



Abebe Waktola in Ethiopia



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What's the need?

The church in many parts of the world is growing rapidly. Out of necessity many untrained men and women are sent to serve their communities or teach the Word of God to congregations at newly planted churches or established ones where they have no pastor or leader.

Congregations who are hungry for the Word of God often receive limited Bible teaching, leaving them open to error or to remain immature as Christians. Many dioceses are too poor to pay enough money for men and women to have theological training or to be trained in community health and development.

Why the bursary scheme?

To help meet this need for training, Crosslinks primarily provides bursaries for students who come from parts of the world where there is great economic or political need. Priority of sponsorship is given to students who are accepted into evangelical theological colleges, Bible schools and universities in their own or near country.

Students are recommended by their diocese or educational institution and most will be used as pastors or leaders at grass roots level in their community after gaining degrees or on completion of foundation courses. Some students train for higher degrees in order to fill key positions in their diocese.

How can you help?

By sponsoring students through our BEST programme. Money you give us will go towards their training fees which we pay the college on the students' behalf. Each student and their diocese are requested to pay what they can towards personal allowances and medical fees. We can link you with one of these students so that you can be informed of their progress.

Why Abebe Waktola?

Abebe was born into a Christian family and received good biblical teaching and direction, which led to him becoming a Christian himself. He is married to Mulunesh Etefa and they have two children.

God opened his heart and called him to service and he has been working as an ordained pastor in his church engaged in evangelism, and as an administrator in the Nekemte Christian Education College in East Wollega, Ethiopia. The College is developing the level of courses they can offer students and Abebe is upgrading his qualifications to degree level to enable him to teach on the diploma programme.

Abebe's course at **Mekane Yesus Seminary, Addis Ababa** is in Practical Theology. He started in August 2007 and will finish in June 2009.

What now?

- Decide how much your church can pay towards the student's fees through our BEST Programme
- An amount of £500 per year has been agreed by Crosslinks to help cover the cost of this training.



Please fill in the Church Partnership form today to show your support for Abebe through the BEST Programme which will enable him to be better equipped to share and teach the truths contained in God's Word and to have the skills to reach people in Ethiopia.