

# HARVEST

AUTUMN 2020

## Many lives transformed in Arba Minch *- thanks to your support!*

**With your help, a mission was held last December in Arba Minch, Ethiopia, an area that has been heavily impacted by social problems like homelessness, prostitution and drugs.**

The young and transient population still adheres to ancestral spirit worship and increasingly holds post-modern relativistic views. False doctrines have also been weakening the Church.

Before the mission, AE team leader Mel Mesfin conducted a series of training workshops and mobilised 32 churches to engage 150 volunteers. In December, they took to the streets to engage in witnessing, visiting schools, daily university missions, prison ministry and holding gatherings in local churches.

Thanks to your generosity, 114 children saw Jesus' love in action as they were given school materials. More than 30 government, business and church leaders were reached through an inspiring leadership dinner, and 20 couples in leadership roles participated in a day

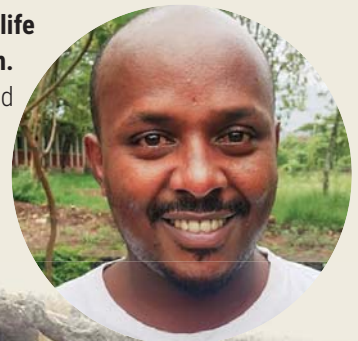
seminar to strengthen their marriages using biblical principles.

The preservation phase will continue for the next six months to help churches integrate new believers into Bible-study groups and disciple them.

### **Tamirat is one of the people whose life was transformed during the mission.**

He came from a Christian background – however, 14 years ago he forsook his faith for a life of drinking, drugs and immorality.

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114 children saw Jesus' love in action as you helped provide school materials through this mission.

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As time went by, Tamirat realised the happiness he sought from the world wasn't there. He became miserably poor and was despised by the community. Abandoned by his friends, and physically ill, he realised how hopeless his life had become.

During the mission, Tamirat recommitted his life to Jesus. He says:

*"I am so sorry that I vanished half of my life. I terribly deceived myself. Hereafter, I want to make the best use of my life because I have now clung back to Jesus. He is so good that He accepted me back to the fold. I want to get stronger in the faith and then go out to preach the Gospel to many people who live in the dark."*

Thank you for your generous support and prayers for the mission in Arba Minch!

Moving forward, due to the present coronavirus situation, necessary changes are being made to the roll-out of current and future missions across Africa. The focus will shift to digital and distanced support through "Media Evangelism" and phone support lines for counselling and prayer.

Please continue to pray for believers like Tamirat, and for the churches to experience continued growth, unity and spiritual maturity in this ever-changing time.

## Pray for 100,000 decisions for Christ in 2020

**Thank you for engaging in the Great Commission in Africa, and please continue to pray for lives, communities, cities and nations to be transformed in 2020.**



## New team of Foxfires being trained with your help

**The 2020 Foxfires Kenya Team is anticipating a year that will greatly impact the youth of Kenya, and enrich their lives individually!**

During their recent orientation, your young brothers and sisters were encouraged from 1 Timothy 4:13 to set an example of excellence so that the world might testify of God's goodness.

Already, the 2020 Kenyan Foxfires have become a strong team and have added value to Nairobi Chapel Karen, the church where they will be based this year. As well as serving in the church and engaging in youth outreaches during the year, the Foxfires team will receive training in theology, leadership and practical life skills.

In February, last year's Foxfires returned to mentor the new team and assist them with their first outreaches. These graduates are now making a profound impact in their respective spheres of influence. One youth shared:

*"Before they came, I had started following wrong peers who had introduced me to drugs. The Foxfires came in at the beginning of the term and their first topic was how to overcome peer pressure. It was like they knew my story! That was what I needed.*

*"It produced in me a deep desire for change. I was able to take their advice and leave bad company and negative influence. I am now free! But more so, I have accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, which makes all the difference."*

Thank you for investing in Foxfire teams to help them share the Gospel across Africa. Please pray that the new team of Foxfires in Kenya will grow spiritually and be used by the Lord to lead many young people to Jesus this year!

# MEET

## Bishop Guide Makore

**Bishop Guide Makore is an evangelist and team leader for African Enterprise Zimbabwe.**

**He shares some of his journey...**

**Q: When did you become a Christian?**

A: My childhood was difficult with a mostly absent father. At 14, I came across a tent crusade and heard the Gospel. The words affected me powerfully, and I accepted Christ into my life.

**Q: How did you begin your ministry?**

A: The new converts from the tent meetings kept meeting weekly but they could not support a minister. One day some ladies in the church asked me to preach – even though I didn't have a Bible. I joined the local Scripture Union and was given a Bible. The congregation was thrilled by my message, so I became the preacher at age 15. I later joined the Foxfires, attended Bible college, planted churches in several countries, served as Chairman of the Bible Society, and then joined AE.



**Q: What would you say to encourage the AE family today?**

A: God does not call the qualified, but he qualifies the called. Do not be limited by your background or past experiences. God can turn your trials into triumph according to Ephesians 3:20. I challenge you to give opportunity to those budding, passionate, gifted people who may lack the means and encouragement.

## Malawi needs the Living Water of Jesus

**Although four out of five Malawians rely on agriculture for income, less than 3% of the land is irrigated – so hope for a better life often runs dry.**

But with your help, African Enterprise has been proclaiming the Gospel in Malawi for over 30 years, bringing the Living Water of Jesus in both word and deed. AE Malawi has also been involved with water and sanitation projects and, since 2009, has run a women's vocational training centre.

In the last year, food insecurity has reached crisis point with a sharp increase in the price of maize. But your support helps supply maize and legumes to families at risk including child-headed households, widows and the elderly.

You're also helping to transform lives with God's love and wisdom through AE's Management and Leadership Development Training Centre, which offers a course in practical strategic management for community leaders.

*Pray for the upcoming mission in Malawi – so together we can pour out Jesus' love on this nation and see lives changed at every level of society!*



# Message to you from **STEPHEN MBOGO**



Dear Friend,

Last year with your help, more than one million people heard the Gospel and at least 120,223 people made a commitment to the Lord. Isn't that incredible?

Now our teams are preparing for more missions this year, and it's exciting to see an increasing number of associate evangelists being equipped for ministry.

With the continued surge in Africa's population, I can't help but think of the Lord's cry...

**"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field" (Luke 10:2).**

Your generous support makes a profound impact in Africa as we work together to reach every sphere of society with the Gospel.

AE missions not only win people to Christ but also serve as a practical training ground for evangelism – and they build great momentum!

You see, once those mission workers you help train return to their various cities and churches, they go sharpened, charged and inspired to carry out similar stratified evangelistic missions in their own cities and neighbourhoods – and God's kingdom *continues* to expand!

Thank you for any gift you'd like to send today to keep building that momentum to transform lives with Jesus' love. I'm grateful for you!

Grace and truth be with you,

**Stephen Mbogo**

African Enterprise International Team Leader/CEO

## Upcoming Missions

**Your prayers and support are requested for the upcoming missions across Africa ...**

<b>18-27 September</b>	Makindye & Kampala, Uganda
<b>22-29 September</b>	Kinsasha West, DRC
<b>7-11 October</b>	Zomba, Malawi (AESAR)
<b>10-11 October</b>	Durban, South Africa
<b>23-27 December</b>	Akaki Kaliti, Ethiopia

*We anticipate that much of our training and evangelism work will be both online and through social action activities through our medical clinics and acts of service to support cities through the coronavirus pandemic. Churches need our help to evangelise and show the love of Jesus more than ever in this new era.*



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