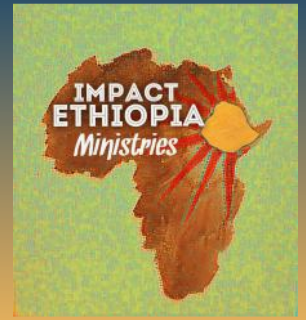




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Planting Churches

Impacting lives and communities in Ethiopia by multiplying and growing Christ followers.



Civil War Unravels Work In Unreached People Group

I had the chance recently to meet Gutama Lyele and would like to tell you his story. He comes from Kamashi and is a part of the unreached people group: Benshengal-Gumuz. This area is currently under control of the rebel forces from the civil war. It has been devastating to the people and to the churches. Nine out of ten churches that were planted in this area are no longer able to meet and at least one church building has been destroyed. There is no way to communicate with these church leaders because there is no network in their area. There is a lack of resources and money as people are unable to work. Gutama left his sick wife in the hospital and flew to Addis Ababa to be able to give a report of the situation in the area due to it being too dangerous to travel by road. We are actively working to help support the people and the churches in this area. If you would like to help specifically to this cause, please please note the word "**Gumuz**" on your donation.

Women Empowered

Women from around the globe were empowered and encouraged by our guest speakers Roxanne Parks and Dee Ann Higgins. We were blessed to be able to have two professional women's speakers and authors come to Ethiopia this March. They barely had time to breath because they had a full schedule of ministry- Ministry to the women of Ethiopia and the expat women working in Ethiopia. Women found hope from the breaking of shame and guilt in their lives. In the theme, "You're Invited," Roxanne and Dee Ann invited women to rest and intimacy with God, living unashamed, Christ-centered identity, freedom, and blessing. These women are now empowered to take the invitation to other women. Krista was also able to do training on different women's health and nutrition components to help the local women take care of themselves and their families.



Pastors Empowered

It has been a busy season of ministry this March and April! On top of women being empowered there were many trainings for local pastors and church planters to be empowered.

Teaching a group of men about leadership is difficult when they are serving the women during the women's conference. I had expected to have two days to do the training on leadership but ended up with less than five total hours to get it done. The plan changed because the men were arranging, helping, and serving the women in different ways. Usually, the women are doing all the work for the men, but they showed themselves to be the humble leaders that I was trying to teach them to be.



Mark was invited to do a training in the nearby village of Burayu. His Leading Like Joshua curriculum was translated for the first time into Oromifa in order to do this training. This will continue to be a tool for the future.



We brought our national church planters to Addis to help them prepare their churches to be strong and stand on their own. We talked about the Wise and Foolish Builders in Luke 6:46-49 and the importance of strong biblical discipleship as well as building a strong financial rock for the church to stand on.

PRAYING

- Civil War
- Unreached People groups of Somalia and Beneshangul-Gumuz
- Continued search for a rugged down-country vehicle
- Each member of our family as we navigate different challenges
- Our church planters in different locations of Ethiopia
- Peace
- God to continue to open miraculous doors for us to further His kingdom here in Ethiopia



Mark traveled to a new area in the east at the beginning of April. This is a closed access area God has opened doors for us to pour His love into. He did leadership training in Harar, preached in Jigjiga and visited ministry friends in Dire Dawa who are working with our partnering church to plant a new church among the unreached Somali people.

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