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*"For of him, and through him,
and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever.
Amen" Romans 11:36*

PRAISE THE LORD...

- For safety in traveling
- For good meetings and ministry opportunities
- For a good SMART class at Ambassador Baptist College

PRAYER REQUESTS

- More SMART conference opportunities at churches in the coming year
- Ethiopia trip in March 2018; especially for finances to cover the cost of the trip and for my preparation



TERRY & BARBARA CHILDERS

*"Building Durable Missionaries
So They Keep on Going"*

December 2017

Dear Praying Friends:

We appreciate those who faithfully pray for our efforts to establish an effective missionary training ministry. Though progress has seemed slow at times there are special developments that help encourage us to keep going. In October there was an opportunity to teach a SMART module on Personal Protection Matters to two dozen missions students at a Bible college. During our two days together the students and missions chairman said that they found the material to be very beneficial.

In November it was a phone call I received from the director of another Baptist mission board; he was inquiring about our training ministry. He had spent several years in a third-world country before becoming the director of his board. Based upon the issues he sees missionaries struggle with, he wants to be sure that his board gives their missionaries practical training before they are sent out. I was further encouraged when he came right out and asked if we would assist them in setting up their own training ministry. I quickly told him we would do all we can to help.

ETHIOPIA TRIP

The Lord has opened a unique door for me to minister in Ethiopia. I have accepted an invitation to teach a SMART class on Leadership Development; the audience will be Ethiopian pastors and Bible institute students. I am really excited about this opportunity because people in other countries usually do not have good leadership role-models to follow—this training event will give them solid principles which they can employ as they serve in the ministry. Also, many of the institute students are looking to become missionaries to other countries—in addition to using the principles in their own ministry they will be equipped to teach these truths as they serve among other people groups.

Here are some ways you can help. First, would you pray for the Lord to give me wisdom in my planning and preparing for the trip? Secondly, would you consider sending a special offering to help offset the cost of the trip? My goal is to raise \$4000 by the end of February; contributions can be sent to BIO with a memo for Childers Ethiopia trip.

My wife and I want to thank you for continuing to partner with us in our ministry. You are a vital part of what the Lord is doing through us as we work to build durable missionaries who can keep on going. May the Lord bless you with a safe and joyous season of celebrating the birth of Christ.

In the service of the King,

Terry & Barbara Childers