



## Transformational Volunteer Missions

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### PLANS FOR UPCOMING SERVE PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

Dear SERVE Supporters and Friends:

Jack Jordan will once again be going to Ethiopia to support the Western Gambella Bethel Synod which is located in the far western part of the country. This time he will be going to lead the construction a much needed church for the OPOW tribe which is part of the Western Gambella Bethel Synod. The church is being built at the request of Rev. Ding Gach who is head of the Synod.

Jack led the construction of a church for this tribe several years ago in a considerably different location. That church was made with construction techniques to minimize/eliminate termite damage. Those pesky things have been destroying everything in that area. The techniques used in that building seem to be working quite well to prevent damage they create.



View of some of the OPOW Tribe people attending this church are shown in the photo.

The new church construction is planned to replace a church that was built several years ago using the materials they can find in the local area. A picture of the church they were constructing then is shown below. Notice that the walls are all wood fibers. Since this church was made, termites have essentially destroyed the building. So they desperately need a new church. There is a congregation of about 250 people being led by three evangelists educated in the Jordan Bible School.



One of the key elements of this new church is utilization of metal pipes for columns that are buried in concrete with the walls being made of sheet metal attached to horizontal metal pipes that are welded to the metal columns. Jack's welding skills enable this being done.

In this trip, Jack will be there two weeks leaving home April 24<sup>th</sup>. A very key need to fully utilize his skills is to obtain sufficient funds to purchase needed materials and have them available prior to his arrival. (Time is short to make this happen.) He would then be able to construct the walls in the two weeks there and hire two local carpenters to construct the roof after he leaves. **Approximately \$10,000 is needed for the entire job.** This includes the price of needed materials, transportation of supplies to the site, and payment for the local labor help. Funds could be sent to the above address.

I realize this is short notice but these are the best dates that fit Jack's availability to perform this much needed project. He can get the basics done with local people finishing the project.

God Bless:

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