

August 2010 Report

By God's grace, Harvest Ethiopia office planned to get 30 people under mentorship from wide spectrum of churches. For this case, my team and I have contacted leaders on telephone, visited leaders and pastors sharing the vision at 17 churches door to door. The response was exciting and many confirmed us to send key leaders, pastors who exposed to the Wholistic teaching. We expect to get about 40 people. Lastely, some was faced with unexpected program clash in their church and 28 showed up and continued with the whole training session.

The teaching largely focused in reinforcing about the Worldview and the Wholistic ministry of church and about bringing kingdom impact upon the nation. The discussion, the passion and commitment was awesome. Among many, Evangelist Merga commented at the end of our session that, "I came from Full Gospel church and have been there ministering for long time and always get satisfaction with what I used to do. Really I argue that my church captured the full message of the gospel until I see myself in this lesson in a very different way. Again, I repented and further committed to launch similar training in the church with a member of over 5,000."

Another participants named, Gideon, is a university graduate and ministering children and youth in his church. After he saw the problem among the children he ministers, he found out that some children don't have cloth, food and not able to go to school. So, he shared his passion about the problem he assessed and find out many graduates to work with him. As he reported with the church, the leaders insisted him by saying that it's NGO's business not of church. Seeing the deep rooted misunderstanding in a situation where huge number of poor people lives within and around the church, he immediately turned his back to the church not to minister there rather. On the other hand, he began organizing with his friend to address the problem than to wait for the Church. It was in such instance that I get connected and invited him to attend the program. I shared about the program briefly he instantly accepted. He attended the whole session very actively. And at the end of the training, he said that, "I repent for what I assumed about my church and the church as a whole. I learned now that I should love the church before I serve Him, so I should get back and work with church. The vision is not for an individual, it is Church's mandate and he admitted to endure with the church to do the training until the church leaders and members own it." Is not that touchy?! Praise God!!



The girl sitting at the front middle, the one translated Bob's book, "If Jesus were Mayor" into local language.

