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Come and see what our God has done..." Psalm 66:5 NLT

Dear Faithful Partners,

We wanted to share our excitement concerning the first graduating class of Berea Bible College.

It was the work of Pastor Samuel and Wagaye Jarso and their church in Eastleigh that God used in 2007 to make us aware of the great need in Kenya and eventually the formation of Garments of Praise. Pastor Samuel (or Sammy as he is affectionately known to us) lived in Ethiopia and as a young university student suffered hours of indoctrination by the ruling communist regime. His life and heart were filled with a terrible darkness and hopelessness and at times he thought he was losing his mind; the thought of suicide seemed an answer but his fear of what came after death held him back.

Then he was introduced to the "Light of the world" which totally transformed his life. He determined he would give the prime of his life to serving his Savior and help those who were also locked in the terrible darkness of this world. Without any formal Bible education and barely 20 years of age, he felt God's call to go to Kenya and help with a small struggling church in Eastleigh serving the Coptic Christians who had fled persecution in Ethiopia. He had no outside support and often in the early years slept outside even in rain and fasted often because he had no food. During the past 25 years that he and Wagaye have served in Eastleigh literally 100's have been saved and taught sound Bible truths before

being granted safety in another country.



Over the years since 2007 we have been granted the joy of helping this godly couple. From furnishing a place 24/7 for the church, providing individual help to refugees in need who had fled persecution and even threat of death and providing education at solid Bible Universities to help them be equipped to better serve the hundreds God has lead through their doors we have been blessed. University education is costly and we have only been able to help a dozen or so. That was why in 2017 God lead Sammy and Wagaye, after prayer, fasting and seeking HIS plan, to begin the Berea Bible School. Again God granted us the privilege of coming alongside to purchase the needed items to teach, and transportation for the teachers who gave sacrificially of their time. On April 8, 2018 seventeen young men and women were the first class to graduate with the skills to share the Gospel and foundational Biblical truths with knowledge and passion.



Congratulations to all of the graduates of Berea Bible College!
We are looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit uses each and every one of you!

Blessings and a grateful heart,

The Garments of Praise Mission Team



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