

An Evangelism Ministry is Transformed in Ethiopia

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Earlier in September, I unexpectedly met a young man from Ethiopia named Eyasu Zegeye who attended the first Vision Conference Darrow and I held in his country in 1999. I was thrilled to learn through him some of the incredible things God has done and is doing because of the messages we shared. I brought Eyasu with me to [local] churches to tell about the fruit born – at least in part - through our teaching.

Eyasu was one of two young men in their early twenties who attended that 1999 Vision Conference in Addis Ababa. The other 200+/- participants were denominational leaders, seminary professors, senior pastors, and lay church leaders. These two young men were doing traditional evangelism (their ministry is called “Win Souls for God”) among street children but, as Eyasu told me, “without much effect.” Because of their ministry to street kids, their Sunday School leader invited them to attend the conference because he thought that they might gain some insight into strengthening their ministry.



I remember them because we asked them to share their story with the conference participants, and we took an offering to encourage them. Eyasu says that the Holy Spirit spoke to them through what they heard in the sense that they clearly saw that the Gospel must be demonstrated as well as verbally proclaimed. After the conference these young men and their friends immediately began to use the tools they had acquired at our training. As they applied their new learning, Eyasu told me that their ministry team experienced a remarkable increase in the fruit of their work.

Yesterday I received an updated report from the other member of this duo, Gizachew Akaya, who leads the ministry in Ethiopia. Here are some of the details:

Win Souls for God’s Vision: “To see improvement and change in people’s lives spiritually, economically, socially and physically.”

Target Group:

- Poor and Working Children – 40%
- Street People – 40%
- Commercial Sex Workers – 15%
- Young Criminals – 5%



Programs in 2009:

- School for high risk children – 815 beneficiaries
- Feeding program for poor children and their mothers – 218 Children + 210 mothers are beneficiaries
- Health and HIV/AIDS education and community mobilization – 6356 beneficiaries
- Street boys and girls income generating program – 106 beneficiaries
- Former street boys and girls income generating program – 53 beneficiaries
- Income generating for working children program – 30 boys + 20 girls are beneficiaries
- Sex workers income generating program – 24 girls + 6 of their children are beneficiaries
- Independent boys and girls home – 18 boys and 2 girls are beneficiaries
- Child labor awareness – program – 11,780 beneficiaries
- These and other programs have impacted roughly 30,000 people this year



Staff: 80 paid + 35 part time volunteers

By the time Eyasu left Ethiopia a few years ago, he told me that approximately 8,000 street kids had committed their lives to follow Jesus.

I share this so that you can rejoice with me over what God has done. What a joy to have had a small part in encouraging Eyasu and Gizachew.

Visit Win Souls for God on the web at www.wsg-street.org or email them at wsg@ethionet.et

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