

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

ETHIOPIA

126+ Million People | 36+ Million Unreached | 25.6 % Islamic | 25.6% Ethnic Religions | NCM active among 43 UPGs



HORN OF AFRICA

JANUARY- JUNE 2023 STATISTICS

54,548 GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS
2,923 EXPRESSED FAITH
1,724 BAPTIZED
1,318 RECOMMITTED FAITH
81 OFFICIAL CHURCHES PLANTED
558 HOUSE CHURCHES PLANTED

JESUS FILM STATISTICS
66 JESUS FILM PRESENTATIONS
2,792 SAW THE JESUS FILM
55 EXPRESSED FAITH DURING THE FILM



Those who believed in the gospel said, “We realized that we were in darkness. We tasted what the true light of Jesus looks like. The old lives we were living could not bring any change to us, but after we started believing in Jesus as our Savior things changed. We know that we are on the right path and are filled with His peace.” The people of Dukusu testified that their suffering and hunger has passed with the help of NCM.
NCM Field Staff Abdinur

The people say they are thankful for New Covenant Missions. “You are always there in time of need; we have seen the fear of the Lord in you.” **NCM Field Staff Boku**



Wondimu is an amazing missionary. He uses his resources for the sake of God’s mission. He built a hall for believers to worship and he sold items to buy construction materials. He told me “I was almost dead before I received Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I was crippled and could not move around easily. Now I am walking properly. Jesus healed me”. **Horn of Africa Regional Director Garedeu**

God blessed us with 300 square meters of land right in the heart of the town to build a church! This is a true miracle for us - an answer to our prayers! We are full of gratitude and praise for God. **NCM Field Staff Basha**



Our Nao CP's with their Jesus Film Kit backpack.

I raised funds from volunteers to feed some children and teach them the word of God. **NCM Field Staff Lydia**

Getachew served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at an Ethiopian Orthodox Church. He was invited to our discipleship training, where we encouraged people to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. After experiencing his deliverance, deacon Getachew shared that his life had been filled with disturbance and fear, and he used to struggle with self-hatred. However, after being prayed for, he felt a profound sense of relief as the burdens he had carried for many years rolled off his shoulders. He expressed that peace and joy entered his life as a result of this transformation. His father, inspired by the changes in his son’s life, also received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and joined the discipleship training. Despite facing persecution from local people, Getachew remains thankful for his relationship with the Lord. His story is just one example of many as numerous individuals have experienced healing and freedom after accepting Jesus. **NCM Field Staff Israel Ejigu**



I am still praising God for His intervention and help in the terrible time of war. The trauma, the sound of heavy artilleries and people's cries, was really unthinkable. Thank you for your prayers and support in this difficult season. **NCM Field Staff Lydia**

Due to the civil war, our ability to carry out mission work beyond Axum is temporarily restricted. However, within Axum, we continue to engage in various ministries. Our activities include mission work, teaching and mentoring five new believers, providing discipleship training, leading the local church, and highlighting the importance of the gospel. Despite the limitations imposed by the conflict, we remain committed to fulfilling our kingdom work within the Axum community. **NCM Field Staff Alexander Asfaw & Goitom Tadesse**



I spent the last three months training and equipping missionaries and church leaders in Assosa, Bahir Dar and Gondar. I have seen God comforting and encouraging many and giving them the strength and ability to run the race ahead of them. I thank God for everything.
NCM Field Staff Pastor Endale



The good news reached 240 people from the Amhara community, resulting in 5 individuals accepting Christ. Those 5 people are now currently undergoing discipleship. **NCM Field Staff Pastor Endale Gebeyehu**



RELIEF PROJECTS

GARRE RELIEF PROJECT



“The Garre people have been passing through various hardships in the past couple of years. Because of the drought they lost literally everything. They lost all their possessions- their cattle, camels, goats, and donkeys.

Since they are pastoralists their main income comes from animal production. This implies that they lost their household income. They couldn't feed their family; they don't send their kids to school and so on. As a result they are vulnerable for waterborne diseases, malnutrition and other kinds of diseases. Their livelihood has been hit to the level of losing their precious lives, particularly children, old and disabled people.

Because of this, a relief project was established for the Garre people. The project involved purchasing food items from the nearby markets and identifying the most vulnerable individuals - elders, women, and destitute people - inviting them to a central location where the food was distributed. Before the distribution, the Love of God and the Gospel of Jesus was preached for over 20 minutes, touching the hearts of the Garre people. Appreciation was expressed towards NCM and the food items were distributed among 400 households, positively impacting more than 2000 people.

*The elders of the community expressed their gratitude for the support provided by NCM, which had stood with them during difficult times. They said “Thanks to God and NCM, we felt there is someone on our side. We feel happiness and encouragement. This help is more than a relief, it is rather blessings from God. In this time of difficulty, New Covenant Missions has been standing with us. We got support from NCM three times, school supplies for our kids, and counseling from its staff. We witnessed the love of God!” The project highlighted the importance of NCM in the community, and it was agreed that a sustainable water project would be the next initiative after the rainy season. Relief aid is crucial in saving lives, and the intervention was much appreciated by the Garre people.” **Horn of Africa Regional Director Garedeew Assefa***



ETHIOPIA WIDOW PROJECT

In Ethiopia there is no system in place to take care of the elderly widows. While many of them have homes to sleep in, most of them have no money for food or medicine, many are disabled, and some are even trying to take care of young Orphans who have lost their parents! This leaves them no choice but to beg on the streets all day long. Through one of our church partners at **Mehal Bahir Dar Meserete Kristos Widows Care Center**, we show the widows the love of Christ by providing a shelter with food, small business trainings and social activities. Most of the women in this project do not follow Jesus, but every day we play audio bibles and Christian films to educate them about the love of Christ! Currently **29** vulnerable widows, **54** of their orphaned grandchildren, and **7** voluntary workers, totaling 90 individuals are being supported. Since we started the widow project, **7** widows accepted Christ into their lives.

We have been supporting this project for nearly two years now, but our funding is about to run out and we need your help! The budget need to keep this project going is \$1,600 per month. This provides food, clothing, Medicines, social support, job training and more. Additionally this provides school clothing, supplies, medicines, and food for orphans. Please consider a one time gift or possibly a yearly commitment to keep this project going. Every dollar really makes an impact!

“This project is like a family to me. When I am sick, it is the project that supports me. Additionally, the sanitation materials I receive from the project every month are greatly beneficial to me. Please convey my heartfelt regards and blessings to all those who have supported us in various ways. I pray for them regularly.”

“There is no one who can support me like this project does. It means everything to me. I once broke my leg due to a fall, and the workers stood by my side, ensuring I received proper medical treatment. Now, my leg is healed. The daily food I receive from the project is my main source of support.”

“I’ve been in this project from the start. My relatives, including my children, aren’t here because I’m a born again Christian. This project is really important to me. Thankfully, some of my relatives are starting to understand who Jesus is. I pray they’ll also accept Jesus into their lives. Thank you to everyone who supports us.”



SOGIDO (BLOOD VILLAGE) KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL

75 children are being provided free education at our school in Ethiopia. This reduces the chance of child trafficking by an estimated 50% and has opened the door to the gospel in this village of 12,000 people that was once totally Unreached. Now over 10% are following Jesus!

Our Kindergarten school works in partnership with our mission work. Teachers, Church Planters, families, and the communities are all actively involved. This partnership has led to positive changes in the children's lives. A few years ago, we were forced to buy a piece of land to build the Kindergarten School but now, seeing the impact, they want us to expand it and are even offering to give us a large piece of land for a new school. The difference is really visible.

More children are now attending school, and child abductions have decreased. School dropouts have also gone down, and the students' academic performance stands out compared to other rural areas where school performance is usually lower. The community is also happy with the school since we feed their kids once per school period, which boosts the kids' performance. Most importantly, it opens doors for us to move from place to place, house to house, and deliver our message to the community.

NCM Horn of Africa Director Garede Assefa

