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Pastor Paul: Many in Ethiopia are waiting for hope

Like the lame man at the pool of Bethesda in John 5, many people in Ethiopia are waiting for a miracle, Pastor Navendra Paul told guests at the Agape Mobility Ethiopia (AME) fundraising dinner Dec. 10, 2021. Paul is pastor at The House of Worship, Fort Wayne.

"When you have a disability, the world seems dim. But I tell you tonight, when you've got Jesus inside you, everything else comes together," he said.

"You have to trust God like walking across the Grand Canyon on a thread. And you must believe that thread is going to hold. And if it breaks, the safety net is Jesus."

Paul knows firsthand. He became blind 7 years ago. His trust in Jesus pulled him through many difficult times.

Relating his experience to the disabled in Ethiopia, Paul explained AME's ministry provides more than mobility. It provides hope and the message of salvation in Jesus.

Pastor Navendra Paul encourages guests at the fundraising dinner Dec. 10, 2021, to turn bad things that happen around for good.

"When you support AME financially or through prayer, you're giving hope. Many are waiting for hope in Ethiopia.

"Jesus said: 'You are my hands; you are my feet.' When we pick up the cross and follow Jesus and share his story of love and salvation with them, we said are sharing eternal hope with those who are still waiting."

Paul said the wheelchair going to Ethiopia is not enough. It's only the beginning. The man who picks up his mat and is healed is the beginning.

"The wheelchair is the first step to open the hearts of men, women and children to preach the Gospel. This is Agape Mobility Ministry. When an individual sits in that wheelchair, the door is open for the word of God to bless them. There are many unbelievers in Ethiopia, and what is the message? Repent. Accept. Believe. And thou shalt be saved," he said.

AME leaders and volunteers serve with a higher purpose

Saba Teklemarcos, President and Founder of Agape Mobility Ethiopia, knows first-hand what it's like to live with a disability. She was diagnosed with polio when she was eight months old.

"The people you see in our photos and videos remind me of crawling on the floor when I was four or five years old," she told about 100 guests at the AME fundraising dinner on Dec. 10, 2021.

"I was able to get medical care and a good education because my parents worked hard. If it weren't for them, I would be one of the people crawling on the floor and begging in the streets," she said.

Saba Teklemarcos and husband, Dean Bayan.

Her own live experience became the heart of her passion, along with her desire to share the love of Jesus with everyone she meets.

Quoting Colossians 3:23, Saba encouraged guests to serve God with all their heart.

> "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
> Colossians 3:23

"These wheelchairs show others how God loves and cares for them. We make a difference by going to the village, to the rural areas. We go to places where no one recognizes their existence. We pick up people from their bed and from the ground and give them wheelchairs, hope, love and a purpose."

AME plans and goals for 2022

- Send and distribute three containers – 700 wheelchairs – to Ethiopia
- Raise the funds necessary to send those containers full of wheelchairs, hope, love and purpose.
- Expand visibility in Northeast Indiana through a partnership with Turnstone and participation in the AWS Foundation's Disabilities Expo May 14 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
- Increase our volunteer base – email us at agapemobilityethiopia@gmail.com to ask about opportunities!
- Increase our donor base – you can help by telling our story.

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Our Purpose

With your partnership, we provide mobility and dignity for the immobile in Ethiopia. "No more crawling on the floor!"

Donate online at agapemobilityethiopia.com or by mail to Agape Mobility Ethiopia, 10017 West Palo Verde Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Wheelchair distribution in 2021 exceeds 620!

Agape Mobility Ethiopia distributed nearly 400 wheelchairs in regions throughout the country earlier this year and another 100 pediatric wheelchairs and 120 adult wheelchairs in October 2021. The October distribution also included 150 crutches, 175 walkers and 75 canes.

- Illubabor, Oromia Region: 30
- Jajura, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Region: 25
- Gojjam, Amhara Region: 30
- Shashamane, Oromia Region: 50
- Sheno, Oromia Region: 15
- Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital: 71
- Ambo: Oromia Region, west of Addis Ababa: 4

Thanks to generous donations from people like you, Agape Mobility Ethiopia has distributed more than 1,060 wheelchairs since operations began in 2019!

Meet *Tensaye Yasegat*

Addis Ababa

When Tensaye, who has muscular dystrophy, married her husband 10 years ago, her husband's family rejected him because he married a disabled woman. Tensaye's four siblings were also aflicted with muscular dystrophy, and three of them have died. But Tensaye is greateful for her life and job as school secretary. The wheelchair will make taking care of her five children easiser for her and her husband.

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Meet *Beamlak Gebeyehu*

Gojjam, a town in the north-western part of Ethiopia

Beamlak and his wife have been married 20 years, and their love and devotion is evident in the fact that his wife, a real hero, carries Beamlak on her back to get around. Beamlak has been sick for eight years, and his wife takes care of the family.

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Meet *Debbie and Kemert Tadesse*

Ambo is a popular spa town in the West Shewa zone,Oromia Region, west of Addis Ababa

These two sisters, Debbie, 10, and Kemert, 5, both have muscular dystrophy. They live with their very loving, caring Christian family.
Saba traveled to present wheelchairs to the sisters in their home. Their mother is very happy because now they can go to school. Both girls are very smart and do very well in their studies.

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Meet *Besama Desta*

Jajura, a town located in the region of Southern Nations

Besama is very happy to get this wheelchair.
Now he can visit family and his neighborhood.
He works shining shoes.

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Fundraising Dinner Highlights

December 10, 202, Pathway Community Church

A time of praising God for his goodness and sharing the love and fellowship of friends and family. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible.

Lily Steyer, Bizuye Steyer, Hanna Paul and Pastor Navendra Paul provided praise and worship music.

Sarah and Bob Lea traveled all the way from Cokato, Minn., to attend the dinner.

More than 100 guests attended the event.

David and Justin Ehlers performed a powerful skit depicting AME's approach to ministry.

AME Volunteers served food, greeted guests, managed the silent auction, decorated the room, prepared audio-visual presentations, and promoted the event.