

Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute Report

A Special Time and Place?



Last month this Newsletter was entitled “Reminiscences” which was meant to consider those times of reflection that occasionally come to each of us. The above picture was taken by Joe Boe upon the start of the second year of our first class of AABTI students. I would ask each of you to pray that these men, in the years ahead, will look back upon the time and place pictured above as a very special time and place in their lives and that their future will be a productive one that also yields the joyful “reminiscences” we all experience at various times in our lives.

Pray, as well, that many Ethiopians will thank God that they have been blessed to come to know the plans and purposes of God through the individual efforts of these men. May their lives intersect

with many in Ethiopia to create, through the knowledge of God's word and the work of His Spirit, truly "new life" in many Ethiopians. At this point in time neither you nor I will know who we are praying these men will bless. But we know that God will be pleased with the "new life" that is brought to others through the loving proclamation of the "Good News" that these men will bring to others.

Also pray that these men will be used to bring this "Good News" to not just the rural poor of Ethiopia, but to the exploding masses in the newly burgeoning and bustling Urban Centers that are creating challenging, and hopefully invigorating, new environments for many Ethiopians.

Moreover, pray (presently, actively, and "futurely") that God's Word will have its/His way in the lives of an increasingly young nation due to its "exploding masses" as noted above. It truly is amazing to see and experience the changes occurring in this rapid shift in the character of the "population" of Ethiopia as it becomes more and more young and less and less rural as those "young" leave their family's rural, very humble "homes" and move to the cities in Ethiopia (most often to even less humble places to lay their heads).

And pray that all the rural and city churches in Ethiopia increasingly recognize the blessing they can be to their fellow citizens through truly living as "lights set upon a hill."

Blessings to all,

Jim Wilson and the Students and Staff of the AABTI