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Ethiopia: The Family I Found

2 Timothy 3:15—“And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Berhanu has been preaching in Ethiopia since he was a boy. Because of his great faith and vision, he was invited to serve as a Global Mission pioneer. The young man gladly accepted the challenge.

When Berhanu arrived in his new area of ministry, he began mingling with the people in his new community. But he found no Adventists. As he got to know the people, he invited them to a Bible study. Now, an Adventist group meets in a small, rented building.

Berhanu loves to sing, and he uses his music to introduce Jesus to his new neighbors. One of his favorite songs speaks of the Second Coming. The words translate to, “We must wake up. Jesus is coming!” After the song, Berhanu shares a message from his heart. Most of the people who attend his meeting work on government farms in the area, and many are far from home and family. It is easy to feel lonely and isolated here, so Berhanu has focused on gathering the people and building a sense of community and friendship. After a long work week, the people enjoy hearing his messages.



Berhanu met Solomon when he moved to this town to work on a farm. But Solomon became lonely. One day, the two men met and talked. They realized they were from the same village. They became friends, and Solomon joined Berhanu's small group.

As Solomon continued attending this new congregation, he felt like they were his extended family. Berhanu's words constantly tugged at Solomon's heart. God's love and the group's family atmosphere filled a hole that was missing in his life in this new town. He decided to give his life to God and has become a permanent member of this congregation.

While Berhanu regularly meets with this group, he also walks two hours to meet with a group in another town. His work can be tiring and challenging, but he finds hope and strength in Jesus.

Berhanu is just one of 1,600 Global Mission pioneers around the world. Please pray for them as they introduce people to Jesus.

Let your prayers join your faithful Promise giving to hasten the work of leading lost men and women and children to the feet of Jesus. God will bless your faithful giving to finish the work on this earth.