25

# **Digital Strate**

| Exposed     | Reach  | 28,581,398 |
|-------------|--------|------------|
|             | Users  | 19,850,214 |
| Engaged     | Reach  | 3,122,876  |
|             | Users  | 2,514,062  |
| Connected   | 6,777  |            |
| Decision fo | 60,723 |            |
| Trained     | 8,938  |            |



# PROJECTS ON PROGRESS IN FIVE MONTHS

# **HULENTENAWI**



- A learning platform to help users and ministries
- Progress 95%

# TRUMBA TECH SUPPORT



- On-boarding, assisting and helping new trumba users
- On going tech support

# TRUMBA V2 DEVELOPMENT



- Trumba is a system created to help individuals and leaders build drip campaigns and custom conversations using Whats App.
- On going development

# CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



# JESUS FILM & JESUS FILM LIGHT



# TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS



Digital purity training for youth and high school students at Gudina Tumsa Foundation at 1/15/2022. There were 69 participants.

Digital purity trating on how we are connected to digital space and how we can protect ourselves from digital impurity at Kasanchis Mekane Yesus on 3/19/2022. There were 35 participants.



### The Jesus Film

The Jesus Film Strategy is one of the wonderful strategies we use to reach our people with the Gospel of Christ. It clearly shows people the life of JESUS, touches their hearts, and invites them to come to repentance. Currently, Ethiopia has about 115 million people. 20% Evangelicals. 86 million people need the Gospel, and 37 people groups are unreached. We will continue recording the Jesus film in the unreached people groups' languages to reach them with the Gospel of Christ in their mother tongue and to make them disciples.

We have Translated the Jesus film into four local languages. These languages are Chara, Gayil, Meskan, and Shako. The people groups speaking these languages are part of the unreached people groups in Ethiopia in the South and Southwest Region. The Jesus film translation has two phases. The first phase is, The Jesus film script translation, and the second phase is consultant check.



During JF script checking with the consultant
We also translated the Jesus film into additional
seven local languages to reach the Unreached
People Groups with the Gospel of Christ through
the JF strategy. These seven languages are Arbore,
Bayiso, Borna-Shinasha, Kara, Kebena, Nara, and
Marako. The people groups speaking these
languages are part of the unreached people groups

in Ethiopia except the Nara people. Nara is from Eretria. Nara people groups are one of the unreached people groups in Eretria.

During JF translation, and consultant check



We equipped 8 people from Daasanach, Ari, and Gammo native speakers through the Jesus film strategy to deshelve the Jesus film products we already have in those people groups' languages. In addition to this, we equipped them through the JESUS FILM App. At the end of the training, we provide each of them the Jesus film equipment Backpack for the field ministry purpose, and a 10-inch Tablet to encourage them

to reach the digital people with the Gospel of Christ through Social media, like Telegram, Facebook,

WhatsApp.



# The Jesus Film Field Ministry Training

We also dispatched many Jesus film equipment to 3 local external partners who planned to reach the unreached people groups with the Gospel through the Jesus film strategy.

We recorded the JESUS Film in 4 local languages.

In March 2022, we have recorded the JESUS FILM in Konta, Yemsa, Melo, and Oyida languages to reach those people groups with the Gospel of Christ through the Jesus film in their heart languages.

During the JESUS Film recording in the temporary studios



The JF TV, and Outdoor Shows Report During last Ethiopian Christmas, we got the opportunity to show the JF through 2 TV stations (GMM and EBC TV), and more than 20 million people got the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ. In addition to this, God has allowed us to show the JF outdoors before and during Christmas.

Outdoor JF showing: Totally in JF

ShowingPraise God for the fruits He has given us through the Jesus film strategy in the last few months.

# **International Leadership University**

# **Prayer and Devotion**

Regular prayer time and devotion are active. Staff and Students' regular devotion and the chapel is going well. Overnight prayer every two weeks on Monday to pray for ILU, GCM, and the country also happening. Students Both degree students and master's students have Chapple and are on schedule.



# **Undergraduate Program**

The mission and theology school has also started a program for the BA in Leadership. We have nine leadership students, and 40 mission and theology students in the undergraduate program. The teaching and learning process is successfully progressing.



# **Postgraduate Program**

The MA program has two intake semesters (The first semester (July- August) and The second (December-January) semester. The recruitment process of students is based on their application documents followed by an interview to screen students and know they fulfill fill the minimum standards to join the institution and maintain education quality. During registration dates, course advising, and mapping were conducted with the first- and second-year students. ILU-E Faculty orientation during each course offering semester was given to individual instructors on syllabus and grading according to the school's standards. Moreover, instructors and the course are evaluated at the end of each course offering session. Since the beginning of the MA program, ILU-E has run for one year and six months and the graduation time is approaching around early February 2023. In line with this ILU-E has collected feedback on the overall program of organizational leadership with the first cohort following the completion of the course work. Mission and theology students will be evaluated during August when the students complete their course work. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the overall program in both specializations. This will in effect assist the revision of the curriculum and selection of teachers to increase the outcome of the program considering the vision and mission of the institution. ILU-E strongly considers student feedback valuable in addition to other types of evaluations for the school to maintain its strengths and improve weaknesses in the overall course offerings.

### Mission

As part of the Mission outreach activity: we went to go Arsi Nagelle town for a short-term mission with the ILU students and staff. The team raised funds for the 20 students' accommodation and transportation. We have trained 60 church leaders and believers who came from the evangelical churches on Evangelism and discipleship. Conducted individual and mass evangelism visited prisoners, preached the Gospel, provided material support, held four Jesus Film show in three selected sites, and mobilized high school and college students on a mission to the lost. Most importantly, the ILU students were exposed to teamwork, gained perspective and vision for the practical ministries, and got opportunities to lead, and serve.

# **Training**

The local churches and be able to apply the knowledge they acquired in the classes. 20 of our students attended a day-long training on effective evangelism which was organized by the Ethiopian Genet church and the Elshadai TV Network in Addis Ababa city. The training capacitated them to do outreach

events with their groups. In collaboration with the Church planting strategy, we can give special training on evangelism and discipleship for international leadership university Degree programs.

# **Mobilization**

Our school organized mission mobilization for people who are interested in involving mission for various reasons.



# **Pastoral Conference**

With the collaboration of the mother ministry, Great Commission Ministry Ethiopia, our school engaged in the work of organizing a three-day-long pastoral conference at Ketena Hulet Full Gospel church. The theme of the conference was "Leading Change" in the evangelical church context. The training brought around 800 pastors, teachers, leaders, teachers, and professionals from various denominations of the city.

# **Promotion**

Promoting the school to attract potential students was also our priority. We used brochures, Posters, TV broadcasting, and social media to promote the school.





# **Scholarship**

# **Scholarships and Fund Raising**

ILU-E is not a profit-driven school, however, we collect minimal tuition and material fees from our students. We are working to raise funding for the school. Recently a missionary staff a who is impressed by our outreach programs donated 50,000birr. We have developed a scholarship policy and scholarship application form to treat all fairly. In helping GCME staff we have made it a policy that every GCM full-time staff gets a 50% scholarship, and associate staff and partners get 20% scholarships. Every year we offer 10 scholarships for GCME staff based on a recommendation by our human resource department. Currently, we have about 20 GCM staffs who are benefiting 50% scholarship and a few associate staff are getting 20% off tuition fees.

# **Website Development**

We launched the ILU website in the last 6 months. Students and prospective students get access to their requests. The website is helping the school to get more students and gives information about our school. <a href="https://iluethiopia.com">https://iluethiopia.com</a>

# **Hosana and Sodo Expansion**

There are expansion programs of the MA program in the regions particularly in Wolayita Sodo and Hosanna towns where students are showing interest to join the institution by residing in their respective towns. Application and screening went well, and students are expected to register till August 15 to start class. To facilitate this, ILU-E has assigned a person to facilitate the region programs.

# Strategic Plan

The school is growing variously and having a strategic plan is substantial. Ilu has developed 5 years strategic plan and enlightened that a 1-year and 6-month action plan has been developed and put into implementation.



### **Facilities and Tables**

The demand for various facilities is growing and we are solving phase by phase. We bought 10 tables that we can use for MA classes. Because most use Laptops for learning and teaching processes. We bought also one Hp computer for the academic program coordinator.

# Library

Our school majorly uses a digital library where we get access from the ILU consortium and other educational sources. However, we are also working to develop a good reading environment at our physical library. In the last 6 months, 128 books were bought from bookshops and another area where sales are happening and spent more than

# **Staff Retreat**

After a 6-month busy schedule in the teaching and learning environment, we were able to refresh for a day at Entoto park. It was a time of connecting and refreshing together.



**Family Life** 

# Couples' Seminars/FL Teachings

Our mid-year ministry engagement has primarily included couples' seminars and congregational FL teachings at 15 centers/churches. One of them is conducted during the national evangelical pastors/leaders conference at Elili Hotel in Addis. A total of 3145 people attended these seminars and FL teachings. The centers of our seminars include Addis Ababa, Debrezeit, Yinseno/Butajira and Wolayita Sodo.

# **Pre-Marriage Seminars**

Pre-marriage seminars for unmarried young adults were conducted in two centers, Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar. 'Fire Seed' at Bahirdar About 300 students passed through a two-day pre-marriage seminar

facilitated and, 30 young adults attended a one-day pre-marriage seminar here in Addis Ababa at a local church.

# **Home Builders Couples' Study (HBs)**

Nine Home Builders (HBs) couples study groups (9X4+=36 couples,36X2=72 attendants) are established at two centers in the second half of the year. Whenever HBs have established a vivid .positive change in individuals and marriages is happening!

# **Counseling Services**

The other wing of FLM is offering counseling services for those seeking help to build their marriage and family life in the biblical and timeless principles of marriage and family life.

In this area of our ministry, more than 10 married people have been attending our counseling and coaching services in the last half of the fiscal year. Some are already pursuing HBs study with us and the healing of individuals and marriages is underway.

#### **Material Production**

One of our deficiencies in the country has been the lack of relevant and appropriate teaching material for those in a relationship and anticipating Christian marriage in the country. After entering an official agreement with the global FL to contextually translate comprehensive pre-marriage resources into Amharic (a leader guide and student workbook, a total of some 300 A4 size pages), the Lord has helped us to complete the project after 6 months of tireless effort. We have also agreed with Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) for Ormigna translation as the next step to reach the Oromo communities.

The Oromia translation project is underway and the leader guide translation is already completed. We strongly believe that the Lord will use this resource to help the contemporary generation to build their marriage on a solid biblical foundation against the alarming crises in this field.

# **Digital Activities**

We also vocationally use the digital platform for the Christian community and the public. We attempted to exploit Podcast and Zoom in the last six months of the year. The Lord has enabled us to reach the Christian community and the corporate society in the country and abroad. We believe thousands of people received the biblical and timeless principles of marriage and family through this platform.

We are also privileged to be offered a TV session (EBS TV) to conduct premarital lessons at the end of December 2021.

# **Leadership Development Human Resource**

⇒ 60 people applied to join the ministry this year. After intensive screening and interviews, 47 new staff are accepted from 60 people to join the ministry. These 47 new staffs are now in the preparation stage to start MPD training this month.



- The third round of NST training was conducted for the 8th batch of 11 new staff on the 2nd and 3rd week of May 2022.
- ⇒ We commissioned 11 new staff on 28th May/2022 and they are back to their respective region safely and waiting for placement.



- Strategically engaged with GCM department to train more than 700 associate staff in February 2022.
- ⇒ Facilitating staff care during the loss of very close relatives for staff.
- ⇒ Easter Celebration was organized, and Holiday gift was given to all staff as part of staff care.
- ⇒ Helping more than 20 staff with the purchase of a house as part of the staff sustainability plan.

# **Changed Life Story**

# Four Generation Church Multiplication in a year!

A church planted in Dalo in December 2020 with seven new converts grew and multiplied to four



generations within fifteen months. The gospel is spreading out all over the surrounding areas, and many people are coming to the Lord. The mother church has grown to 100 members. The second-generation church planted a place called Migra and now has 67 members. The third-generation church planted in Pilot has 27 members, and the fourth-generation church grown

in Botoro has 35 members. The first church and the second generation churches have built a church.





# Nothing is Impossible for God

In Hawassa city, where our southern regional office is located there staff member named Desalegn. There was a woman who came to Hawassa looking for a job. Her name is Mimi. Mimi



came to live with her relatives in Hawassa, and they are part of the 7<sup>th</sup>-day Adventist church. Unfortunately, Mimi got sick of her eyes to the extent that she could not see. Mimi visited a doctor, and she found that her disease was glaucoma. After she discovered that she has taken many medical treatments to get her site recovered. But the doctor told her that the problem had reached an extent where it couldn't be reversed medically. Thus, she lost hope of recovery and

was unable to see. When she was in this situation of hopelessness, her family called Desalegn and asked him to come to pray for Mimi. Having got the call, Desalegn didn't waste time. When he reached their home and saw Mimi, the Holy Spirit reminded him of the word of God in the gospel of John chapter 9, where Jesus opened the eye of a man born blind by painting mud. In the same way, Desalegn took dirt, painted her eyes, and prayed. Right after the prayer, Mimi started to see and praise the Lord.

Seeing what the Lord has done in Mimi's life, Mimi's relatives invited Desalegn to pray for a girl who had just returned from university for vacation. Desalegn prayer for her too. The evil spirit that tormented her for a long period left her. This is a testimony that the power of the name of Jesus is always at Work, still saves from death, and frees from the power of evil.

# The prodigal son Came Back Home!

In Oromia Region state, East Harerge Zone in Bedeno Kebele (Village), a forty-six-year-



old man named Solomon lived with his family, a wife, and four children. Even though he was a Chastain, Solomon lived a miserable life. Though he was a Christian, he was accustomed to visiting witchdoctors regularly. He inherited this practice from his family, who believed in witch doctors. In addition to that, he was a notorious person addicted to alcohol, smoking, and addictive drugs. He expected to get happiness and peace through this practice. But the opposite was happening. Through time, he married a woman who was divorced. But her ex-husband was not happy with that.

So, his relatives came to kill Solomon. But Solomon attached one of the ex-husband's relatives killed him. Therefore, he was put in prison. While he was serving his time in prison, he remembered that a man named Mezgebe had shared Christ with him many years ago. But he was not rooted in his life. Then he recalled the peace, joy, and life serenity he was experiencing during those days. Remembering this helped him to get back to his senses. He finally decides to get back to Christ and go to church. He met one of our church planters named Binyam, and he helped him grow in his faith. His life was drastically changed. When he was released from prison, his villagers observed his new life in Christ, and many came to Christ, and a church was started in the village.

# The Miracle is Touching People's Heart

In the southern part of Ethiopia, a Muslim-donated area called Gebra is one of our church plant locations. If any community member converts to Christianity, the community would want to kill him. The daughter-in-law of one of the elders gave birth. Many Muslim elders came to his home to congratulate the man. This older man was unable to hear and speak for fifteen years. While the elders from the community were at his home, the older man could listen to people passing by his house. Since he had been unable to hear anything for fifteen years, he was amazed by what was happening, and the older man went out and invited the people passing by to his home. The people were Christians. The older man started to give



testimony to these Christian about what had happened. He told them he invited them to his home because he could hear them passing by for the first time in fifteen years. As he was giving testimony, he realized that he could speak after 15 years.

Since these people are Christians, the Muslim elder at his home became furious at him. But, he replied that I had been unable to speak and hear for the last fifteen years. But now, I just started to listen to the sound of their walking, and I began to talk,

which means I am healed. And if I am healed while they pass by my house, these people are from Allah (God). God has sent them to walk by my home so that I get healed. Not only that, but while they were walking to my house, evil spirits around me left me.

Then the older man invited the Christian guests to pray for him; the Muslim elders became very angry and left his home. Immediately three young people came with a sword to kill the Christians. Then the daughter-in-law of the older man said to young people that she gave birth by cesarean section and the Christians at home paid her medical bill, and down from her bed, she pleaded with them not to kill them. Her husband, the house owner's Son, told them that these people are good. Added, he said, my father started to hear and speak because of them. When the three young people listened to this, they heated him with the sword, and he fell. Immediately the police came and took the three young people into custody. The Son was taken to hospital.

After his recovery, the older man's Son whetted to prison and asked the police to release the young man. The three young men receive Jesus Christ as their savior when they are out of jail. What an excellent work of God. Glory be to his name.

# God is always at Work

In the East Shewa zone, a place called dukes Kotecha. There was gospel outreach in August 2021. Fifty people heard the gospel during the outreach, and 14 people received Jesus Christ as their savior. With these new converts, a new church was planted. The new converts grew in their faith fast and started evangelizing the village.

In April 2022, a group of staff went to the location to show the Jesus Film. Getting permission from the city administration, the film shows started. In the meantime, a group of evil people disturbed the



film show and started to beat people and the ministers. Seeing this, the people ran away, and five of the ministries were badly hearted. Due to the mob special police were sent by the government to control the situation and took three of the attackers into custody. On the next day, the elder of the village came appealing for reconciliation and forgiveness as per the area's culture. After the reconciliation, the elders took responsibility for allowing the film show to continue in the following days. While doing this, the elders paid 6000 Ethiopian birrs to the church as compensation for the evil their children did.

# The Gospel Shaking a Community

There is a place called Dinqitu in the East Shewa. It was called Dinqitu because a witch doctor was performing miracles with the power of evil spirits in the area. Many people in the village followed her and brought tithes and gifts to her. The witch doctor's evil forces controlled the village for many years.



One day our team went to the village and started to pray against the evil spirit, and they did evangelism. Many people started to receive Jesus Christ and were freed from the evil spirit that possessed them for many years. The witch doctor couldn't resist the power of the Spirit of God, and she couldn't do miracles as she did before. Thus, she left the area and went too far away. One of the villages named Kuku received Christ, and the rest of the family received Jesus also. Kuku is the one with the white dress in the picture. The

number of new believers number grew to 25 within two months. Currently, the power of the gospel is moving in the area. Glory be to his name.

# 30 People Turned to God Just in a Moment

In the Oromia Region, East Shewa Zone, in a city called Bose, there is an adult man named Debela Bedaso. He is married and has ten children. He earns his livelihood by farming. Mr. Debela is well known for agitating the community to follow and worship the ancestral gods. He tries to convince the community in a way that unless they worship this ancestral god, blessing and fertility will never come to their farm and family. Their shrine is under a big oak tree. In their worship process, they slaughter many oxen and drink a lot of alcohol. Mr. Debela was a drunkard who led his family to bankruptcy. He is personally against Christianity.

Tola Biru is our missionary/church planter who is actively engaged in evangelizing the community. Many times, he tried to tell Mr. Debela about Christ. But Mr. Debela is not convinced, and the persecuted Christian who is living in the community is Despite that, Mr. Tola tries hard to become more intimate with him and his family. The turning point came in the month of January 2022, when Mr. Debela turned back from a nearby city after selling teff (a well-known national cereal) with his donkey at night. He drank a lot, and he found himself in a ditch and lost his donkey to a hyena. Fortunately enough, his neighbors found him and took him to his home. Hearing this, the church planter, Tola, went home to visit him. In their dialogue, Mr. Debela said, "For the last fifty years I have worshiped the ancestral god, but this god is not able to save me; rather he gave me to death." Thus, if your God (Tola's God) can save me from this problem, I will worship him. Hearing this, Tola sent him to repentance prayer, where Mr. Debela finally accepted Jesus Christ as his savior. While they were praying, an evil spirit shouted and came out of Mr. Debela. That was the first night his children saw him get asleep without drinking. Before, they knew that their father was unable to sleep unless he drank. This is just a miracle to his children, even to his neighbors. This incident led his whole family and some of the neighbors to believe in Jesus Christ, and they are thirty in number. All are baptized after basic Christian training.



# A Church is Surviving in Daily Persecution

In Oromia Region, East Shewa Zone, Lomme Woreda, in a village called Qolo Kebele, there is a



church planters' coach named Mathewos Dawit. He is coaching ten church planters. Even though the community is highly dominated by traditional religion, Matthews and his disciples managed to evangelize many and plant a church in a very short period. Matthews and his team recently planted eight new churches, with an average of fifteen new members.

One of these churches was planted with three new believers through the work of the Holy Spirit and the evangelistic tour of the family has been won for Christ and some fifty-seven members are now gathering for worship, prayer, and bible study. This small community of churches survived a frequent stone attacks daily, where few were personally persecuted and marginalized by the community. For many years, the community has been dominated by witchdoctors and those who have lived their practice of giving tights.

One of the young men who is currently attending training at Multiplying Church Communities



was the one who was sent to kill the disciples who are serving the community. When he tried to do that, he was not successful in touching them, not even killing them. But, with God's miraculous work, he received Jesus Christ as his savior. Seeing the work of God in his life, his mother and his wife received Jesus Christ. He is the young man dressed in a white shirt in the picture.

God is Always at Work!

The gospel of Jesus Christ has no borders. It has the power to penetrate every ethnicity, every



religion, and every community. Ismael is the son of Abraham. Jesus was born, died, and raised from the dead for his descendants too. In the Amhara region, in the South Gonder zone, in a special place named Alem Ber, there was a Muslim convert who lived there. She is (the woman at the back of the picture) the only person who received Jesus Christ and worshiped him together with her six children. Tezera Gelaye is the disciple (the man who is baptized, in the picture)

who was nurturing the family with the Word of God. Two

of her brothers also received Christ with her. She lived away from her family, so her father came to visit her (the one with the white cape in the picture). He came while Tezera was teaching the family the Word of God, and they worshiped together. He sat silently and listened to Tezera with calm until he was finally touched by the Holy Spirit and received Jesus Christ. His family also received Jesus Christ and were baptized.





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The miracle continues. There was an old man named Adem Yibre (the man wrapped in white). Fortunately, he received Jesus Christ while death was knocking at his door. He became ill and died while praising Jesus. What a blessing. Our God is always at work, and the gospel is borderless.

# **Testimonies From Digital Strategy**

