

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

April 2010

I am in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as I write this newsletter. If it were not for you, I would not be here. If it were not for you, I would not have seen hundreds pray to receive Christ and receive free Bible lessons that will encourage them in their spiritual growth. We continue to fulfill the purpose of forming “*Abiding Above Ministries*” and upholding our commitment to our mission statement, “*To share the gospel with every person, to encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.*”

Jesus said, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed*”

My friend, this is who we are, and this is what we continue to do. There is no waste of time, resources, or energy. Thank you for making this happen, right where you are, as you pray and give to this ministry. Your gift is neither too small, nor too large. It is multiplying 10 fold because you give faithfully. Soon you will hear these tender words, “*Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.*”

I am including a few pictures of our ministry in Ethiopia. You know a picture is worth a



thousand words. I preached a leadership conference that was attended by at least 1,000 leaders. Remember, ministry to ministers and leaders is ministry to multitudes. These leaders will go back to their own churches all over Ethiopia and share with their own people what we have shared with them. I also conducted a prison tour across Ethiopia where we saw hundreds pray to receive Christ. And then, I spoke to many students of a large university in the capital city of Addis Ababa. Look at all that has been accomplished in the two weeks I have been here.

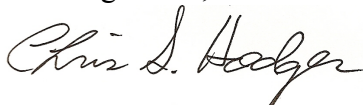
Chris on his preaching tour of Ethiopian prisons.

Together let's pray for our country. Something is happening in our nation and our local churches. It is true; we have lost our first love. I want to encourage you, *"Do not let your heart be troubled."* I believe if it were not for the days in which we presently live, we would not be turning our hearts back to God, and be aware that we are losing our Republic. The alarm is sounding in America, the land that we love. I encourage you to make your single voice heard when you vote at the polls. This is what you should do as you pray for America. Thank you, thank you, thank you! And may God bless America!

Israel Trip - October 10-19, 2010:

We invite you to come to an informational meeting to be held at the Germantown Library on April 27th from 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm. Our coordinator for this trip, Cheryl Gardner will be there to answer any questions you may have. And remember, a \$300.00 non-refundable deposit is due by June 5th with final payment for the trip costing \$3485.00 per person is due in full by July 5th.

Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges
President
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Colossians 3:1-3

Chris preaching at a church Leadership Conference.



Abiding Above Ministries donates money to help children born in prison.

PS – Please visit our web site, www.abidingabove.org. Go to the bottom of the page and click the Facebook icon to view our most recent pictures and videos of this wonderful trip.