



# NEW HOPE

## Message from the founder

Athletes exercise self-control in all things. The Apostle Paul uses the examples of a runner and a boxer. Both have to be extraordinarily disciplined with their training if they expect to win. Athletes have to demonstrate unusually persistent perseverance, unwavering courage and unflinching dedication. It is easy to be a fan but hard to be an athlete. Being a fan requires little effort; but

being an athlete requires rigorous training, discipline and perseverance. Following Jesus Christ also requires discipline and perseverance. We must run with discipline the race marked out for us if we are to inherit the heavenly kingdom. Perseverance is an attitude that scripture honors and Jesus Christ exemplified. The best thing that we can give to God is our time. We

should never be too busy to spend time with the Lord. We must be connected to God through prayer if we are to finish our spiritual life's journey and inherit the eternal kingdom.

May the Lord help us finish our race and meet Jesus Christ when he comes for a second time.

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## Third Anniversary

Zena Wengel Ministry celebrated the third anniversary of its establishment on Saturday, September 30. In the last three years our ministry has distributed hundreds of Braille Bible parcels to many blind people living in Addis Ababa and the near regions of the country. Audio Bible devices have also been distributed to some blind people. White canes obtained from

abroad through donations have been distributed to hundreds of blind people both in and around Addis Ababa. We were also able to send guide canes in a limited number to blind individuals living in the rural parts of the country.

The Ministry is now holding special devotional programs in Addis Ababa, Sebeta, and Mojo. The third anniversary celebration will be

discussed in a special issue pretty soon. The main problem that we face here in Addis Ababa is now our inability to obtain a suitable and accessible building to run our operations. We are also preparing to organize the blind Christians in Bako under Zena Wengel Ministry. The establishment of other branches in other regions is under consideration as well.



## Life Testimony – Gebremedhin Woldie

I was born on June 21, 1963 from my father Ato Woldie Ashebir and my mother Woizero Askale Shiweryie at a place known as Anzenabat located in Cheha Woreda [District] South Region. My parents are alive and I have five sisters and three brothers. I lost my sight on May 1971 due to water reflection. On October 4 1972, I was admitted to the Bako School for the Blind and studied there up to grade 4 following which, I joined Entoto Mekaneyesus School of Addis Ababa in 1976 where I studied from grade 6 to grade 12 with the financial assistance of CBM.

After completing grade 12, I gave voluntary service to adult visually impaired adults for four years in the Braille teaching section of Misrach Rehabilitation and Handicrafts Training Center. On October 10 1986, I was employed by the same center and served for 25 years. In 1994, I joined the Ethiopian Languages and Studies Department of Addis Ababa University as an extension student and graduated with a diploma. Wishing to upgrade my educational status, I was enrolled for the extension degree program and completed one year's study. But, due to work pressure and financial constraints, I could not go on with my studies and bring to fruition my desire to get a degree in the field.

However, in 2008, I joined the Kotebie Teachers Training College, History Department and graduated with another diploma. Accordingly, I have been teaching history in a government school since 2012. I got married on February 1 1989. I am now the father of two children -- a son and a daughter.

With respect to my spiritual life: while in Bako, I followed a course on salvation in the Bako Mekaneyesus Church and used to serve as a member of the Church choir there with my friends. After moving to Addis Ababa, I took a course on faith confirmation from the Amest Kilo Mekaneyesus Church and became a communion partaking member of the same Church. Besides I participated in various biblical studies for which I have got different certificates. I also studied in a Bible College and acquired a certificate.



Concerning spiritual service: I have been active in teaching the word of God and spiritual songs in the Braille School of Misrach Center and by conducting Sunday school for children in my Church where I provide bible teaching, prayer and counseling services to the participants.

As I am a full member of Zena Wengel Ministry and share its vision, God willing, I will be praying with steadfastness so that I will continue my service in the Ministry. In all things, may the grace of our Lord Jesus be with us. Amen.