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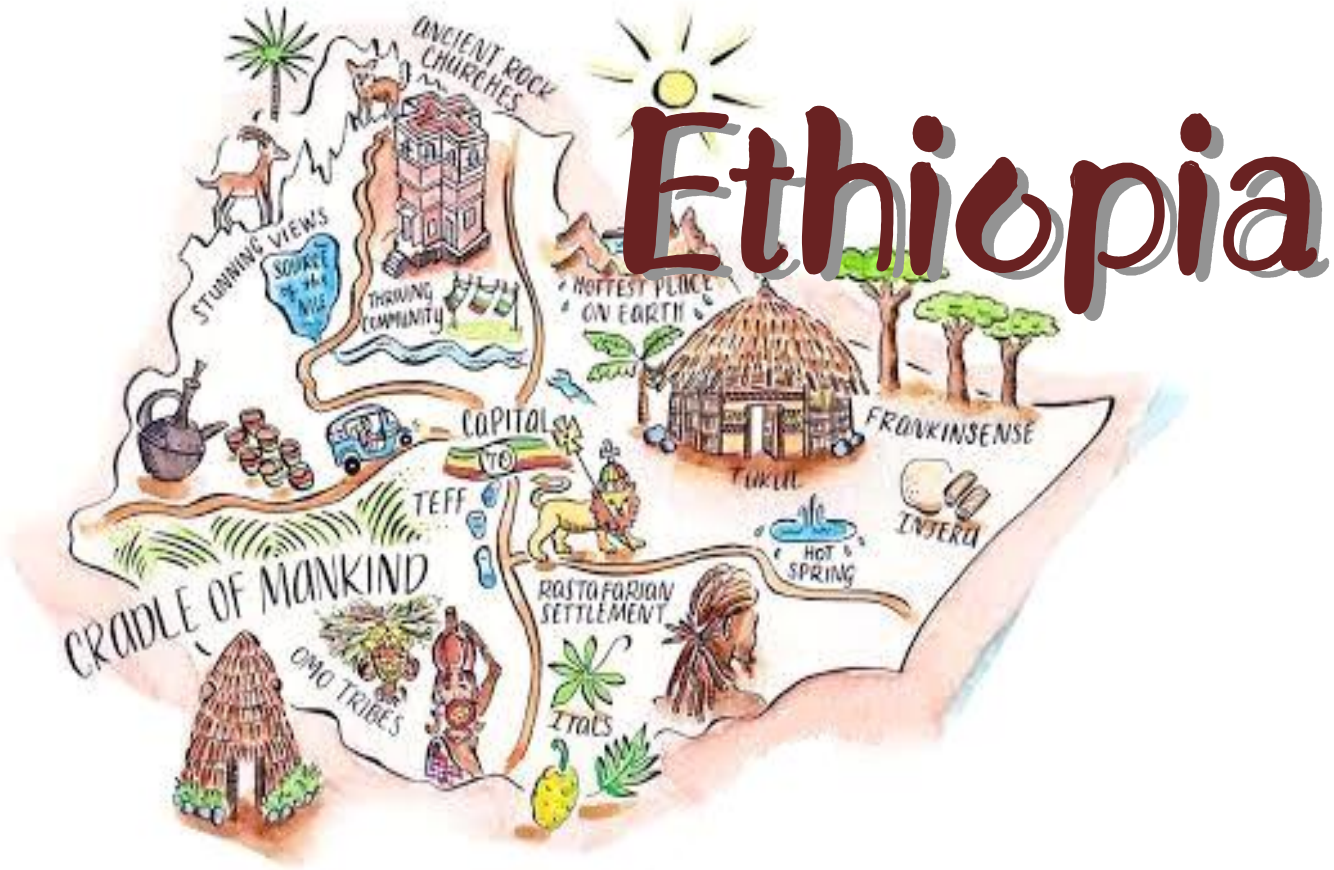

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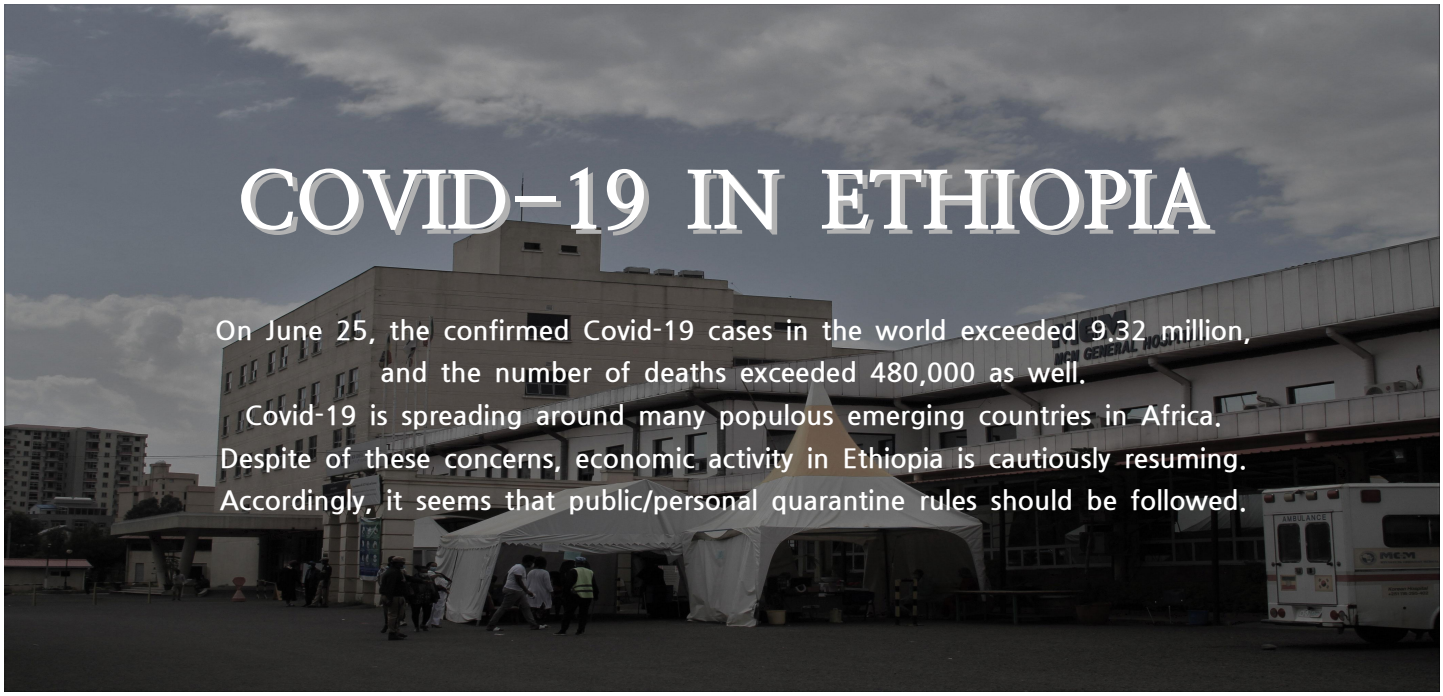


COVID-19 IN ETHIOPIA

On June 25, the confirmed Covid-19 cases in the world exceeded 9.32 million, and the number of deaths exceeded 480,000 as well. Covid-19 is spreading around many populous emerging countries in Africa. Despite of these concerns, economic activity in Ethiopia is cautiously resuming. Accordingly, it seems that public/personal quarantine rules should be followed.

Since the outbreak of the first Corona patients in Ethiopia in March, the Ethiopian government has implemented strict measures to prevent the early spread of covid-19 and has finalized detailed guidelines that apply to everyday life.

Government quarantine rules

This principle is announced by the Ministry of Justice in Ethiopia, and additional measures are being announced as the Corona spread continues. Among these government measures, the regulations for personal quarantine include ▲Wearing masks when going out ▲Maintaining social distance ▲Banning handshaking, and the regulations for public quarantine include ▲Adjusting working time of public institutions to prevent traffic congestion ▲In order to reduce human mobility, new taxes are imposed on interstate bus ▲restrictions on the number of passengers on buses and personal vehicles ▲banning religious gatherings, political gatherings ▲Banning sports activities of more than two people etc. As the Ethiopian government has declared a state of national emergency, they are strictly punishing those who violate the government's quarantine rules.

Quarantine rules for our hospital and University

With the recent outbreak of covid-19 confirmed cases at Myungsung General Hospital (MCM), the hospital has implemented stricter quarantine controls. So far, all patients with covid-19 confirmed cases at the hospital have been transferred to government-designated hospitals. The contactors were quarantined at facilities in hospital, and two weeks later, all of them were tested negative and released. Currently, the hospital is conducting ▲Task Force team meeting ▲Online Monday's meeting ▲Strengthen outside screening center ▲All hospital visitors, outpatients and staff to wear masks ▲Regularly Disinfect to all hospital facilities ▲Installation of washbasins and hand sanitizers in public places ▲Hand sanitizers and dental masks distributed to each department.

The university has now issued ▲an order to close school ▲Distributing masks to office workers Closing libraries and ▲Closing FMU etc.

Recently, Ethiopia's daily confirmed number is in the mid-200s. Experts analyzed that the number of people has already exceeded 4,000 on June 20, moving beyond the initial state of social infection to the proliferation stage. Also, it is expected to increase to 7,500 or more by July.

GMIC'S EASTER WORSHIP

On April 12, the good news of the Resurrection rang out in this compound, which had been quiet for some time due to Corona 19. It is still difficult to gather and worship together at this time, but in order to worship the Lord of the Resurrection, only volunteers within the compound gathered and worshiped carefully. Worship was held in the cafeteria, and the church members who attended wore masks. To maintain social distance, the number of seats was limited and the members sat in designated seats.

In the worship service, Pastor In Dok Kang said through the Words of Jesus, "The Gift of Resurrection" (John 20:19-23), The peace of grace that God gave us has brought us to life. Also, the resurrected Lord told us to receive the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of the powerful and faithful Gospel on earth. We are a channel of blessing from God, and we have calling. The reason the resurrected Lord sought his disciples is to give a mission. The mission is to reveal the name of Jesus and to prove the gospel.' In a special order after the service, deaconess Jeong Eun Lee and five other people honored God through precious praise.

Through the Easter service, we looked back on the importance of gathering together and it was a time when everyone was thrilled to be able to love the Lord even in difficult situations.

ONLINE WORSHIP AND RELAY PRAYER

GMIC has temporarily converted all public worship to online worship in accordance with the national emergency rules to prepare for the spread of COVID-19. The members of Good News Church worship individuallly at home when Pastor Kim Yun-ki provides sermons on Morning/Wednesday worship, and Sunday worship services through social media. The sermon is given in text, taking into account the local conditions and the situation of church members living outside the compound. After meditating on the sermon, they shared with each other the grace they had received in the sermon through comments, and On Sunday, they had a time to share the sermon more abundantly by providing devotionals.

In addition, GMIC has organized 'Relay Prayer'. Pastor Kim said, "What we can do now in this difficult time is to kneel down and pray to do God's will and to know God's heart." The Good News church received applicants from among the church members and divided them into dawn, morning, afternoon, and evening hours to set the time for their individual prayer. The church members who participated in this prayer movement are continuing a graceful relay by praying in unison for the people suffering from the virus as well as the end of the COVID-19 crisis, and further for the Korean church and the world church.

We hope that the day when all church members will be able to worship in the church soon, and we hope to become a Good News church that realizes the heart of God through prayer and moves toward a stronger faith.

Donation for local residents

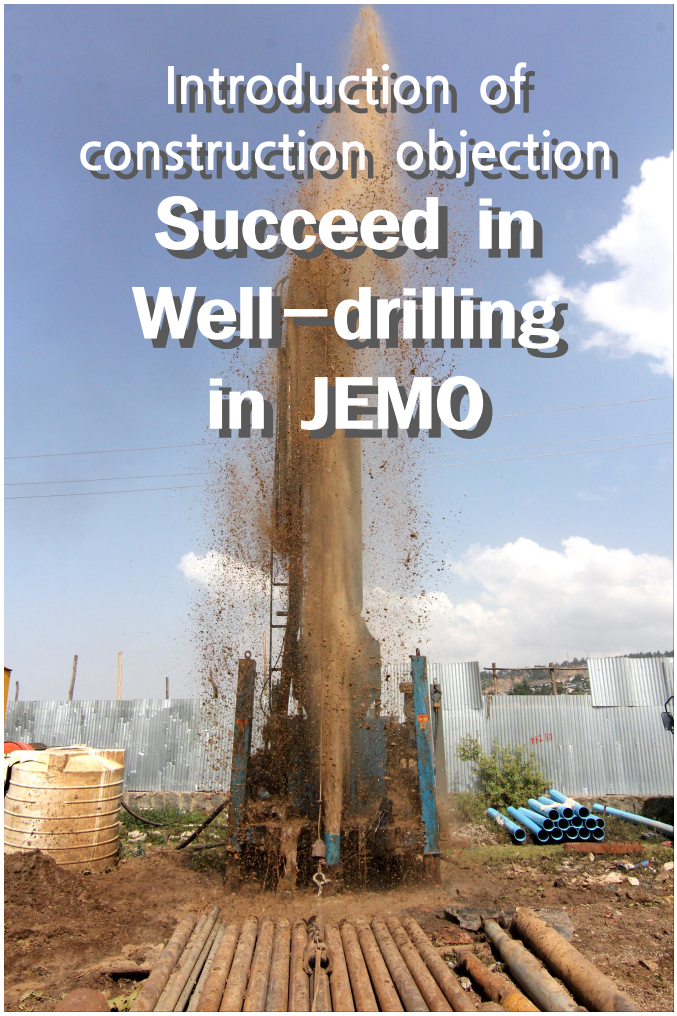
The MCM staff missionary group set out to help needy people suffering from the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. We hope that the scent of Christ will spread through the good heart, which wanted to overcome difficult times together.

Charity Activity

On June 11, MCM employees set out actively to help needy people suffering from the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19. Employees in the MCM carried out charity fund-raising activities on their own. The total amount of charity is 96,000 Birr, through which detergent(5L), edible oil(5L), and flour(50kg) can be delivered to about 87 residents. The beneficiaries were selected based on residents who lived in the neighborhood near the hospital and are currently unemployed with no income or have many dependents.

The event was held in the outdoor front yard of the Good News church. Hospital officials including Kwon Young-dae, the president of hospital, delivered words of encouragement and comfort to local residents, and held a ceremony to deliver daily necessities.

Please pray for Ethiopian people who are suffering from the worsening environment and that this will end quickly, hoping that the Lord will comfort them with their tired bodies and hearts.



The MCW team said that the well construction in JEMO, which began with the support of Myung-sung Church, is being carried out sequentially, and The well opening ceremony was completed on June 11.

The JEMO area is about 18km away from the Addis, and it is recently suffering from the Corona virus.

The construction was requested by Ethiopian government and the pastor Kim Sam-hwan decided to help.

"JEMO Well-drilling" A to Z

01 Purpose The construction began as part of an effort to actively support the Ethiopian government, which is suffering from the global pandemic of Corona.

02 Region The MID first considered medical support, but finally decided to sponsor hand washing and sanitation well drilling in accordance with the decision of the MID (Korea Headquarters), and later selected the JEMO area at the request of the Water & Sewage Authority.

03 Process In early June, the 80M well drilling was completed, and in mid-June, the motor, the water tank and the handwash stand was installed.

04 Opening Ceremony On the day of the opening ceremony of the well, Ambassador Lim Hoon-min and local representatives were together, and the opening ceremony was held for about 30 minutes from 10 a.m. Local broadcasters EBS and NAHOO TV conducted on-site filming and interviews at the event, and on June 12, they broadcasted videos related to "Opening Ceremony of the Well in the JEMO Area sponsored by the Korea Hospital" on public broadcasting.

05 Last Word The MCW team always thanked everyone for their support with prayers and materials for the Ethiopian well ministry, and said they hope that the well will ensure the safety of local residents and work well with the Ethiopian government to overcome difficult times together.

Myungsung International Development

Embrace Ethiopia

MID located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It has been established in 2004 under the permission of the Ethiopian government in 1996 and the plan of the Myungsung Church. Currently, It is divided into 4 parts, MCM/MMC/MCW/MEM, and serves Ethiopia by cooperating with each other like the trinity God's cooperation to establish the kingdom of God.

Different roles, running in one direction

Take Severance Hospital in Korea as its role model, the MCM puts its vision on delivering God's love by providing advanced medical technology to Ethiopia and training medical professionals. The MMC has its vision in training competent medical professionals so that they can serve and develop this country through the dispatch to the community. MCW has a vision to visit underprivileged areas where even basic water supplies are not properly conducted and provide wells to help those who feel the thirst of the soul to be saved. MEM puts its vision on strengthening the faith of the believers and training the saints with words through worship by guiding chapel and local church services in the MID.

MID has grown up by the grace of God

In 2020, MCM awarded the Ethiopian Best Hospital Award from the Ethiopian Medical Association. It is meaningful in that it was selected by medical experts, not a general organization. In the same year, Myungsung Medical College(MMC)'s 2nd graduates(23 students) have all passed the Ethiopian doctor's license exam. It added to its significance as it was a big achievement after producing first graduate last year. MCW has completed 258 well construction projects since the beginning of well missionary work in 2007. Moreover, MCW and MEM are working together in expanding the kingdom of God by working together to establish a church by the well so that it can deliver both the life water of the flesh and the life water of the soul to the local people.

Crisis is another stepping stone to growth

While the world is suffering from the COVID-19, MID is also having many difficulties. Due to hospital is the place where most exposed to the virus, COVID-19 tests are under way regularly, having problems due to insufficient medical staff and medical equipment. Also, every educational facilities are closed in Ethiopia considering the safety of employees and students. In the case of the church, all meetings have been suspended due to the government's emergency regulations. Under consultation with government ministries, MCW is carrying out washstand projects to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At times like this, we should focus on God's message and do not lose our original intention, pray more for Ethiopia, rearranging it with words and becoming a growing MID for this country once again.

We need a worker from God, a man of prayer

Since its opening in 2004, it was possible because there were many missionaries who served this place with God's guidance and love. We are expecting many missionaries who will pray and serve with MID for future missions to Ethiopia.

Recruit volunteers

① Management of the IT (Hospital's entire computer system, etc) 2 persons
② Hospital administration/administrative expert and medical engineer Each 1 person
③ Youth volunteers (*At least college graduates)

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③MMC: Myungsung Medical College
④MCW: Myungsung Christian Well-drilling
⑤MEM: Myungsung Ethiopia Mission

Prayer Requests

1. All the volunteers and staff in compound cope with their mission, love in God, make it a beautiful compound in the eyes of the Lord.
2. Protect Ethiopia from the rapidly spreading virus, cooperate each other and overcome this difficult times.
3. Through compound and church, let the history of spiritual revival take place, so that the people of Ethiopia can return to the Lord.
4. Following the path of Jesus, to train a professional leader with a word and let the leaders lead the African missionary work.
5. For prayerful students to be used as a tool for the sparead of gospel and to heal people physically and spiritually.
6. Give a blessing to all the people who pray for Ethiopia and MID.

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