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# AFRICA ETHIOPIA



## TO THE TRIBES OF ETHIOPIA: GOD'S MOVEMENT TO CARRY THE GOSPEL ACROSS ETHIOPIA

"BUT TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD..." - JOHN 1:12

After three plane flights, a 15 hour overnight car ride and a little bit of walking our team arrived in the tribal regions of Western Ethiopia ready to meet the Gumuz people. We were also meeting missionaries Craig and Allison Fowler of CMF International to support their work to the Gumuz tribe.

Craig and Allison Fowler have been in Ethiopia for 8 years now, and are stationed there with their three children Anna, Ezra and Zane. There they disciple, train, and provide medical services to the Gumuz people group and share each and everyday the life saving message of hope found in Jesus Christ. Their work has led to many hearing the gospel for the first time.

In addition they have helped raise up local evangelists who then in turn do the very same thing.

Our time in Ethiopia we met some of these evangelists and got to know three of them (pictured right) very well. Each having their own special way of proclaiming Christ these men day in and day out do just that!

Ahboma preaches and prays with a fire and passion that is tangible to anyone who has the pleasure of meeting him. Lema is an evangelist who has also been trained as a nurse to assist his village. And Malaku is a strong and dependable evangelist and leader for Christ!

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Three local Gumuz Evangelists (pictured left to right) Ahboma, Lema, and Malaku. These men take the gospel to their people day in and day out. Pray for these men!



# MISSION PICS



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Our team (pictured below) joined these local evangelists and the Fowler family to host bible programs in three villages. Each bible program consisted of three days of bible stories that went from creation to Adam and Eve's fall into sin, to Noah's ark, to Jonah and the great fish, to the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. In addition to the stories we had many activities to participate in. These activities included soccer, frisbees, coloring, games, skits, music, snacks and candy and so much more! All of these tied in with the theme that God delivers His people through the work of Jesus Christ!



**(pictured left to right)**

**Nick, Aaron, Lema, Ahboma, George, Malaku, Ben, and Don.**  
**Great fellowship with these brothers in Christ!**

In addition to these programs our team got to experience a deep worship in the various churches we visited, see a total of 15 baptisms, eat goat and termites, sleep in huts, and see lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ!

In these villages we visited a total of three churches (pictured right). There we experienced worship with fellow believers in a way that can not be described.

The music, the prayer, the commitment and faith of the Gumuz people could be felt throughout the room. They even let us play the drums with them in worship (pictured below).



The worship was moving and every part of the service pointed to Jesus Christ as author and completer of our faith and salvation!

**"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."**  
**-Hebrews 12:2-**

**Pictured is the church in the village of Dobi. This was the second village we visited. Here there is a strong congregation of believers who are passionate about seeing Jesus Christ change the lives of their family, friends, and neighbors!**



Our team also saw new

believers receive baptism as a mark of their relationship with Jesus Christ. In total we saw 15 new believers baptized in various places along the river near the village. Such a joy these new believers had in Jesus as they emerged from the murky water of the tributaries of the Blue Nile River. Most commonly the evangelists would conduct the prayer service and baptism as the church family gathered to see and participate in the occasion.

**Pictured below a baptism of a young man who was approximately 18 years of age. It was his public profession of faith and it was a joy to share in this moment!**



As our time in Ethiopia came to a close we reflected on all God had done. He allowed us to host three bible school programs, form relationships with fellow and new believers, and support the work of missionaries in country!

God did so much more than words can express in a short newsletter. Thank you for your participation in the gospel with our team. Thank you for your prayers and support and it is in Christ that we can be the light of the world and share it with those who have never heard! We press on in Christ!

- Nick Martin -









# ARE YOU IN ON THE MISSION?

## How you can be on mission and carry the Gospel to the nations!

When it comes to missions I believe we have three options. We go to the mission field, we give to those who are on the mission field, or we are disobedient to the commission we have been given as disciples.

Today, we must all make the decision on what God has called us too. I thank you for the support you have given myself and our team. Through your partnership together we take the gospel to places that otherwise would never know about Jesus Christ. I ask that you would continue to pray for the Fowlers, the local evangelists and the people who have never heard about Jesus Christ. In addition please pray for missionaries of the future. I thank you again for your support and hope to speak with you more about ministry in the future.

In God's Irresistible Grace,  
- Nick



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