

THE OPENIOPIA FAMILY TO ETHIOPIA

ETHIOPIA SHALL SOON STRETCH OUT HER HANDS UNTO GOD. PSALM 68:31



Taxi Driver Berhanu

Over the past year, we have become very good friends with our taxi driver, Berhanu.

Raised in the Ethiopian Orthodox faith, Berhanu did not trust Jesus as his Savior until a few years ago.

He has been faithful to come to church! Berhanu knew he needed to be baptized, but his unsaved wife threatened to take his 2 kids and leave him if he did.

Recently, after a Sunday service, Berhanu made the courageous decision to go public with his faith through baptism! He is in discipleship and our Bible institute now! Pray for his wife and kids to be saved and for him to continue to grow spiritually!

MORE SALVATIONS AND RECORD ATTENDANCE!!!

"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name (Psalm 100:4b)." We are truly thankful and amazed at what God has done in the first 8 months of the first-ever Baptist church in our area!

We recently had our first "Back-to-School Sunday." The Lord blessed by almost tripling our record attendance with 133! All

heard a clear gospel message and 7 put their faith in Christ! We were able to give out around 100 backpacks to show God's love to our community!

Needless to say, we ended up having to put about 50 people outside as we ran out of space inside!

We praise God for another boy and young lady putting their faith in Christ in the following weeks! The teenage girl who got saved is named Helen. She comes from a strong Orthodox family. She first came when a couple of our faithful kids brought her with them to VBS about 4 months ago. We had been praying for her to get saved. Recently, my wife took the time to do a craft with Hikma and

Helen. She was able to share the gospel again with her. Not long after, she came to us, and we were so EXCITED to see Helen pray on her

own and trust Jesus alone as her Savior! This was great for Hikma, who my wife is discipling, to see as well! We are so blessed to serve God here in Ethiopia thanks to the love, prayers, and support of so many of you! We thank you for your eternal investment!!!

For His Harvest in Ethiopia, -Joshua, Ruth, Jeremiah, Joel and Jonan