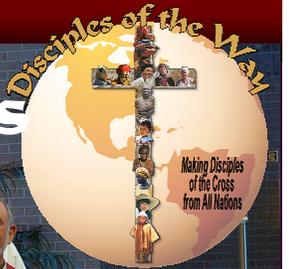


# Disciples of the Way Ministries



May 2016

## Mission Festival 2016

March 20 was a day to celebrate God's mission work in the greater Dallas - Fort Worth area. Missionaries were recognized for their service of reaching beyond our normal church walls to reach the lost. The banner picture above shows the large group of pastors participating in this Mission Festival.

Texas District President, Rev. Ken Hennings, officiated in the formal induction of three people into the ministry of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab serves as the Mission & Ministry Facilitator for Area B of the Texas District. Rev. Isaac Choi was installed as an LCMS Pastor for the Korean Lutheran Church who worship at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Flower Mound. Rev. Dr. Solomon Yadessa was ordained and installed as an LCMS Pastor of the Oromo Lutheran Church who worship at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano. Both Pastors Choi and Yadessa serve as Disciples of the Way missionaries.



Mengsteab, Choi, Yadessa, Hennings

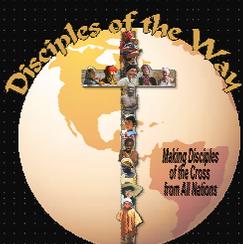


Friends of Pastor Choi



Friends of Pastor Yadessa

**Praise God for bringing these pastors to the mission work of Disciples of the Way!**



## “What hinders me from being baptized?”

The story of Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch recorded in Acts 8: 26 - 40 is familiar to most of us:

1. Philip called by God to go down the road from Jerusalem to Gaza.
2. Philip meets the Ethiopian eunuch who was reading scriptures.
3. Philip finds out the Ethiopian does not know what he is reading.
4. Philip shares the Gospel story of Jesus Christ.
5. The Ethiopian replies with ***"what hinders me from being baptized?"***
6. The Ethiopian makes a profession of faith and is baptized.

God is working that same miracle today among Middle Eastern and North African people through the ministry of Disciples of the Way. Recently, God welcomed two new saints into His kingdom through the power of Holy Baptism.

The first baptism was well planned by the family of baby Matthew with Pastor Kbrab Isaak, with the Eritrean Lutheran mission currently worshipping at Zion Lutheran Church in Dallas. Pastor Isaak is one of the missionaries under the mission network of Disciples of the Way.

The second baptism is a parallel story to the Acts 8 conversion story of the Ethiopian eunuch. Disciples of the Way Executive Director, Rev. Karim Baidaoui was also in attendance with a man named Karrar. Karrar had been seriously contemplating his own baptism. During the baptism of baby Matthew, Karrar was moved to accept Jesus as His Savior and become baptized.



Kbrab, wife Eden & family



Pastor Baidaoui & Karrar



Rev. Robert Preece (Zion, Dallas), Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab, Karrar, Rev. Karim Baidaoui, Pastor Kbrab Isaak, mother Helina Melis Nezeno, baby Matthew Fitsum Ephrem, father Fitsum Ephrem

**Praise God for the work of His Holy Spirit in the lives of these people.**

# Apartment Ministry - Vickery Meadow

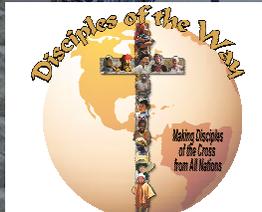
Vickery Meadow is a region of Dallas which is East of Central Expressway (Highway 75) and North of Park Lane. This region is home to over 35,000 refugees, many of whom are from African and Middle Eastern countries. Plus, many are Muslims in their faith.

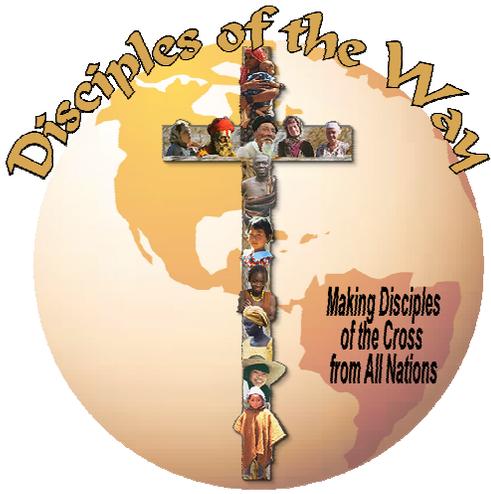
To reach these people with the saving message of Jesus Christ, Disciples of the Way has rented three apartments in the middle of this community of immigrants. The apartments serve as a hub of mission work:

- ◆ Bible studies for men
- ◆ Bible studies for women
- ◆ Meals for men & women
- ◆ Sewing classes for women
- ◆ Fellowship for all!

Through these ordinary means of human contact, God's Spirit is working in extraordinary ways to draw people to Him.

**May God continue to bless these efforts of sharing the Gospel!**





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Your support is critical to our Disciples of the Way mission. Please join me by saying...

***Yes! I want to partner together with  
Disciples of the Way  
to reach out to people  
with the Gospel.***

*Rev. Karim Baidaoui*

The ministry of Disciples of the Way is ever expanding. Opportunities continually open up for sharing the Gospel with souls who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your partnership and the gifts you send are valued and critical to building our ministry. I also hope you will join me today in making a special gift in support of our Disciples of the Way Ministries!

If you would like for me to come to your church to teach, preach and tell the story of our Disciples of the Way ministries, I hope you will call my office to set up a time.

**May God richly bless you and all that we do to share the  
Good News of Jesus with everyone!**