

January Newsletter,

I celebrate Christmas with my family in Addis Ababa this year the second time for me to celebrate it together with family in eight years. I celebrated Christmas and New Years with churches in the camps, churches in South Sudan areas and the in Gambella.

I like to celebrate Christmas with congregations in the camps and South Sudan rural areas because I like to be together with them due to, I fill to share wards of God with them. I don't want them to celebrate Christmas without me in the feels. I also like to hear the wonderful songs of God that the youth groups, deaconess groups and choir groups are singing during Christmas and New Year celebrations.

My first Christmas that I have celebrated in Addis was the Christmas of 2015 which's the Year I was came to Africa, this is the second time for me to celebrate it together with family here in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I did receive many phone calls from congregations in the camps and the congregations in South Sudan cross river to Ethiopian and asked me why I did not to them for Christmas and the New Year. I told them that I celebrate Christmas and New Year together with my family this Year so maybe we will celebrate it together next Year.

I thank God who brought me back to Africa and works with displaced people who are leaves in refugee camps and some people who are still leaves in South Sudan the war country. I works with people from where I used to when I was in my young each from eighties to early nineties.

For my upsend to Christmas and New Year, the congregations sent me these Bible verses t Matthew 9: 35-38 "workers are few, Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

The Lord of lords will help you to do His work without complication and in the rest of coming Years until I meet you again, and thanks, and may our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.