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You help change lives like Mekedes' *with Jesus' love!*



God worked mightily through your support of the mission work in Ethiopia last October and, despite the pandemic, many people were reached at every level of society with the Gospel.

Many lives were turned back to Christ, and many people began discipleship training to strengthen their walk with Jesus.

Mekedes Sileshi is a great example of how you help bring lasting change in people's lives as you help fuel this kind of mission work and the essential follow-up with discipleship.

"I am the fruit of the Student Discipleship Program," Mekedes says.

During the Ethiopian Mission, she came up to a team leader with a big smile and shared her spiritual journey that your support helped make possible:

"Twelve years ago, as a high school student, I attended two rounds of the Student Discipleship Program in a city called Shashamane.

"My soul rejoiced with the biblical education I received, which added more hunger inside of me for God's Word. It impacted my life so much that I started thinking and praying to become a minister of the Gospel.

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You're training leaders like Gloria and Luke *to share the truth of God's Word more effectively*

The Pastors' Training you help provide is a game-changer in equipping leaders like Gloria and Luke to partner with you in teaching God's Word and spreading the Gospel.

Gloria Boadi says, "You have changed my life and you have added value to my personality. I was shy and did not know how to preach. However, after the first year of training, I gained confidence and began to evangelise in my community."

She's a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Kumasi and explains: "My church recognised my passion and appointed me as the evangelism coordinator for our district. Currently, I have 48 churches under my supervision. I also have 150 young people that I am training in evangelism. We go out twice a week to evangelise. Through my team, we have planted two churches! I owe it to African Enterprise and Pastors' Training Centre."



Luke Obeng is deeply thankful for what God has done in his life through you and the way the Pastors' Training has changed how he preaches God's Word.

He is an elder in the Church of Pentecost and used to preach before he joined the PTC, but says the course has shown him the areas where he deviated from the Scriptures.

He's now changed his way of preaching and says, "I make good use of the course manual, in fact I teach from the books given to me. I am blessed and I have been appointed as the Evangelism Director in the district."

"I have a public address system mounted on my car which I use to preach the Gospel in my community." Luke prays that God will use him mightily to win more souls for the kingdom of God!

Thank you for helping to equip pastors like Gloria and Luke – and multiplying your impact in transforming lives by sharing God's Word more effectively!



Thank you for equipping pastors and leaders to teach God's Word and spread the Gospel!

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"After finishing high school, I went to university and studied hydraulic engineering. As I graduated, I took quality prayer time before God to identify my purpose in life. I realised that my passion is to become a missionary and preach the Gospel. After getting married to a Christian brother who has a similar purpose for life, we went to a place called Sikela for mission work. It is now two years as missionaries.

"I praise the Lord for African Enterprise Ethiopia. Perhaps you may not know how impactful the program is.

"But I am a testimony to the effect that it is because of AEE's discipleship program that my life is rooted in Jesus, I have a biblical outlook of life, and I even dared to become a missionary with my university education in another profession.

"Praise God, and thank you!"



You help disciple students and train leaders through your support!

God is working through you... to raise up Champions



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Thank you for being a champion for the Gospel by showing God's love to young people like Manishimwe through the 'Centre for Champions' in Rwanda.

By educating and equipping young people in need with vocational training in construction, hairdressing, welding, electrical work and tailoring, you're enabling them to escape poverty.

Manishimwe is grateful for how you're helping young people like her. She shares:

"I was born in a poor family of six children. My father and mother quarrelled. A time came when our father chased our mother and all of us children out of the house!

"We were so desperate. Many times, we did not have food. When my mother could not pay our school fees, sadly we all dropped out of school. It was a traumatising experience for me and my siblings to drop out of school. I used to perform very well and had a dream of completing my education and caring for my mother and siblings."

Manishimwe says, "I would ask God to help me return to school" – and then God used friends like you to answer her prayer! She explains ...



"My cousin told me about the Centre for Champions, which supports needy children like me. She told me that I should go and try!

"God's mighty hand was upon me, because I was immediately registered and allowed to join the Centre for Champions!

"My heart was so full of praise to God for taking me back to school. When I started my studies at the Centre for Champions, a ray of hope returned into my heart. I had regular meals, and everything I needed for survival. We also had Bible studies that enabled me to know about God's love and care for me."

Here's what's most exciting about what your support makes possible. She says:

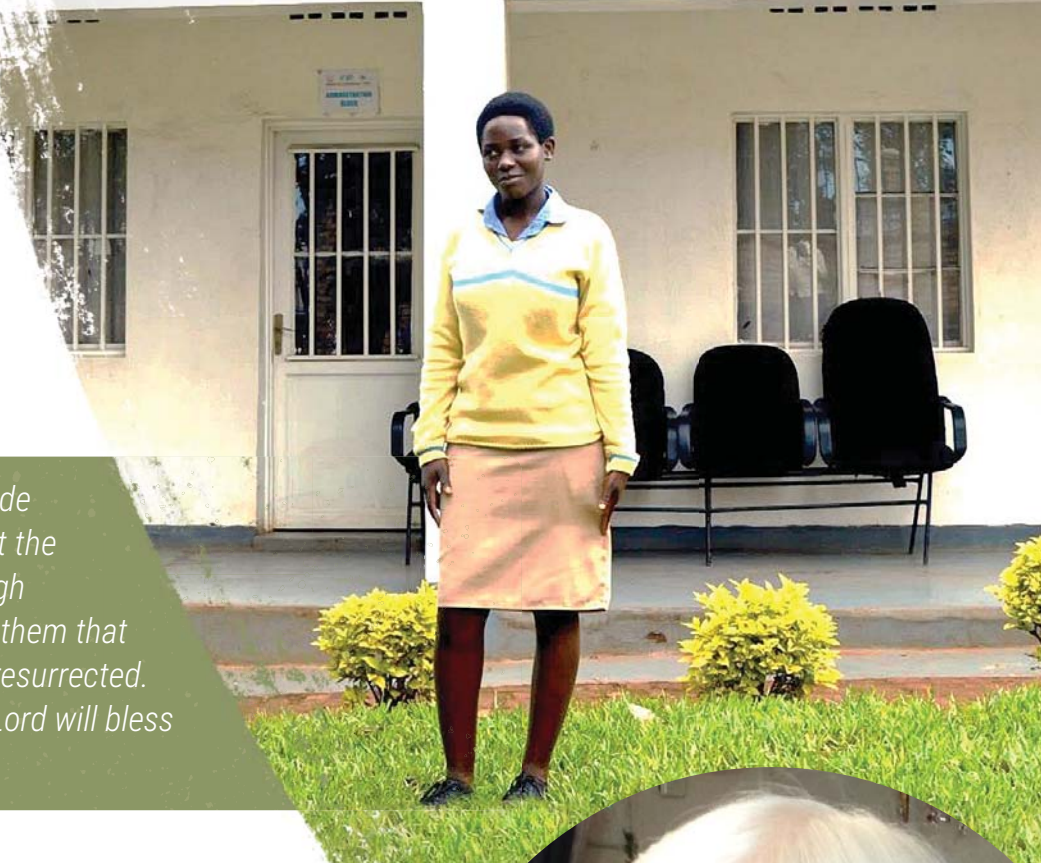
"After about two years of listening to the Gospel, I decided to give my life to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. This was a major turning point in my life: I got a lot of peace in my heart, which I did not have before!"

And now as a result of doing vocational training in construction, she has hope for a better future.

"Life at home has started taking a turn for the better, and I'm so thankful to God!"

Manishimwe also expresses her deep thanks to you:

"My heart is so full of gratitude to all the people that support the Centre for Champions through AE Rwanda! It is because of them that my future hopes have been resurrected. It's my prayer that the good Lord will bless you abundantly!"



Spotlight on Ethiopia



LOCATION
EASTERN AFRICA



SURFACE AREA
1.13 MILLION KM²



POPULATION
100 MILLION



OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
AMHARIC

MAJOR LANGUAGES
AMHARIC, OROMO, TIGRINYA & SOMALI



You're Discipling Students

One of the critical mission ministries you help make possible in Ethiopia is the Student Discipleship Program.

The program is aimed at anyone from the age of five up until young adulthood. With your support, its core goals are:

- Equipping students to grow in their faith in God, to develop a more solid understanding of the Bible, and to have a desire and ability to reach out to their peers with the Gospel.
- Training youth in basic leadership skills and equipping them to grow as effective Christian youth leaders in a changing world.

How you can pray for Ethiopia

- Please pray for an increased interest in the part of the churches to become more interested in the Akaki Kaliti Mission in this time of pandemic.
- Pray for peace and stability in parts of the country that have experienced violent confrontations.

Be inspired by Joan's "heart for Africa"

Like you, AE supporter Joan Thornton has a passion to change lives in Africa by showing God's love in Word and Deed – and she wrote this to share her story:

I agree completely that "You can leave Africa, but Africa won't leave you". I heard about African Enterprise while I was in Tanzania sent by the Church Missionary Society to be Secretary to the Bishop of Central Tanganyika back in 1970.

I was also the driver mostly on safari, with the first African Bishop most of the 13 years I was there. In dozens of villages I visited, I saw the work of African Enterprise through food distribution, hygiene and sanitation provided, medical help and of course with all practical help came the [mission] workers who also told of

the hope and blessings of knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

I have been back to visit over the years, and African Enterprise is still doing wonderful and much needed outreach work in Africa. – Joan

Thank you for partnering with Joan and many others with your support to keep this mission going!



A message for you **FROM STEPHEN**

2020 was an unprecedented year around the world, and I want to thank you for your prayerful support throughout the entire year.

Before COVID-19 struck, our National Teams had, as usual, lined up citywide missions across the continent. These plans were, however, scattered by a global pandemic that threatened not only our short-term plans for last year, but also the viability of our missions in the near future.

Praise be to the Lord, God of the harvest, who has enabled your African Enterprise to keep the mission of evangelising the cities of Africa through Word and Deed going.

This African Harvest highlights what God has done through the inaugural Home-Based Evangelism missions, while also showcasing some of the other ways in which God has continued to enable and use African Enterprise to minister in Word and Deed across our cities.

My immense gratitude goes to all our financial and prayer partners whose unwavering support has made it possible for AE to continue ministering in and out of season, even under extremely challenging times.

We look ahead into 2021 with great expectation for what God has in store. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, will have a series of youth and leadership outreaches in the build-up to a full-fledged citywide mission this year.

I welcome us all to share this moment of joyful thanksgiving for what the Lord has done, and prayerful anticipation of the great things He has in store for the remaining part of the year.



Stephen Mbogo

African Enterprise International Team Leader/CEO



Upcoming Missions

Your prayers and support are requested for 2021's upcoming missions across Africa ...

19–28 March	Ghana – Lome, Togo
1–31 May	AESAR – Mutare, Zimbabwe
15–23 May	South Africa – Durban
20–27 June	Rwanda – Kayonza
1–11 July	Kenya – Mombasa West
22–29 August	Tanzania – Dar es Salaam
3 October	DRC – Kinshasa South, Moamba District
TBC	Uganda – Jinja
TBC	Ethiopia – Yeka Abado

**Please note: Mission dates are subject to change due to the ever-changing political situations in Africa.*



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