



The Harvest

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." (Proverbs 25:25 NIV)

The Harvest is a monthly publication of EvaSUE dedicated to sharing the latest news with our partners.

Updates

We had a graduation program for the second time within the same academic year. The late graduation was necessary because of the COVID-19 lockdown. Since receiving their degrees, graduates have been given trainings on the topics of professional mission, national responsibility, work ethics, and serving local churches after graduation.

First year students have joined their assigned universities and colleges. The number of students that have joined universities and colleges this year is more than in previous years. Our Campus Evangelical Christian Students Fellowships have welcomed the new Christian students. In addition, our campus staff workers have been working on organizing new small groups. Basic courses like academic excellence, inductive Bible study, intimacy with God, life on campus, and sexual purity have been given for freshman Christian students.

We have established a new regional advisory board for the Central EvaSUE Region. The region is the largest of all the EvaSUE regions consisting of more than 90 campus fellowships.

An EvaSUE-church partnership program was conducted in the West-EvaSUE Region. Evangelical Church Fellowship leaders in the area attended this consultation designed to bring awareness to a vital aspect of ministry. The program has created a good foundation for finding and creating ways for campus fellowships and local churches to partner together to advance the Kingdom of God.

We conducted quarterly strategic meetings with all of our regional coordinators and the management team. The central focus of these five-day gatherings was to help us refocus on our roles. We did an in-depth look at our roles from different perspectives so that we could better address the existing ministry needs.



Henok's Story

Henok (pseudonym) was born and raised in the beautiful city of Hawassa. He grew up in a Christian family going to church every Sunday and attending a family Bible study every night.

In high school, Henok fell in with the wrong crowd. Eventually, he started drinking, smoking, and chewing khat. By the time he got into university, what started out as a recreational activity had become an addiction he couldn't control. Henok says, "It was when I tried to quit that I realized I was not in control. During the day, I had a specific time to chew khat and when that time comes, I can't do anything else...It doesn't matter what day it is or where I am, I had to have khat... It was the same with alcohol. I tried to quit many times...I was only successful for some days but I always find myself back to where I started, trapped by my addictions".

After many failed attempts to quit his addiction, Henok decided to start fresh and cut ties with everything that was holding him back. Consequently, when he became a 3rd-year campus student, Henok cut all ties with his old friends and started going to the campus evangelical students' fellowship.

We are preparing for the National Leadership Summit (NLS), which is our annual gathering of student leaders from all of our university and college fellowships in Ethiopia). Shortly after the NLS, we will host for the first time the National Mission Summit (NMS), an annual gathering of our evangelism mobilization team leaders from throughout the country. The NLS and NMS will be held From Sept. 19-23 and from Oct. 5-9, respectively. The number of participants has been reduced to -adhere to nationwide COVID restrictions. A combined total of 800 hundred students are expected to attend the two summits. "Remnants of the Kingdom," based on the book of Daniel, is the theme of both of the summits.

We were very happy and grateful to have Mark and Gayll Phifer-Houseman, our partners from the US, back here in Ethiopia. During their stay, they partnered with ETC (Ethiopian Theological College) to give a two-week intensive course on servant leadership to 50 participants, of which 14 were EvaSUE's young staff workers. Mark and Gayll also gave personal development training for EvaSUE's media team and regional coordinators.

EvaSUE, Horn of Africa Mission Engagers (HOME), and Servant Partners partnered together to initiate the Urban Mission Project. To launch the project, the three organizations led three weeks of training on urban poor mission. This first of four annual trainings was held from August 8-23, 2021 G.C. in Dire Dawa, where 6 new urban missionaries, 3 EvaSUE staff, and 3 HOME staff participated in the training.

Prayer Requests

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16 NIV)

We invite you to pray with us over the following topics;

- Praise God with us for all the students and other people that have come to know Jesus Christ through the on-campus and off-campus evangelism.
- Please pray with us that the NLS and NMS will be fruitful. Pray also for peace in Ethiopia so that students will be able travel to the summits without any problem.
- Pray with us for additional campus staff workers to join EvaSUE and for the financial resources to support them.

The fellowship leaders and members became his new friends. When he shared his struggles with some of the fellowship leaders, they started praying for him and encouraging him with the word of God. Nazrawi, one of the fellowship leaders, says, "There are many students in our campus who are struggling with addiction...as a fellowship, we always pray for those students and for God to show us a way to reach them. When Henok came to me and told me his story, I felt like he was an answer to our prayers. We have seen the transforming power of Jesus in the life of Henok...that has encouraged us to pray for the others and to reach out to them". Henok became more and more engaged in the fellowship. In addition to attending the weekly large group worship, he joined a family group (a small discipleship group), and he went to the weekly morning prayer sessions. He also joined the Love Sharing team, the team within the fellowship that mobilizes its members to share the love of Christ with others in a practical way, like helping the poor.

Speaking of how the fellowship impacted his life, Henok says, "God used the fellowship to help me find my way back to Him. The more I was engaged in the fellowship and the more I spent time with my new friends, the more I was encouraged/motivated to have a personal relationship with God. I started praying every morning, reading my Bible every night... and during the day, the time I used to spend chewing khat, I now spend it thinking about the Word of God or discussing it with friends or doing things that please the Lord... I am grateful for the fellowship and the friends I found here".

Henok's relationship with God grew more and more each day. And the things that were impossible or heavy for him became easy with God as he learned to depend on Him.

Thank You!

Dear Partners,

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:3-6 NIV)

The testimony that we shared in this newsletter is one among thousands. We always praise the Lord for thousands of new Christ followers every year, and for tens-of - thousands of students getting disciplined, and for the tens-of -thousands of future leaders produced every year.

We thank you for being part of this work, and we hope that our partnership will grow in breadth and width in the future.

Robel C. Disasa
General Secretary

At first, he feared he would backslide and go back to his old ways, but days became weeks, weeks became months, and months became a year. He was still walking with God! Talking about his life now, Henok says, “Words fail me to talk about everything God has done in my life. He changed the life I was ashamed of into something beautiful. I am a living witness to His love and mercy. Even my dormmates and people who knew the old me are amazed by the changes in my life...It is all because of God and I praise Him every day for that.”

Henok is now a graduating class student of Construction Technology and Management at the Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC).



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