



Evangelical Theological College Newsletter



He has risen, just as he said ! Matthew 28:6

This is an Ethiopian Spring flower which grows once a year. It is known as "Adey Abeba". The Ethiopian Spring time starts in the month of September and goes through November.

ETC Spring updates 2010

Hoping that you are enjoying a delightful spring, we want to give you an update on the major activities that took place at ETC in the past quarter. The Lord has blessed our work immensely and you have been instrumental through your faithful support in prayers and gifts. We want to thank you and bless you for your faithful partnership.

Muslim Evangelism...

A very interesting seminar on Muslim Evangelism was held at ETC by Dr. Jay Smith. More than 200 church members and leaders attended the seminar besides the ETC students and faculty. 33% of the Ethiopian population is Muslim. This shows that there is a huge opportunity for outreach and the seminar was very timely. Most of our ETC students are studying as well as continuing with their ministry in their local churches and communities. We have students that have ministries among Muslim communities. Most of them have a passion for the ministry. Pastor Frew, one of our students, is one of them. He has a strong passion for Muslim Evangelism. He shared an encounter he had with a Muslim brother a couple of years ago and how it created a burden in him to reach out to the Muslim community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mohammad Amin was trained in Saudi Arabia to study the Koran. His dream was to spread Islam in Ethiopia and in the world. After finishing his studies, Mohammed came to Ethiopia and earned a position in one of the largest Mosques. However, his health was rapidly failing and later he found out that he was HIV positive. Then one day, Mohammed had an encounter with Jesus and was healed instantly. Pastor Frew, who was then an evangelist took him to his home and looked after him and disciplined him in the Word of God. Pastor Frew said that he knew the Lord was going to use Mohammed for his glory.

Today Sheik Mohamed Amin is a full-time Christian evangelist and resides in Germany. However, he comes to Ethiopia frequently and ministers in churches all over Ethiopia. Pastor Frew stated that this encounter was a turning point in his ministry. He added that he will pursue with Muslim evangelism after his graduation from ETC. CBN had interviewed Pastor Frew and you can find the full story on Mohammed Amin from the book *Miracles among Muslims* written by Christine Darg 2006.



Pastor Frew and family

Visiting Churches...

It is customary for the ETC faculty to go and visit the different churches that send their leaders to ETC for training. ETC gives high importance to the feedback obtained from the different churches. In one of the visits to Kara Kore Presbyterian church in Addis, we had the chance to meet with the main Pastor who was a former ETC student and a graduate of 2004. After the greetings we asked how he was doing in his Ministry and asked the famous ETC question. "How has your training at ETC helped you or impacted your ministry?" Pastor Mekonen responded emphatically, "Greatly! Really more than I had imagined." He shared with us about his ministry after his graduation from ETC. Immediately after his graduation at ETC in 2004 he was appointed as a Pastor in the local church that he is serving at present. He then realized that there was a great need to train and equip the leaders in the church with God's Word. In 2005 He prayed and started a Bible school with a certificate program. They had only five students in the first year. In the years to follow, the number of trainees increased and other leaders from the different churches within the neighborhood joined. At present, the number of students has increased to thirty one and the program has advanced to a diploma level.



Evangelical Theological College Newsletter



He has risen, just as he said ! Matthew 28:6

ETC Spring updates 2010

Pastor Mekonen Muleta said that he almost missed this great work of the Lord since he wasn't able to continue with his education when he was at ETC. He had very little left from his salary after supporting his family. He wasn't able to afford to pay for his training at ETC. He then went to the Principal at the time and shared his passion for the training and his ministry. He also shared his inability to continue with the training for lack of finances. The principal at that time put him in the scholarship program and Mekonen was able to finish his B.Th. at ETC. Pastor Mekonen is married and a father of two daughters. His ministry in the church and his Bible school are thriving.

Dear partners and friends, sharing with you the impact ETC has made on our Alumni and the impact they are making within their churches and communities is our way of saying thank you for your partnership that has enabled ETC to train and equip leaders that go out to lead and transform their community holistically through sharing and living the Gospel of Christ.



Pastor Mekonen in the middle

Outreach...

ETC faculty went for prayer outreach around the neighborhood of the ETC premises. "It was a very touching and eye opening experience for me," said Edna, the head Librarian. "I haven't done this since my college days and I am excited at what the Lord did when we obeyed and went to share the good news of Jesus Christ." One of the staff members shared the Word with three youngsters and found out that one of them was a believer who had left the Lord and gone back to the world. They prayed with him and linked him up with a church.

Update on new facility...

As we indicated in our previous Newsletters, the Lord has provided ETC a piece of land for its facility expansion. The new facility that we are planning to construct will greatly help ETC to overcome the classroom, faculty office, and library space challenges that it has at present. Furthermore, the Board and the ETC administration have planned to develop better dorm accommodation and a guesthouse for sustainable income generation purpose for the college.

The land is found in the area designated by the Addis Ababa City Administration as a renewable site. Since the land is prime land, we have also been informed by the Addis Ababa city administration that we need to get the standard that the City Administration requires for facilities to be built in that area. Right now, the ETC Board of Trustees has established "an ETC facilities expansion committee" that will follow up this case. ETC has already appealed to the Addis Ababa City Administration requesting for the Standard set by the government for the new ETC site. Once ETC gets the "Standard Paper" from the government, we will begin the architectural work of the project. We appreciate the prayers of our friends and partners for the Lord to help us in getting the "Standard Paper" from the city Administration as soon as possible and for the substantial amount of funding that we need for the architectural and subsequent work to be done on the land.

New and needy students' scholarship...

In the new academic year we have received 118 applications for tuition scholarship from needy students. At present, ETC was able to secure tuition scholarship only for forty-eight needy students and we still have seventy students who are in need of scholarships. Therefore, we appreciate any assistance from our friends and partners to support these needy students. Would you consider being one?



Evangelical Theological College Newsletter



He has risen, just as he said ! Matthew 28:6

ETC Spring updates 2010

Praise with us and pray for us

- Praise God for continuing to use ETC for his glory
- Praise God for the marvelous ways he helped us to finish with the selection of the new students
- Praise God for His provision in supplying us the funds to buy and secure the land for the new facilities
- Pray for continued financial sustainability.

Financial donations may be directed as follows

Wire transfers to: Wire transfers to Awash International Bank, Africa Andinet Branch

Address: P. O.Box 12638, Tel 251 113716593, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

Account Name: Evangelical Theological College: Account number C/A 0130427604300,

Swift Code: AWINETAAXX

Address: Evangelical Theological College, P.O.Box 5773, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel. # 251-13-712073 **Fax #** 251-113-202797 **Email:** etcdevelop@gmail.com

WWW: etccollege.org

We thank you for your prayers and partnership. If you have questions, encouragements, or other suggestions, please correspond with us (see contact information, above).