

Rundbrief

Berichte und Austausch über Missionsarbeit (Apg. 14,27 / 2. Thess. 3,1)

**"He who walks in darkness and to whom no light shines,
let him trust in the name of the Lord and lean on his God."
(Isa. 50:10)**

Trier, December 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yes, sometimes life is difficult, and we don't understand things.

A few days ago I received a WhatsApp from Degefa from Ethiopia with the following content:

"EEM (Emmaus Ethiopian Ministries) is a 23-year-old organization in Ethiopia. And since its legal registration in 2014/15, it is 12 years old. Now, the Ethiopian government is renewing the city of Addis Ababa through development work called "Corder Development". Its main goal is the expansion of roads, the establishment of parking lots and green spaces. That is good, and as citizens we are happy about this progress.

However, as you know, EEM has bought its own office to save on unnecessary rental costs as it has a loan from Berhan International Bank of Ethiopia. The repayment went very well, and we have covered almost more than half of the way to repay the loan. This means that the loan was 8.9 million Birr (€66,000), compared to 3.9 million (€29,000) today.

Our current chaos is that the government has instructed us to demolish our office in a few days. They gave us a guaranteed statement that the government will cover the cost of rent for 4 years, of which they do not yet know how much. They want us to obey and destroy our office first.

Now we take care of transporting trucks for our 5 containers and the rest of the office desks, chairs, shelves etc. are ready to move.

The good thing is that there are some Christian sisters and brothers who help us to give some important information in this regard.

Pray with us and for us."



The demolition is in full

Well, Degefa and his team are all very disappointed. He told me on the phone yesterday: "*I have to destroy my work, which I have built up over the course of many years, with my own hands.*" You have to demolish the whole thing with your own hands. And that's very hard, of course! We can be happy that we live in a constitutional state!!

They don't know what will happen next. Because promises that are made are usually very unreliable. Therefore, we ask you to think of them and pray for the work there.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and God's blessing for the year 2025 ahead of us.

A warm greeting from Mertesdorf, yours,

Wim and Anita Hoddenbagh

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