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From our Executive Director:

In a brief phone call from brother Haile he requested to please be in prayer for his country. Recent political and ethnic unrest have resulted in the loss of many lives in Ethiopia. Praise the Lord the ministries of Ebenezer have yet to be impacted physically by these attacks. It appears Satan and the powers of darkness are doing their best to hinder the move of God that is taking place within the nation. Pray for peace and stability for the government and for Prime Minister Abiy to have wisdom from God to lead through these difficult times. Haile wishes to express his love and appreciation to you for your prayers and support, and to let you know how much he misses being able to hear from you and reach out to you due to the internet being down since the end of June.

From the Chairman:

I was glad to finally receive word from Brother Haile and Mrs. Tsedale after a couple of weeks of no contact due to the civil unrest. I was disappointed as Haile shared that our mission trips planned for this fall would have to be cancelled. The evangelistic efforts in the markets, the crusades and the conferences that reach many 1000's would not take place this year due to the circumstances facing the country. Schools have been targets of these anti-government groups and though Crosspointe School has not yet been able to resume classes, thank the Lord, it has not experienced any damage during the riots.

I must continue to remind myself that even though the situation in our country, in Ethiopia, and around the world seems hectic and even at times spiraling out of control, not one thing has caught the Lord by surprise. I may feel helpless and unable to have an impact on circumstances surrounding me, yet the one I serve has never experienced such a feeling or even had such a thought. "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit" (Psalm 147:4-5), and "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:13). Viruses, riots, politicians, our health, our finances, our friends, and our families are all in His hands, and I can think of no better hands for these things to be in.

Ebenezer covets your prayers for the people of Ethiopia, people God loves, people Christ died for, and nation of people that are presently facing attack from the "wicked one". Paul reminds me, "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" (Romans 11:33). Isn't it comforting to put our trust in our father, the all-knowing God of the universe?

In Christ – Brother Jeff

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