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Pastors Conference in Addis Ababa by ECFE
Evangelical Church Fellowship of Ethiopia
3500 pastors gathered!

Guestspeakers were:

Peter Wenz, Gospel Forum, Stuttgart

Ben Kroeske, The River, Amsterdam

Peter de Fin, Acts Church, Johannesburg

Dear Friends,

a little over two weeks ago, I returned from Addis Ababa, where we held a very blessed pastors' conference. On the last day, 3,500 pastors were in attendance, including the leaders of all the major denominations in Ethiopia. It was a historic day—the 50th anniversary of the “Evangelical Church Fellowship of Ethiopia” (ECFE). Fifty years ago, the theme was “The Holy Spirit,” and at that time they were divided over this topic because many did not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit or the gifts of the Spirit. Today things are different, because now they all believe in signs and wonders and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Peter Wenz, Pastor Peter de Fin from Johannesburg, and Pastor Ben Kroeske from Amsterdam were the keynote speakers. We were told that they had never before had speakers from outside their own community, nor had they ever held such a blessed conference. Now they plan to hold a conference like this every year. The theme of the entire conference was “The Holy Spirit,” for He is the key to fulfilling the Great Commission. Each speaker emphasized a different aspect: The Holy

Spirit is the anointing of God, the fire of God, the love of God, the faith of God, and the power of God. He is the Healer of all our pains and diseases. These 3,500 pastors came from all denominations who represent approximately 40 million evangelical Christians in Ethiopia. This movement has grown so strongly that it is now the second-largest group in Ethiopia, after the Orthodox Church. Muslims have been pushed into third place. I know of no country that currently has such favorable spiritual conditions as Ethiopia. Thirty years ago it was still a communist country. Pastor Dereje Tafesse, with whom I have been working for 18 years, organized this conference after being elected president of the ECFE. He is the youngest person ever to hold this office. "Now we need a mission training center," he tells me, "and we've already received the land for it from the city of Addis Ababa. Out of over 1,000 applications for land, 11 applicants were granted land—and we're among them. There, we plan to train and send out local missionaries who, in turn, will evangelize and plant new churches."

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the donations we've received. We now have the funds to make a €40,000 down payment to the city of Addis Ababa, because 28 families who still live on the land need to be resettled, and we must pay each family a compensation payment of €5,000. We're only €100,000 short.

In 10 days, we'll be heading to Ethiopia for our next evangelistic outreach. Thank you so much for your tremendous help and partnership. God is at work saving entire nations in these last days, and it's exciting to see what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world.

Warmest regards, abundant blessings, and I wish you a wonderful summer!

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