



Ethiopia  
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Prayer Letter  
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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Warm New Year greeting to all of you from Ethiopia! Our Lord has been helping us that we were finally able to submit our ACM General Assembly (2017 to 18) to the Religious bureau of the Federal government on 11/Jan/2019. The reason we were late (the Assembly being held Nov., 2018) was this year budget has to include 2 major things, which are the removal of poles and wires from our current 2,194 sq. m Site and the other being the budget for our 'Immediate Phase' development.

The breakdown of the 'Immediate Phase' budget will be send to you in details of Joseph's New Year Update news. Let me layout for your reference the summary in our Assembly report:

1. ACM yearly general expenses: 350,000.00 birrs
2. Removal of poles & electric wires from our current Site: 101,716.17 birrs
3. Immediate Phase: 926,900.15 birrs

**Total: 1,378,616.32 birrs**

When I explained to an official at the Fed. Ministry the reason for our being late, which was due to working out all the details of the 'Immediate Phase' budget, he accepted it and with no fine all the pack of documents was thus submitted successfully!

However, on the same day of 11/Jan (Friday) when I returned to the Ayat rented house after lunch hour, I was shocked to see the house was broken into and both my bed room and study with locks broken and everything laying in confusion everywhere. I was very shocked because it was the 1st time this kind of burglary happening to me after all these years in Ethiopia.

How thankful I was to my faithful Lord that except a few thousand birrs (3 to 4 thousand) and a new watch (given by a group in Canada yet I never wore it) and a few minor items being taken away, all those vital things remained! Important things like the computers, digital camera, the meter testing radiation, video recording camera & many others...plus passport, residence permit, cheque books, and all those ACM documents and files...were still in the house!

Yet even with His divine protection we must take measures to prevent burglary happening again. So throughout the past week, with a metal man we were installing the very sharp thief-wires, changing stronger and more secure locks, adding special reinforcement (with additional security pad locks) for the front and back doors of the house, adding metal grills (which includes my bed room, with an attached bathroom, with a balcony. The thieves could climb up easily and broke the glass of the door without any grill -- like how they crashed the glass of the front door this time after climbing in through the iron sheet fence)

We also installed thief wires on top of the neighbors' gate at the left. At the right the neighbors (a retired couple) were adding new cement blocks to heighten the wall surrounding their compound. They also asked the metal worker, after finishing with my house perhaps tomorrow, to install sharp hook thief wires surrounding their nice house. ACM will let them use our grinders & welding machine free for our next door neighbors. The 6 houses on our street are also talking about setting up a wide iron grill gates on both ends of the road with a guard.

Please remember me and the ministries in Ethiopia!

In His harvests,  
Joseph