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Dear IPM Prayer Partners and Supporters,

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Even though we were not able to gather due to the pandemic, we are thankful for the help of our Lord in so many ways. We are praying for the government to allow us to gather again. We are thankful for the IPM family who are paying attention and continuing to ask us about our needs (both physical and monetary) and stood with us in our time of need.

During the pandemic, men were able to get together for all churches services, including Bible studies and prayer times. We were conducting a family Bible study in every home (members were given study material for the book of Ephesians). It is went very well and members have been strengthened in their family worship and family spiritual life. Our weeknight Bible study (Tuesdays) has continued with a limited attendance. Our weekly prayer time has also continued, and we are earnestly praying for the work of evangelism, salvation of souls, the general situation in the land, and the 27 districts which we desire to reach out to in the North Shewa zone.

There is an ongoing distribution of tracts and evangelistic literature, by myself and two brothers who are working as evangelists among us. This effort continues every week from Monday to Saturday and we have distributed over 300 tracts, and other evangelistic booklets. Through this evangelistic outreach we have made many good contacts, and over 200 people took the time to hear the gospel. Among them nine were saved, please thank God for these saved ones. They are now participating in discipleship lessons and will soon be baptized to join us in membership.

MEMBERS AND NEW BELIEVERS VISITS

We have regular visits with members and new believers and we follow up with those who promised to come to church. The people whom we visit or follow up with have expressed their joy, this makes us thankful before the Lord and encouraged to do more for the glory of our Lord.

PROJECT

One of our projects and concerns was to purchase enough chairs for everyone. We proposed to buy 50 plastic chairs and because of the funds that were sent to us, we were able to purchase the chairs. We are thankful for your hard work to make it possible.

PRAYER ITEMS

There is plenty to do in the 27 districts of North Shewa, but we are facing challenges, and we ask you to pray for the following challenges we face:

* We need a proper place to gather. We don't know why, but both buying and renting are now extremely expensive, but we can get a place to rent for about \$350 to \$400 per month. Please pray for us to be able to rent a place to gather to effectively continue the work in the city of Debre Birhan. This place would be a stepping stone to reach other districts in the regional zone.

* We have submitted an application to the city mayor's office to get a plot of land. Please pray for the mayor's cabinet to consider the application and give us a plot of land on which to have our own place of worship and it would be a starting point to evangelize other areas.

* When things are back to normal, we would be happy and grateful if someone would come to teach us on issues relevant to us in the faith and the work of evangelism. The teaching we received from Dr. Callahan, Brother Matthew Barfield, and Dr. Seth Mohenu is still in our hearts and minds and strengthened our stand for the truth of our faith.

* The pandemic has impacted people in several ways. One of the many problems is fear - fear of talking, fear of hearing, fear of being approached, and uncertainty. Please pray for things to return to normal so that people will relax and hear the gospel and be saved by the grace of the Lord.

* The country as a whole needs your prayers, too, there are political problems in so many places. Please pray for peace and stability up and down the land.

Our plan, desire, and prayer is that our church plant (Debre Birhan Baptist Church) will be a beacon of light for the area and be a church that will plant more churches. Please pray for us to fulfill the great commission in the North Shewa regional zone.

Debre Birhan Baptist Church (picture taken in 2019)



Thank you for your prayers and monthly financial support. It is a great encouragement to help us continue in our service for the Lord.

Kind regards,
Sepsibe and Sinafikish Alemu Birru

Contributions for our ministry should be made payable to IPM and sent to IPM, Inc., 100 Spring Ave., Hanover, PA 17331. Be sure to include a note designating "Birru Support" or any other special designation you may have for us. Thank you.

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Thank you so much.

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