

Dear Friend of **ABIDING ABOVE**,

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E T H I O P I A C R U S A D E

THOUSANDS COME TO CHRIST IN DILLA

I am writing this newsletter to you from Ethiopia, Africa and there is an overwhelming sense of 'well done' among my crusade team members. I very much wish you could have been here with me, and looked out upon the vast crowds, as I preached to the multitudes. It just about takes your breath



away to see them, and to see the different expressions on their faces. I would say 'searching for real hope' was the predominant expression I saw as I preached for three days. It moved me to tears as I



listened to thousands upon thousands pray to receive Christ, finding real hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who we know is our only hope. How many were saved? During the invitation thousands moved forward to the front of the stage until there was no more room. Many more just knelt down where they were to pray the sinners' prayer with me. Thousands were swept into God's kingdom!

Steve Rogers, along with Jamie and Dana Parker, did a wonderful job of leading the people in the most beautiful songs of our faith. The people would just light up when they would begin to sing. Their favorite was Steve's song that he wrote, "I'm Accepted." Steve played the keyboard as he led the team, African Choirs, and people in our worship to God.



The Adrian Rogers Pastor Training went very well, with more than 250 pastors in Awasa, Ethiopia. The moment they saw Dr. Rogers teaching on the screen, they were saying to one another, "What a man of God." They walked away from the training happy in Jesus, with a conference notebook and all the sessions on DVD's under their arm as a gift from PTI.

I wanted to save room in this newsletter for the wonderful photographs of our ministry by my good friend, Greg Taylor. Thank you so much for praying for me and giving so this could happen. Just think- you had a part in this! You sent me, and look what happened. I am so grateful to you. Please continue to support me monthly. If it is possible, increase your support. I need you and thank God for you. More people were saved at this crusade than we see saved in years in our community. This is what you are supporting.



Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3