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Dear Brethren,

May God's riches blessings be upon you. I am writing to express my appreciation to you for your prayers and encouragement for my recent trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to teach in the Sunset International Bible Institute Extension School. I departed from Houston July 8th and returned August 16th. It is always a blessing to be afforded the opportunity to go and teach and a blessing to return home.

Twenty young men from different Sudanese Refugee Camps though out Ethiopia (5), attended the Preachers Training School. They were very raw when we begin our studies together, but grew in knowledge and wisdom daily. Test scores, questions, chapel sermons, etc. demonstrated their growth in the Word. It's amazing how much a person can learn when they have a thirst to. Brother Roy Dunavin of Fort Smith, Arkansas, arrived Wednesday before I departed and will continue the classes through September 11th.

During the five week period I was privileged to teach: Old Testament History, Acts, First & Second Timothy and Titus. Since my teaching partner, Lynn Campbell, could not accompany me due to illness, I taught all of the classes. I limited my teaching to six hours a day to conserve my voice. I also had the privilege to preach at the compound every Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening. In addition at the Cabana Sudanese Refugee Camp every Sunday Evening. Twenty were added to the Body during the five week period.

It is a true blessing to have the opportunity to train preachers. As mentioned, all the students have been living in refugee camps in Ethiopia. Their desire is to return to the Sudan and teach their families and friends when it is safe to do so. The opportunities are presently poor at best as the Muslims are in power and kill infidels, Christians.

Thursday August 6th, one of the students, Koat Witthiel, came to class very upset and began talking to the other students in Sudanese language. When I questioned him he said, "I just received news Muslims raided the village where me and several of the students are from originally," Close to the Blue Nile River in Southern Sudan, " and they killed one hundred and eighty of our people." This is not uncommon.

The good news is there is a strong movement to divide the Sudan into two Nations. The Muslims would occupy the Northern Nation and the Christians, as they understand Christianity, would

occupy the Southern Nation. The hope is for this to culminate before the end of 2011. When this happens the refugees can return to their country and the students we have trained over the years (approximately 90) can return to their home land and preach and teach. Pray! Pray! Pray!

A few of the previously trained students have returned to the Sudan and are preaching in and around the Juba area. A few others have moved close to the Ethiopia-Sudan border and go in and out of the Sudan to teach. The majority have returned to their refugee camps to teach and preach until they can safely return to the Sudan. Most of the present class will return to their respective refugee camps in Ethiopia and teach and preach.

Many of the previous graduates have continued their education while in Addis Abba at the university, receiving degrees in nursing, communications, business, etc. They will be welcomed in the Sudan when the time is right. They will be blessed to be self supported as well as respected in the community. This will hopefully open many doors to teach the Truth. Be assured God is at work to accomplish his will.

This trip was a little more trying than past trips due to a shortage of water. Last years rainy season failed to produce an adequate rain supply resulting in several problems. For many weeks water was hauled in containers from long distances, needless to say bathing was very limited. In addition we usually got electricity every other day or so. The internet worked when I could get on line and when it wanted too, and there was no television or radio. There was adequate food and comfortable housing. I emailed my wife and told her, "Good News, I'm having frequent candle light dinners. Bad news, you are not here to enjoy them with me."

It is hard to believe just how great America is until you spend some time away in the third world countries. Most of our exposure to third world countries is on vacations when we go to multi million dollar resorts or hotels. One only needs to travel ten or so miles from that facility to see the real world and it is not so pretty. But there is always a need for the gospel to be preached.

I am very appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of this exciting effort to further the Gospel into the world. Thank you very much for the confidence you entrusted in me and the fellowship with me through your prayers and financial support making it reality. The students really enjoyed the books and CD. Only heaven will reveal the rewards.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

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