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SOC Continues in Northern Africa by Richard Goebel

The first four days in Ethiopia were truly remarkable. As I did on the last trip, we traveled to preach in one of the newly planted churches each morning and evening. So, it's a lot of travel. These churches are all in the North, where it is very little, or no Gospel witness among the Orthodox and Islam people; this is where God has sent us.

Please be assured that your investment in these SOC Graduates produces eternal fruit. We don't have an exact number, but God has planted at least 60 churches since we

earnestly began using SOC graduates to plant these churches in The Horn. We have planted churches in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, and North Sudan.



We have had excellent services so far. I believe God has been speaking, and the people have been receiving with great earnestness. God moved in every service.

On our last night in Ethiopia, we traveled to a remote place. When we arrived, we found a typical (typical for us) church; made with wooden posts on the ground, tarps for a roof and walls, and a dirt floor. When I arrived, the brethren were already on their knees praying. After a while, they stood and asked me to speak.



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Richard Goebel SOC Director

The presence of God was there. I told them how much at home I felt among such prayer and worship. I never got to say what I had prepared. God had me speak to them from Matthew 24 and 25, and they received the Word

> intensity. As we prayed and asked God to prepare them for the work of ministry in this part of the world, God moved on their

with great

hearts. The pastor of this church graduated from SOC three years ago. I was so pleased to see how he was walking in the Truth.

There has been a tremendous outpouring of God's Spirit here in Djibouti as well. The hunger of the people affects me significantly. The prayer and worship before and after

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Mission Outreach in the Ukraine

Brother Andrea and his wife Luda Syrisko, themselves graduates of the School of Christ International in Ukraine, is now deeply involved in training workers with the curriculum of the SOC and pastoring the City of Praise church among Ukrainian people living in the United States. Since the war broke out between Russia and Ukraine, SOC has and continues to work with this couple to minister and help the relief efforts in Ukraine. I informed Brother Andrea that I would share the e-mail verbatim that he sent me and encourage people to help them in their relief efforts. Any offering sent to the SOC office designated "Ukraine" will be sent to the City of Praise Outreach.



Robert Turnage SOC President

E-Mail from Brother Andrey:

Since the Russians have attacked Ukraine, we have been very involved with rescue, feeding, and ministry efforts. It's all over the news, but it is very personal to us. We have family, relatives, and close friends who are far from OK. They are scared, hurt, displaced out of their homes, very tired, and devastated. Some are fleeing for safety to Europe. My wife's father is behind enemy lines, in the territory under Russian control.

Ukraine has been getting a lot of support and help worldwide. There are a lot of organizations on the western borders of Ukraine. Now, there is food and supplies and many volunteers, including our people. However, it is mainly on the west side of the country or in large cities.

Our most critical need right now is to get those supplies into Eastern Ukraine. People are starving on the front line in remote villages and hard-hit places. Our brave brothers and sisters have been driving into these areas to deliver much-needed help. On the way into these remote areas, our team of workers bring supplies, food, and water; on the way out, they bring people they rescued. We have access to necessary first aid, food, and supplies, but we need funds for fuel and maintenance to get it to those who need it most.

The School of Christ brothers (also known as the Ukraine Brothers) have been rescued and are now in the city of Zaporizhya, which the Ukrainians hold.

I also want to say thank you for your generosity and the love offering. The funds are being sent over to Ukraine and are used to save lives, literally. Thank you so much! *Andrey and Luda Syrisko - City of Praise Outreach*



Ethiopia..



Pastor Samuel standing next to a new church in Ethiopia. He has worked with SOC and myself for many years. the preaching are wonderful to behold.

We walk through the marketplace to get to the church in the city. It is incredibly dirty, unbelievably noisy, and completely chaotic. Most people just

stopped, stared, and pointed as we walked by. They knew I must be a preacher because I was white and was not with the U.N. The church was right in the middle of the market; we walked through a doorway and up dark, uneven staircases to the 3rd floor. I had to walk very carefully not to miss a step. If the local pastor had not led me, I would have been afraid to go there. The first night, we got to



A congregation in Ethiopia whose pastor is a SOC graduate.

the room 30 minutes before service, the brethren were already earnestly crying out to God in prayer. When service started, they worshipped, then I preached.

I have known and worked with Pastor Samuel, one of the great Men of God and a School of Christ graduate in East Africa for many years. He is the main reason we have planted scores of new churches in five countries. These churches are in the most difficult unreached areas where there is much persecution.



Congregation in Djibouti.

The SOC is so blessed to have men such as Pastor Samuel dedicated to reaching the lost before it is too late.

I believe all of these brethren are the "no-name" people who will receive a great reward from our Master. Some of these pastors and evangelists have nothing short of astonishing testimonies. It is good to meet them and put faces to names and testimonies. Keep in mind it's 96% Muslim here. These are all 1st generation disciples.

Some have opportunities to leave and go to Europe or the U.S., but they stay because, as one brother told me, "it would be easier and better for my family if I go to the U.S., but



Pastors and workers in prayer at the end of our service at one of the churches in Dijbouti.

God did not call me to America, he called me to serve his people here." Over the years, I have heard this statement in war-torn towns, refugee camps, and the poorest villages. Extremely humbling to be among such brethren.

We are laying our plans for the rest of 2022. Thank you for the



This is the congregation crying out to God 30 minutes before the service at the church on the 3rd floor in the market of Djibouti.

finances now and over the years. Thank you for your intercession. God has answered EVERY prayer along our way. I wouldn't know how else to describe the things that are happening. All glory to the Lord!



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