

MISSION TO ETHIOPIA APRIL 2021

Blessings from Ethiopia to our EBC Family. Thank you all for any and every prayer you have sent up for us. It's very late Saturday evening and we have 2 church services to do Sunday morning, with the first one starting at 8am. We are in the second venue now, in [Methara](#). It is in the Eastern part of Ethiopia. We have actually been to this place before so I was interested to see the fruit. I will get to that but will start with our arrival.

So much has already happened, this will need to be brief.

We flew thru customs and were warmly welcomed by the airport authorities. We left the airport and walked for a ways and then I saw the smiling face of Eyasu. We then loaded up and drove for a number of hours to [Butajira](#) in the South West part of the County. First time in these parts.

We didn't start with the Pastors conference but had 2 days of what they called "Evangelistic Meetings". They were meetings held in a large local church that were open to any of the church folks in the area. And they could bring their lost friends if they wanted to. But the leaders' intent was basically to light a fire in the hearts of the church folks to engage in evangelism.

For me, my heart was yearning to back on the mission field. I felt like I arrived home after a long furlough. I do have 3 homes, Heaven, Englewood and all the third and fourth world nations that I have been called to. I mean I was really yearning to release the Life of Jesus to a people group that have been anticipating and expecting a major God invasion! My spirit was elated and I felt such peace and joy from Holy Spirit. I love co-laboring with Him! I love watching the faces of the folks soaking up Truth and then when they get touched by Him! Watching when the sickness, disease, torment and hopelessness fall off of them! I love getting to feel His Compassion for these folks and then watch as He manifests His miraculous realm in their lives, in so many ways. There is nothing like it on earth!

The teaching these first couple of days was more geared towards given them a shock by Holy Spirit with the Reality of The Kingdom of Heaven. Of course that comes with signs, wonders and miracles! So I would share Truth with them until they were on the edge of their seats. Then give words of knowledge and watch

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the river overflow the banks. I was blessed to have one of the pastors volunteer to take videos of all the meetings and hopefully will try to put something together for you all for next Sunday when we will be back at EBC.

We started with calling any deaf and dumb people forward. As I write this, none of us on the team can think of one single person that we prayed for on this mission (and there have been a lot) that have not received anything but total healing and deliverance. The manifestations of Holy Spirit have been very fast. As we began to pray for the folks, there was a small man (much smaller than me) that stood in front of me. I asked what he needed and he pointed to his ears and mouth and shook his head as if to say "I am deaf and dumb!" He was trying to talk but there was NO sound coming from his straining larynx. In a moment he noted that his ears were now opened and he was pointing to the microphone. I thought he might still need to have his voice activated and wanted to pray again but he seemed anxious to get to the mic. I handed it to him and he spoke completely clear. The people that knew him were going crazy happy and I was also amazed. Apparently he has been deaf and dumb for a very long time and I was amazed at how a person that could not hear would have a language that all could understand when his ears were opened! But then our God is far beyond Amazing, isn't He? I joined in the joy and took his hands and the two of us danced around the front of the church. We were in sync together kicking up our heels, we were both overcome with JOY!

We prayed for so many, with many miracles but I need to note what happened with the children. There were also so many children of all ages that were fully engaged in the services. They danced, they praised, they were very attentive to every word said which was amazing. No children's church, they were right in there with the adults. They were anxious to engage when we started having the folks pray for each other. It was like once we taught them how easy Jesus had made it and they could participate same as the adults, they did so. We ended the first meeting with a bunch of children all around ME, hands on me, praying for me. Holy Spirit Presence was strong as these little ones were blessing me. They made up a powerful prayer team. I was being soaked by their prayers and couple

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of times I thought I might be hitting the deck. Yolanda, thank You Jesus. We went back to the place we were staying and I slept like a baby with dreams of the activity of Heaven in our midst.

The pastors conference was also a great move of the Spirit. There was lots of interaction with them as they freely asked questions and got Holy Spirit answers. I really like how Holy Spirit orchestrated the meetings. I noticed a major stepping up of how Holy Spirit was leading me in these meetings. There were lots of moving moments where it was as if all the pastors made a shift into the Heavenly Realm. He was heightening my sensitivity again to His flow and direction changes. This conference was at a spiritual level that seemed to be at a much higher level, many times penetrating the veil between the natural and supernatural! There were moments where Holy Spirit clearly, fully, took over the meeting where EVERYONE was having a personal encounter with Him. Very emotional, very heart focused and very life transforming. He was face to face with everyone yet at the same time orchestrating tremendous unity in what was happening! Literally impossible for me to adequately explain those moments.

The testimonies were uniformly of renewed passion and clarity to their callings. At one of those points I also was sucked into an Amazing encounter with Him while all the others were getting the same. I saw in a vision Jesus walking among us and putting His Hand into everyone's abdomen and putting "Passion and Fire"!

On to Methara. This place is like a wild west town in USA history. Horse and buggy is used for moving supplies and stuff around town. There is a mountain here that was formed from a volcano eruption a long time ago. There is a large shallow water area also created by the volcano where daily you will see cattle and birds washing and drinking plus it is where many do their laundry. Every time we have driven by there are naked children and some adults getting washed. The narrow streets are lined with vendors selling what they make or grow. Cattle, Sheep and Goat herds also travel down the streets and we often have to stop and wait for them to get out of the way. It kind of feels like I was sucked back in history to the wild west days. Of course the people are all VERY nice and welcome us white folks being here.

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We had some pastors join us again from the previous conference and there were also many more first time pastors that were with us. Most had travelled long distances to get here and were sleeping all over the church building floor during these conference days. They are all bush pastors and only a few have bicycles with the majority only their feet as a means of transportation. Some have more than one bush church.

We had explained to us how THE church has grown and expanded since we were here last and many attributed the growth to the deposit we made when with them. I thank Jesus for that! We heard testimonies of how they had a new boldness in the Spirit and saw a great release of the miraculous.

For sure we are encouraging, lifting up, washing off and releasing a restoration for these men and women of God called to bring the Gospel to the far reaches of this country. What a privilege to watch this happen.

We have had two “Evangelistic” services here today and the last two on Sunday will have been completed by the time you read this. My message was the simple gospel telling the people that they could do what they were about to see. A few testimonies: While I was teaching there were Doves that were “singing” in the building. That was an unusual sign for all. There has been a wonderful flow and outpouring of The Spirit with many signs and miracles. Specific words of knowledge were given and the pastor of this church, dressed in their traditional garb (robes) came forward and said he was deaf in one ear and had pains going from his heart to his right side. In a moment he was declaring to the people the miraculous healing that was just released. The humility of this man to come forward brought freedom to others to also respond. So many people were amazingly touched, freed and healed! There were a few of the pastors from the conference that stayed on to be with us as their churches were closer. We put them to praying also. Their prayers were without yelling and deliverances were without wrestling, glory to God! They were so happy seeing everyone they touched healed in Jesus Name. I had a word for a person that had an accident and could not walk without pain. A young man came and said he could put No weight on his left leg and thought he may have broken his left ankle. In a matter of a few

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minutes he was walking and “testing out” what Holy Spirit had just done. Everyone watched to see until the man took the microphone and with bold declarations told of what had just done for him. One after another, as the people in this place applauded and rejoiced in the Lord in the midst of this visitation! Because there were so many people now up for prayer, I sat on the edge of the raised platform and watched every manner of sickness depart bodies. One man that had been blind said that he had heard messages for years saying that “This Is Your Day” but his day never did come. He would come every week like the people in the bible that came to the pool waiting for the water to be stirred so they could receive healing. Well today was his day. His eyes were opened and he took the microphone and kept saying to all the people that knew him “THIS IS MY DAY, THIS IS MY DAY, THIS IS MY DAY!” The crowd erupted with joyous praise and we all gave glory to Jesus!

Run out of time, will tell you more when we get back. Love you all, thank you so much for your prayers...

Pastor Tony