

# **National Mission Report to New Covenant Missions**

## **REPORT SUMMARY**

EvaSUE organizes a national summer mission every year and send student missionaries to different parts of the country. This year's mission program was organized and held from July 5<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. The number of student missionaries who were involved in the mission program were 91. These students came from different universities. After they came to Addis Ababa on 4<sup>th</sup> of July, they took trainings for two days in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and then they were sent to the mission sites they were assigned. In the mission sites the students were engaged to the mission work for 7 to 9 days. With this mission work a total of 247 people get saved and added to the kingdom God. This is a great pleasure for all of us who have participated in this mission work at different level. Let be the glory for God who has done this amazing thing using students and our partners.

### **Training Time**

As it is mentioned above the student missionaries took trainings for two days. The training topics were:

- Orthodox Evangelism: most of the mission sites we have addressed this year in partnership with NCF are majorly Orthodox Christianity believers dominated areas. Hence we found it mandatory to give a training for the student missionaries on how to approach Orthodox believers. A brother who is engaged in reaching the orthodox people with the gospel and who is part of the reformation movement which is working so hard to reform the Church, was invited and he conducted a one full day training to the student missionaries on how to approach the orthodox people and issues/questions possibly raised by them.
- The role of the Holy Spirit in mission: Our brother Garedew Asefa has shared with the students a word of encouragement and he motivated them to stick on the power of the Holy Spirit so that they would be fruitful in their mission work. There was powerful prayer time with Garedew and his friends.
- Contextualization in Mission: Even though it is a short term mission being contextual in getting to a certain people group with the Gospel is very essential. Hence an EvaSUE graduate who was a university lecturer after his graduation and eventually become a missionary now for the last 7 years in one of the unreached people groups in a very rural part of the country, came to the training program and he spoke on the issue and he also shared with them his life testimony and experience. That was an encouragement for the participants.

Some pictures from the training time:



### Mission Sites

There were nine mission sites addressed with this year's mission program. All are in the northern part of the country and except one site the rest are orthodox believers dominated and the other site is Muslim dominated area. The mission sites were:

- Humera: in northern Gondor and it is an orthodox dominated area
- Gondor twon: an orthodox dominated area
- Woreta: in southern Gondor and it is an orthodox dominated area
- Shirao: in west Tigray and it is an orthodox dominated area and it is a border to Eritria
- Shire: in west Tigray and orthodox dominated area
- Endabaguna: in west Tigray and orthodox dominated area
- Axum: in west Tigray and it is an orthodox dominated area
- Erob: it is one of the border towns near to Eritrean border
- Asayta: in the northern part of the country in Afar regional state and it is a highly Muslim dominated area.

The students has spent 7 to 9 days in the mission field depending on the distance of the sites from Addis Ababa and the challenges they have faced on the mission sites. In all the sites students were engaged in evangelism work in collaboration with brothers and sisters from the local churches and they have handed over the people get saved to the local churches for further follow up. The number of people evangelized and get saved in this mission work in the rural towns mentioned above is as shown in the table below.

No	Mission Site	No of student missionaries involved	No of people evangelized	No of people get saved	Remark
1	Humera	16	548	36	
2	Gondor	14	209	21	
3	Woreta	13	487	51	
4	Shiraro	6	165	25	
5	Shire	7	351	67	

6	Endabaguna	5	49	8	
7	Axum	6	141	23	
8	Erob	10	106	2	These were backsliders
9	Asayita	14	126	14	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>247</b>	

### **Challenges Faced**

As it is stated above all the mission sites are either Orthodox or Muslim dominated areas that means in Ethiopian case these areas are hostile for the gospel. In some of the areas the missionaries have stoned and beaten with sticks and hands. This is happened in areas like Erob and Asayita. In Asayita the students went to prison with the local church leaders for two days with a false accusation of disturbing the society. With a huge collaborative effort made by EvaSUE, NCF and the local evangelical churches fellowship leaders to address the local government, the students and the church leaders who went to prison set free. In the place called Endabagula there were verbal attacks like insulting and despising them. Though the challenges were there they didn't hinder them from preaching the gospel.

### **The Impact of the Mission**

Apart from that a total of 2,182 people evangelized and a total of 247 people get saved in these 7 – 9 days of outreach, the student missionaries have got a huge heart for mission when they get back from the mission sites. They have got a firsthand experience on mission and a burden for the people groups they have addressed. In most of the mission sites the local church youth are motivated to do evangelism among their community, even though it would be sacrificial doing so, for example in case of Asayita, Erobe, Endabaguna and Shire.

### **Thank You**

We are very much grateful for God who did an amazing thing to save souls by using these young and vibrant students as short term missionaries. Second we are also very much for our partners who have supported us to make this plan happen. It would have been very much difficult to send these students to the places mentioned above without your generous support. You are taking part in advancing the kingdom of God in this nation by reaching the unreached/list reached people groups in the country.