

An Urgent Call for Aid
from a Key District Mission Partner
of the Augustana District
North Central Ethiopian Synod



There is a life and death crisis that our brothers and sisters in Christ are facing at the hands of a military force that is raping and killing Christians of this Amharic area of Ethiopia. Pastors and their members are fleeing their villages,

coming to the central city of that region (Dessie), seeking safety.

The North Central Ethiopia Synod has been a mission partner of the AD since 2018, when we began funding a vitally important training program of their pastors and evangelists. This effort has been funded primarily through one of our AD congregations, Living Word Lutheran Church in Moses Lake, WA.

Our District sent a delegation to this area in 2018 and we were very impressed with the leadership of the synod and the eagerness of their pastors to grow in faith and as leaders in their local areas. We never expected that these same leaders would be driven from their homes and with desperate needs simply for survival.



Their brothers and sisters in Dessie, also very poor, are seeking to house and care for them as best they can. The synod simply does not have resources to help them in face of these very dark times.

Your Board of World Missions and District Council is urging congregations and its members to respond **generously and quickly** to this call from our partners of NCES. **These leadership groups of the AD are setting a goal of \$10,000 for this effort.** By the grace of God and your responses we may well exceed this number. What we give to NCES will be allocated by their leaders for direct support to their people who have been persecuted and displaced, being the light of Christ to them in this time of great darkness.

Gifts can be sent to the “Augustana District”, 335 Main St. South, Hutchinson, MN, 55350. Please mark your gift on the memo line for: “NCES Crisis Fund.” Individuals may want to send gifts through their local congregation for forwarding to the AD.



Pastor Lou Hesse of Living Word Lutheran is most willing to respond to questions you may have. His contact information is: phone: 509-760-0274 or email

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