

## **Out of Darkness into the Light**

Ministry center constructed where abortion clinic once stood

The Ethiopia Central District celebrated their ninth district assembly on October 17, 2005. During the assembly, which was chaired by General Superintendent Nina Gunter, a new five-story building was dedicated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The building was constructed through a joint effort of Alabaster funds, Work & Witness, and the support of local churches. The first floor of the new building is being used as a worship center, the second floor serves as the district office, the third floor houses educational ministries, and the fourth floor houses the field offices. The fifth floor is a conference center for the many Nazarene ministries on the Horn of Africa Field.

In his dedication speech, Horn of Africa Field Strategy Coordinator Howie Shute shared how the vision of a center for training pastors to lead a holiness movement in the Horn of Africa first came into existence. When no one had any idea how money could be raised for a single-story building, God “broke through the roof” of that dream with the idea of a multi-story training center. When the building contractor insisted that he must know how many stories the building would have before the foundation could be dug, Rev. Shute said, “Dig it for five floors. But you must clearly understand, when the money runs out, the building stops!” By God’s grace, the money never ran out until the building was completed.

The land on which this great facility was built once housed an abortion clinic. In the place where lives were taken, now through Jesus Christ, lives are being reborn, transformed by God’s grace. Thanks, in part, to your Alabaster offering, where darkness once prevailed, now there is light.

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