

Exhibit 7

The Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus

37th Meeting of the Executive Committee

January 20 to 24, 1976

Tuesday, January 20, 1976.

The Meeting was opened at 9.a.m. by Hymn No. 290. The Bible Study was conducted by Ato Yonas Deressa who read Nehemiah 2:12-20 and Acts 20:17-20.

EC-37-1: The President of the ECMY declared the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee opened.

EC-37-2: The participants were introduced by the President.

EC-37-3: The Agenda was approved with the addition of the following item:

"Mekane Yesus Seminary membership in the Association of Theological Institutions in Eastern Africa".

EC-37-4: The President of the ECMY presented his Report. Some questions were raised and discussed, whereafter the Report was accepted by the Executive Committee.

EC-37-5: The Rev. Olana Djini presented the Report of the Central Synod. The administrative problems of the Synod were discussed at some length and the Report was accepted.

EC-37-6: The Rev Tasgara Hirpo, President of the Western Synod, presented an oral report. He mentioned that:
a) 12 pastors had been ordained the previous December;
b) the urgency of starting development work in Assosa District;
c) the ongoing road construction between Bodji and Aira and Bodji and Ghimbi, and the building of a bridge over the Uwa River.

Answers were given to some questions that were raised and the Committee accepted the report.

EC-37-7: Ato Yalem Tesfa Mengistu, Executive Secretary of the North Ethiopia Area, presented a Progress Report which was accepted by the Executive Committee.

EC-37-8: Ato Gutema Rufo, President of the Shoa, Kafa and Illubabor Bethel Synod presented the Synod's Report. Some questions were answered and the Report was accepted.

EC-38-9: Memre Sileshi W/Mikael, Executive Secretary of the Addis Ababa Synod, presented a Progress Report and the Executive Committee accepted it.

EC-37-10: The Rev. Kalbero Wayero, President of the Kambata Synod, presented a Progress Report. Some questions were raised and discussed and the Report was accepted.

EC-37-11: Ato Legesse Wclde, President of the South Ethiopia Synod, presented the Progress Report of the Synod and it was accepted.

EC-37-12: The Finance Director of the ECMY, Ato Berhe Beyene, had in a letter to the President of the ECMY requested that the question of extending the term of loans from the Pension Fund be considered in view of the new salary policy of the Church. It was noted during the discussion that other factors also indicated the loan policy be reconsidered. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that loan takers be required to pay every month a quarter (25%) of their gross salary to the Pension Fund beginning January 1, 1976. It was further resolved that the future basis and administration of the Pension Fund be studied by a committee consisting of Ato Tedla Gutema, Mr. Rolf Berglund (Convener), Ato Tadesse Gurmu, Dr. Fasil Nahum and Ato Hailu Wolde-Semaiat (Consultant), and that a report be presented to the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The following questions to be considered by the committee:

1. Should the Pension Policy of the Church continue, if so, on what basis ?
a) legal
b) moral
2. How does the ECMY, Pension Policy compare with the policies of the Government and other Organizations?
3. What changes would be needed in our present policy ?
4. How should the ECMY Pension Fund be administered in the future ?

5. Is it necessary to change the pensionable age?

The session was adjourned for lunch at 1 p.m. and the work was resumed at 3.p.m.

EC-37-13: Ato Hailu Wolde Semaiat, Chairman of the Pension Board, presented a Report on the activities of the Board. After some discussion the Report was accepted.

EC-37-14: The following persons were elected to represent the ECMY at the LWF Sixth Assembly:

Mrs. Elizabeth Karorsa, possible substitute Miss Tsige Wongel Tekleab, Ato Emmanuel Abrham, possible substitute the Rev. Gudina Tumsa, the Rev. Tasgara Hipo, possible substitute the Rev. Berisha Hunde.

EC-37-15: The All Africa Conference of Churches had asked for a Contribution of U.S. \$3000 to be paid over a five-year period towards the building of the new Headquarters of the AACC in Nairobi. It was resolved that the amount of US. \$600 be entered for this purpose into the budget of the Central Office for 1976, and that the same amount be budgeted during the following four years.

EC-37-16: The proposal of the ECMY Central Office Staff Committee for a post of Music Secretary to be established within the Evangelism Department to serve the Synods in the area of training song and music leaders was approved.

The day's session was closed by singing Hymn No. 242 and a prayer by the Rev. Daffa Jammo.

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EC-37-18: As introduction to the discussion on the work in the former North Ethiopia Synod Area a Report prepared by the Rev. Jurgen Wesenick was considered. After a lengthy exchange of views, it was resolved:

1. that the work in the Northern Area be placed under the ECMY at large, that the Programme be administered by the Evangelism Department and that the name of the Programme be; "The ECMY Evangelistic Outreach for the Northern Area";
2. that initially the Programme be for a period of three years;
3. that the Synods be requested to send experienced workers for a specific period of time to carry out this task undertaken by the whole Church;
4. that a special Fund be established for Evangelistic outreach, that the resolution of the Yirga Alem Assembly (GA-8-78-65), that offerings of one Sunday a year be earmarked for Evangelistic Outreach, be put into effect forthwith and that the first offering be collected and paid to the Fund before June 30, 1976;
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EC-37-22: Mr. Karl John Lundstrom read a Report of the Preparatory Committee for the 9th General Assembly. The Synods indicated the number of delegates they intended to send to the General Assembly.

The work of the day was adjourned by singing Hymn No. 306 and a prayer by Ato Legesse Wolde.

Friday, January 23, 1976.

The session started by singing Hymn No. 255. The Bible Study conducted by the Rev. Kalbero Wayero was on 1. Tess 2:1-12 followed by Hymn No.121.

EC-37-23: The Synods appointed the following persons to be members of the Scholarship Committee:

Ato Idossa Gemachis, Central Synod
Ato Megersa Yadetta, Western Synod
Dr. Solomon Gidada, Western Wollega Bethel Synod
Ato Tarfasa Yadessa S.K.I. Bethel Synod
The Rev. Paul Hoffman, Addis Ababa Synod.
Miss Gerd Landro, South Ethiopia Synod

The Rev. Paul Hoffman to convene the first meeting of the Committee.

EC-37-24: The question of a Fourth Seminar on Christianity and Socialism was raised. After discussion of the form and format of the Seminar, it was resolved that a Workshop of two weeks be held on Christianity and Socialism beginning on Monday, June 7, 1976. A Preparatory Committee consisting of the General Secretary, the Evangelism Director, Pastor Paul Hoffman and Pastor Johny Bakke was appointed.

EC-37-25: A Report and Recommendations on the Ministry and Theological Education was presented by the Rev. Johny Bakke. It was resolved that:

- 1) the Report be sent to the Synods for study and recommendations;
- 2) that the Synods present their findings by June 30, 1976;
- 3) that a committee consisting of the General Secretary, the Director of the Evangelism Department and the Staff of the MY Seminary compile the recommendations of the Synods for presentation to the Executive Committee's Meeting in September, 1976.

EC-37-26: It was resolved that a reminder be sent to the Synods and the Programmes that the Agenda for the 9th General Assembly, previously sent out, be brought along to the General Assembly, that the reports be brought up to date for presentation at the General Assembly and sent to the Central Office by February 15, 1976.

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EC-37-27: It was resolved that the Assembly theme be: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is God's power unto Salvation", and that topics for Bible Studies be prepared by the Preparatory Committee.

EC-37-28: The Constitution of the Mekane Yesus Seminary, prepared by the MYS Board, was read and approved with the following amendments:

1. In the Heading: the words "and by Laws" to be deleted
2. Article VII. 5 to read: "The Executive Committee of the Seminary shall be elected by the Board from among its members with a minimum of five members".

3. Article VII. 8 to read: "The Chairman and the Secretary of the Seminary Board shall be elected by the Seminary Board for one year with eligibility for re-elections. The Chairman and the Secretary of the Seminary Board shall also be the Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive Committee."

4. Article IX. Section 11 to read: "The Seminary Board shall administer the Seminary through a Staff Council and duly appointed Principal and Vice Principal".

The Session was adjourned for lunch at 1 p.m., and was resumed at 3 p.m.

EC-37-29: Mr. Rolf Berglund Financial Adviser of the ECMY, presented the budget estimates for 1977 with the recommendations of the Finance Committee. After a long discussion, it was resolved:

1. that the allocation of grants from abroad be approved as proposed by the Finance Committee;
2. that the South Ethiopia Synod request that \$11,137 be transferred from the capital budget to the running budget be approved provided the Donor Agency concerned agrees to it;
3. that the budget of the S.K.I. Bethel Synod be presented to the Financial Adviser by January 30, 1976, for approval by the Church Officers.

The day's session was closed at 6.30 p.m. with a prayer by the Rev. Tarfa Tiba.

Saturday, January 24, 1976.

The work of the day started by singing Hymn No. 206 and a Bible Study on Prayer by Atö Tarfasa Yadessa.

Continuation of EC-37-29: Budget for 1976.

Budgetary matters were again discussed at length and it was resolved:

4. that the running budget proposals be submitted to the Donor Agencies as presented by the Finance Committee;
5. that the Synods prepare a breakdown of the budget figures for 1976 and 1977 in order to give a more realistic view of the relation between local resources and grants from abroad. The figures to be reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee;
6. that requests from abroad for Church buildings be deleted from the budget proposals with the exception of the request for \$28,200 for 45 Church buildings in the Kambata Synod.
7. that the Budget Proposals for Capital Investment for 1977 from the South Ethiopia Synod be presented for approval to the Church Officers after the proposals had been screened by the Synod Board;
8. that requests for Capital Investment for new development projects or extension of existing projects and institutions be considered only after assurances for taking over of the projects or institutions had been given and agreements signed between the Church and the Government Departments concerned;
9. that upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Church Officers approach appropriate Agencies abroad to cover the needs for 1977 in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee;
10. that the time plan for budget work decided by the Executive Committee be strictly followed;
11. that the budget estimates for 1976 be returned to the Finance Committee for re-editing in the light of the decisions of the Executive Committee.

CE-37-30: Ato Tarfassa Yadessa presented a report on the situation of the Church in the Gambela District of Ilubabor Province. It was resolved that the Rev. Gudina Tumsa, the Rev. Tasgara Hirpo and Ato Gutema Rufo, who had visited the area at an earlier date, together with Ato Tarfassa Yadessa immediately prepare a report in English for the Church Officers, and that the Church follow closely further developments in the District.

At the end of the session the following were appointed to form a committee to draw up a constitution for the Church of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

EC-37-31: The following were named members of the Mekane Yesus Seminary Board:

The Rev. Oläna Djipri,	Central Synod
The Rev. Tasgara Hirpo,	Western Synod
The Rev. Debla Birri,	W.W. Bethel Synod
Ato Sium Tesemma,	SKI. Bethel Synod
The Rev. Gudina Tumsa,	A.A. Synod
The Rev. Kalfaro Wayero,	Kambata Synod
The Rev. Tobias Salmelid,	South Ethiopia Synod.
Ato Hailu Wölde Sémaiat, and the Director of the Evangelism Department	were appointed by the Executive Committee.

EC-37-32: Mr. Rolf Berglund, Financial Adviser of the ECMY, presented a Progress Report concerning Salary Regulations for the ECMY beginning 1977.

The Report and suggestions were accepted with the exception of points (d) and (c) with the understanding that the deadline be changed from March 15 to June 30, 1976, and that the Salary Scale be presented to the September Meeting of the Executive Committee.

EC-37-33: It was resolved that a Fund be established for severance pay, etc.

EC-37-34: A Progress Report on the Five-Year Plan of the ECMY was presented by Mr. Rolf Berglund, Financial Adviser. It was decided that a report on the Five-Year Plan be presented to the 9th General Assembly and that a Paper be also presented on Self-Reliance underlining this important matter. Ato Tarfassa Yadessa to prepare the Paper and the Rev. Paul Hoffman to react to it.

It was further resolved that the final date for Synods and Institutions to submit their parts of the Plan be June 30, 1976. Preliminary information on the Plan to be submitted to Mr. Rolf Berglund before February 29, 1976.

EC-37-35: Dr. Norvald Yri, who had been an Observer at the World Council of Churches Assembly, presented a Report on his observations.

EC-37-36: Upon the recommendation of the Mekane Yesus Seminary Board, the Executive Committee resolved that the Seminary seek membership in the "Association of Theological Institutions in Eastern Africa".

EC-37-37: Upon the recommendation of the Development Committee, the Executive Committee approved the following guidelines for processing small Projects outside the normal budget procedures of the Church:

- a) the maximum amount to be approved inside such a Project to be Eth. \$10,000;

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- b) any such Project to be of an emergency nature normally not foreseen during the time of regular budgeting but necessary to implement in a shorter period of time than the normal budget work allows;
- c) after presentation to the Central Office by the Synod concerned, such a Project to be processed by the Development Department of the Church and submitted to the Church Officers for approval and forwarding to prospective Donor Agencies;
- d) the Projects to be limited in time and with no implications on future operating budgets.

EC-37-38: The following priority list for requests to be sent to the LWF, Geneva, was approved as recommended by the Development Committee:

Priority I.

1. Continuation request for Christian Education Material subsidy: Eth. \$100,000;-
2. Continuation request for Central Synod Evangelistic Outreach Programme: Eth. \$28,092;-
3. Continuation request for Administrative Costs for the Pension Board; Eth. \$34,600;-

Priority II.

1. Library Books for the Central Synod Christian Education; Eth. \$4,039;
2. Addis Ababa Synod Evangelistic Outreach and Training Programme: Eth. \$181,523;
3. Congregational Church Buildings in the Kambata Synod: Eth. 28,200;

Priority III.

1. Request for books for Community Centres in Addis Ababa: Eth. \$2,400.

EC-37-39: The Rev. Gudina Tumsa reported on the work of a Committee of various Churches which was planning a Congress for Church workers, and recommended that the ECML Synods and congregations make plans for participation in the Congress.

EC-37-40: The General Secretary reported that a Council for Cooperation of the Churches in Ethiopia was in process of formation. After discussion it was resolved in principle to hold membership in the Council and that a report on the formation of the Council be presented to the Meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in March, 1976.

V2. Exhibit

Urgent action is taken to have the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches, held at Geneva, Switzerland, on 24-26 March 1976, certified by the Secretary General.

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EC-37-41: Resolved that the 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee (The Pre Assembly Meeting) be held from March 24 to 26, 1976.

EC-37-42: The Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

EC-37-43: Ato Tesemma-Zawde led the Meeting in prayer, Hymn No. 221, was sung and the President declared the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee closed at 7.50 p.m.

Emmanuel Abraham
President

Dr. Olav Saeveraas
Associate General Secretary

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

1. The Church Officers:

1. Ato Emmanuel Abrahem
2. Fit. Baissa Jammo
3. Dr. Emmanuel G/Selassie
4. Ato Hailu W/Semaiat

2. Central Synod:

5. The Rev. Olana Djini
6. Mr. Ingvar Karlsson

3. Western Synod:

7. The Rev. Tasgara Hirpo
8. The Rev. Daffa Djammo
9. The Rev. Gemechu Dannu
10. Ato Deressa Amaro
11. The Rev. Djallata Wase

4. Western Wollega Bethel Synod:

12. The Rev. Debela Birri
13. The Rev. Tarfa Tiba

5. North Ethiopia Area:

14. Ato Yalem Tesfa Mengistu
15. Mr. Douglas Ritze

6. Shoa, Kafa & Illubabor Bethel Synod:

16. Ato Gutema Rufo
17. Ato Sium Tesemma

7. Addis Ababa Synod:

18. Memre Sileshi Wolde Mikael
19. The Rev. Johannes Launhardt

8. Kambata Synod:

20. The Rev. Kalbero Wayero
21. Mrs. Arja Vekho

9. South Ethiopia Synod:

22. Ato Legesse Wolde
23. Ato Tesemma Zawde
24. The Rev. Osvald Hindenes

10. The Evangelical College, Debre Zeit:

25. Mr. Ragnar Norheim

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11. Mekane Yesus Seminary:

- 26. The Rev. Johny Bakke
- 27. The Rev. Paul Hoffman

12. Tabor Seminary:

- 28. The Rev. Tobias Salmelid

13. Louis Harms Hostel

- 29. Ato Addisu Tolossa
- 30. Ato Desta Buba

14. Central Office Staff:

- 31. The Rev. Gudina Tumsa
- 32. Mr. John Eriksson
- 33. Mr. Karl Johan Lundstrom
- 34. Dr. Norvald Yri
- 35. Mr. Rolf Berglund
- 36. Ato Yonas Deressa
- 37. Dr. Olav Saeveraaas
- 38. Terfassa Yadessa

37th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, January 20-24, 1976

EC-37-40: The General Secretary reported that a COUNCIL FOR COOPERATION OF THE CHURCHES IN ETHIOPIA was in process of formation. After discussion it was
Resolved in principle to hold membership in the Council and that a report on the formation of the Council be presented to the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in March 1976.

The Evangelical Church Mekane Jesus
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January 20 to 24, 1976

A G E N D A

1. Devotion
2. The President opens the Meeting
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. The President's Report
6. The Central Synod Report
7. The Western Synod Report
8. The North Ethiopia Area Report
9. The S.K.I. Bethel Synod Report
10. The Western Wollega Bethel Synod Report
11. The Addis Ababa Synod Report
12. Kambata Synod Report
13. South Ethiopia Synod Report
14. The Yemissrach Dint Report
15. The Evangelical College Report
16. The Mekane Jesus Seminary Report
17. The Tabor Seminary Report
18. The Mekane Jesus Youth Hostel and Centre Report
19. Report of the Board of Pensions
20. Loan Policy of the ECNY Board of Pensions
21. Nomination of Delegates to the IWF Sixth Assembly
22. ECNY Contribution towards the All Africa Conference of Churches Headquarters Project.
23. Policy Decision on the work in the former NES Area
24. Report on the Restructuring of the Administration of the Church and the Constitution (EC-35-24)
25. Appointment of Members of the Scholarship Committee (EC-36-53)
26. Recommendations of the ECNY Consultation on the Ministry and Theological Education (EC-36-55)
27. Approval of the Constitution of the Mekane Jesus Seminary and appointment of Seminary Board Members.
28. Preparation for the 9th General Assembly of the ECNY.
29. Need for a Music Secretary
30. Fourth Seminar on Christianity and Socialism.

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The President's Report

1. I am happy to report to the Executive Committee that we have had visits from two important personalities from the Lutheran Churches during the past few weeks. Dr. Olof Sundby, Archibishop of Sweden, was in Addis Ababa for two days on November 29 and 30, 1975. Dr. Sundby who was attending the 5th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi took the opportunity of his presence in neighbouring Kenya to respond to our invitation to visit the ECMY. We had profitable discussions conducive to a closer relationship between our two Churches during his visit. You are all aware that the Church of Sweden is actively co-operating with our Church through its Missionary Society, the Church of Sweden Mission.

Dr. Carl Mau, the General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, paid us a visit at the end of December when we had consultation on matters of common interest. You are all aware that LWF World Service has taken an active part in relief and rehabilitation work in our Country for the past four years, first in Bishena District of Gojjam and more recently in Wollo and other areas affected by natural disasters. This is apart from the continual financial assistance afforded us in the execution of various development activities the ECMY has undertaken in various areas of Ethiopia. Canon Burgess Carr, General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, also made one of his periodic visits to Ethiopia in December when we had the opportunity to exchange views.

We have also had visits from a number of friends members of the Lutheran Churches in America, Germany and Scandinavia in the course of November and December either on their way to the WACC Assembly or on their way back to their countries. The visitors were bent on obtaining more information on the ECMY and her activities and we in the Central Office were happy to communicate it to them. We are confident that these contacts will lead to better understanding among the member Churches of the LWF.

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2. As we all know, the 6th General Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation is due to be held in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania, in June, 1977. As a member Church of the Federation, the ECMY has been invited to attend the Assembly and three delegates have been assigned to our Church. It has also been requested that at least one should be a woman delegate. As the General Secretary of the LWF has asked us to name the delegates and send them their names as soon as possible, I recommend that the Executive Committee elect three persons to represent our Church at the Assembly.

3. The All Africa Conference of Churches is constructing its Headquarters building in Nairobi and the General Secretary has informed us that the Executive Committee of the AACC has resolved to ask each member Church to contribute US\$3,000 over a five year period and to send them our first contribution without delay. I would therefore ask the Executive Committee to act on this matter in the course of this Meeting.

4. It would be recalled that the membership of the Church Officers' Meeting was fixed at seven persons at the last General Assembly, but two members resigned in the course of the past year. I recommend that the Executive Committee consider this matter and decide as to whether or not it deems it desirable to appoint two new Church Officers before the next General Assembly.

I regret to inform the Executive Committee that the Finance Director, Ato Berhe Beyene, has given notice that he would resign his office as from April 1, 1976. The reasons he has advanced for his intended resignation are that (a) he does not agree with the General Secretary's Memorandum of July 21, 1975, and the way action was taken on it by the Executive Committee, and that (b) it would be difficult for him and his family to live on the proposed reduced salary.

5. More than three years have now passed since the administration of the North Ethiopia Synod broke down and since the Church Officers took charge of the overall control of the administration of the former Synod. The Church Officers have

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His Excellency
Simeadad Zerda Gabreawot,
Minister of Interior,
Imperial Government of Ethiopia,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Your Excellency,

Following his visit to Ethiopia, Mr. Waldner reported to me on the helpful discussions which he had with Your Excellency and others concerned, and on the observations which he was able to make with respect to the possible services the Lutheran World Federation/World Service may be able to render in the wake of the drought, with special reference to the Gojjam Province.

In writing to you on this matter, permit me first of all to express to Your Excellency my sincere gratitude for the courtesies and facilities extended to Mr. Waldner during his visit to Ethiopia. He was most appreciative of the arrangements made which enabled him to gain a firsthand insight into the situation, and was most grateful for the opportunities for contact and discussions with you, the officials of your ministry and others who helped him in his assignment. May I join Mr. Waldner in expressing to Your Excellency and all concerned my genuine appreciation for having received my representative so graciously and for having extended to him every co-operation.

As you know, the main thrust of any assistance the Lutheran World Federation may be able to provide would be in the area of rehabilitation and development. This seems to fit in well with the fact that measures have already been taken to meet some of the immediate relief needs. Accordingly, in the light of the report submitted to me and in line with the discussions Mr. Waldner was privileged to have with you, the LWF/World Service would be interested in exploring further with you the following proposals for possible assistance:

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In light of the approval of the government funds, i.e., the UN Commission on World Service, a service ready to assist your ministry in your areas of responsibility and management functions. I believe it may be appropriate, to assist rural and newly villages by supplying:

- a) 1,000 sows and a limited number of breeding stock;
- b) seeds for tree and fruiting crops;
- c) an index of veterinary services.

As far as Canadian material needs, such as feed, are concerned, we understand that your ministry has facilitated storage for the procurement of the required supplies. Should, however, any supplementary assistance from LWF be required, please feel free to bring such needs to our attention.

I understand that in your discussions with Mr. Gelder performance was also made to economic developmental services such as the introduction of creditlines, recruitment of grain-handling co-operatives and possibly even an extension of facilities for medical services. Should you consider it appropriate for LWF to be involved in such activities, such measure could be further explored in due course.

With regard to the practical implementation of any assistance LWF may be able to give, I would be ready to assign a resident representative for consultation with your ministry, co-ordination of relevant services and the requisite administrative responsibilities. In this connection I have pleasure to learn from Mr. Gelder that Your Excellency indicated that there is readiness to provide the usual facilities such as income tax exemption for international staff, duty-free importation of equipment, vehicles and supplies related to the programs, and other relevant provisions normally applicable to international service agencies.

If Your Excellency considers these proposals useful, I would be glad to recommend to the UN Commission on World Service that a service program along the above-mentioned lines be authorized. Accordingly it would be appreciated if at your convenience you were to advise me whether such a program would be welcome. At the same time please feel free to make such other suggestions as you may deem appropriate in order that the LWF may be of assistance in response to the needs in the afflicted areas.

Assuring you of our cooperation in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

G. Bentzfield

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April 25, 1973.

Dr. Bruno Muetzfeldt,
Director, Department of World Service,
The Lutheran World Federation
Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland.

Dear Dr. Muetzfeldt,

There is a severe drought condition in the Provinces of Tigre and Wollo which has resulted in the starvation of many people. May I request you to be so good as to send urgently Mr. Neldner or someone you consider suitable to assess the problem and report to you and the Commission to see if a grant could be made to relieve the distress.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Emmanuel Abraham
President

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION DEPARTMENT OF WORLD SERVICE

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File 570 - Farline

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His Excellency Emmanuel Abrahams
ECHO
ADDIS ABABA ETHIOPIA

RESPONDING YOURLET 25 APRIL WHICH ARRIVED GENEVA ONLY
8 MAY CAN ADVISE THAT KELONER WILL DIVERT TO ADDIS
WHEN RETURNING FROM BANGLADESH 24 MAY STOP WILL BE JOINED
BY MWANGOSI WHO IS VISITING ADDIS IN ANY CASE AS PER
MYLET TO YOU 2 MAY STOP SHOULD SOME ASSISTANCE BE
REQUIRED IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE IF ECHO COULD
FURNISH INTERIM REPORT AS BASIC FOR SEEKING PRELIMINARY
PERMIS PENDING FORMAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION FOLLOWING
KELONER MWANGOSI VISIT STOP MUENZELFELDT

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May 31, 1973

Mr. Brian W. Holdner
Secretary for Program Administration
Department of World Service
The Lutheran World Federation
150 Lantz St. Parcay
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Holdner,

It was a pleasure to have you with us recently and especially in your capacity with the Department of World Service on our concern for the people in northern Ethiopia is real. You asked for relevant information concerning the ECCL's Famine Relief Program so I enclose a copy of a letter sent to our Synods and will quote Church Officer's resolutions:

April 24, 1973 "A letter from the North Ethiopia Synod dated April 23, concerning famine in the Wollo and Tigre Provinces was discussed and it was resolved that Mr. John Eriksson and Ato Berhe Beyene be requested to go to the two Provinces to study the situation as regards to the famine and report to the Officers of the NCYM. No it further resolved that a letter be sent to the IMP/IMB informing them of the prevailing situation in the two Provinces." (CO-73-68)

April 24, 1973 "Resolved that the amount of twelve thousand dollars be released from the Famine Relief Fund for distribution in the famine stricken areas in Wollo and Tigre Provinces. Seven thousand dollars will be given for use in Wollo and the rest in Tigre." (CO-73-69)

May 16, 1973 "It was resolved to request the Western Synod and the German Hermannsburg Mission to release the Rev. Gerhard Jabs for work in the ECCL Famine Relief Program for a period of approximately two months." (CO-73-76)

May 16, 1973 "It was resolved to appoint a Famine Relief Committee consisting of Ato Berhe Beyene, chairman, Mrs. Karl Lundstrom, Rev. Johannes Baumhardt, Ato Haile Wolde/Semien, and Rev. Robert Miller, to direct the Famine Relief work in the North." (CO-73-79)

May 31, 1973

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- May 23, 1973 "It was reported as information that contributions had been made to the Helmo Famine Relief Program by the Swedish Community (#3317), the Scandinavian Food Raising Foundation (#2141), the Christian's Social Responsibility Seminar (#722), and Yekaterin Birth employee (#1171). It was received that letters of thanks be addressed to the chairman of the contributing groups." (CO-73-37)
- May 23, 1973 "It was resolved to release \$7,000 of Famine Relief Funds for relief work through the DCFY congregations in Wollo." (CO-73-38)

Perhaps this information on what we are doing will be helpful. You will recall that I mentioned a Mr. John Kiviyalby who I thought would be just the man (with his wife) to really do a job in Wollo due to his past experience, his ability and his rapport with the Ethiopian officials and people. He's a trained agriculturist and practical engineer. This morning I discussed this with Ato Berhe Beyene and he whole-heartedly agreed that this was the man for the job. Now, it is possible for the Church to suggest this man, but I think the best approach would be for you to contact him directly and judge for yourself, as he would be your employee and contact man if hired for the job. I'll write him a letter today (I hope) and send a copy to you.

A last question. Do you still have the file and clippings on the famine situation here or did this get back into Ato Berhe's hands?

Thank you again for your visit and we'll be waiting to hear from you and the Department of World Service.

Yours sincerely,

RJM
Robert J. Miller
Assoc. General Sec.

cc. Berhe Beyene

File 510 - Famine

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30th May, 1973

His Excellency
Ato Emmanuel Abraham,
P.O. Box 1329,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Re: Famine Relief,

Your Excellency,

Even though Brian Neldner has not as yet returned to Geneva since he still needs to have discussions in Germany, he called me immediately on arrival in Frankfurt last night and told me also briefly of his visit to Ethiopia. May I, on his behalf too, first thank you and the other representatives of the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, who helped him and Mr. Mwangosi in their mission, for the courtesies extended to these my colleagues.

In accordance with the authorisation I had given him, Mr. Neldner intimated to you that we would make available immediately to the ECMY US\$5,000 for use at the Church's discretion for famine relief, pending the working out of a more comprehensive programme. Therefore, I now have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for that amount. As soon as Mr. Neldner is back in Geneva, a programme proposal will be prepared in line with his observations and discussions during his visit to Ethiopia. This will then be submitted to the Commission for mail vote authorisation. You will be pleased to know that tentatively we have already sent out some feelers and hope to be able to attract financial support for such a programme from our related agencies.

With cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,

B. Muetzelfeldt

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The Evangelical Church Mekong Yezo

Famine Relief Committee

Minutes

June 6, 1973

Present: Ato Berhe Beyene
Mrs. Lundstrom
Mrs. Fasil Nahum
Rev. Gerhard Jabs
Rev. R. Miller

Item: Report by Rev. Jabs

Rev. Jabs presented an extensive oral report on his trip to Wollo, Tigre and northern Shoa indicating the areas of extreme famine and telling about the existing programs of relief work. He stated that the famine area begins at Robit and extends into Tigre. In the worst hit areas he reported that people have sold all their belongings and are eating roots.

Rev. Jabs then reported on the areas where he had used funds allotted to him, especially he mentioned the help in transporting people from Dessie back to their homes in the Alamata area. He pointed out that we dare not fail to help the people in their home areas as we have assisted in moving them back.

Item: Contributions

It was reported by Mrs. Nahum that approximately \$3,000 additional had been contributed through the Famine Relief Bank Acct. Rev. Jabs reported that a little more than \$3,000 had also been contributed by the GWM missionaries and staff. Ato Berhe Beyene then reported that Miss Ruby Newbauer had donated her 1977 model VW Variant to be sold and the funds to be used for famine relief work.

Resolution: It was resolved upon the recommendation of Rev. Jabs to request the Church Officers to release \$3,000 for the Worrabobo area and \$3,000 for the Wajerat area. \$2,000 already released were redesignated for the Waldia famine relief work.

Resolution: It was resolved to request Mrs. Lundstrom to contact the Ethiopian Nutrition Institute and Dr. Manheimer of the Save the Children Fund to explore areas of assistance. It was further resolved to request Ato Berhe to contact Dr. Isaacson of EPID and that Rev. Miller would be the representative with the Good Shepherd School.

File 520 - Famine

Ref-1810-5-52

June 30, 1973

Mr. R. W. Heldner
Secretary for Program Administration
ICCP Department of World Service
Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Dear Mr. Heldner,

We have heard of your proposal to the ICS Board and are thankful for your strong support. Word is that conditions are worsening in the north as you would probably expect. Unfortunately, the little rain that began about the time you visited in Vollo stopped and the grain planted at that time has sprouted and withered. We have also had reports of numerous children trampled on and killed at places of distribution of grain.

Enclosed please find a "Famine Relief Survey" that the Inter-church Famine Committee has written. It might be helpful.

Sincerely Yours,

RJW
Robert J. Miller
Assoc. General Sec.



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Wife of Dr. L. P. Madsen

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August 7, 1973

Church Office of
Interdenominational Church Relief Fund, Inc., Ethiopia.

Dear Sirs,

In the famine conditions in the Muchalle-Tigray area we would like to request financial help to try to save the lives of some of the suffering people.

The situation will be very serious until the people get enough food to regain their strength. For example, today in a visit to Sembia here in the Muchalle valley we found people carrying the wood from the fields to have something to eat. Of the children in the village, 7% were sick with various illnesses—from malaria to urinary tractitis and diarrhea. In this village of around 110 people, 20 have died within a month. Around one-fourth of the adults were in various stages of illness; some have been ill for as long as two months. Their physical condition makes it nearly impossible to do the necessary farm work to get a crop next harvest. Many widows who lived by carrying wood to Muchalle town are now too weak from starvation and sickness to even get this meager income.

Since there are so many sick people who have no money to buy medicine we are requesting \$2000 to use to buy medicine and treat the people on visits into the various villages. Those who are in critical condition should be sent to a hospital which will involve transportation and other treatment expenses. We would also request a nurse or advanced dresser who would be willing to go by mule to the surrounding lowland villages and give this treatment. We assume this need will continue for at least one to two months and request someone be sent immediately for this time. Mrs. Jerome Hovdestad has also expressed willingness to help with this medical need as much as her family responsibilities allow, especially to

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those within close range of the Tschallie station. The people, of course, need a word from us.

Although at this point we don't feel it is advisable for us to become involved in grain distribution, we are presently experimenting with setting up kitchens in some villages where the people are starving. Food will be prepared and served to needy villagers who come rather than hand it out for cash. We take Note, since grain distribution often has resulted in fighting and even tribal distribution to the extent greater than the work. We expect that SDCO will be unwilling to engage in such a program in the village, as within our scope of responsibility.

We therefore request SDC to send a medical letter for one-two children as detailed above. The letter will not only inform them to do the job, as the head is insufficient. We have to let them know within the week.

Yours in Christ
John F. Bliese
Lester R. Bliese

File No. - 1000

Ref. 1811-5-57

August 28, 1973.

Mr. R. W. Heldner
Secretary for Programme Admin.
Department of World Service
The Lutheran World Federation
Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Heldner,

In reference to your letter of August 20, 1973 I think you have received a copy of a letter I sent to the Hvingelby's concerning housing. Daily the situation changes, but we'll definitely have something ready when they arrive. They are very dear friends and you can be sure they'll be taken care of.

I might mention a word on their visas. We have applied for them but the credentials are not in the best order. As I mentioned, a letter from your office stating that Jens will be working in such and such a capacity may be necessary. Secondly, if the visas are not granted in time would you want to consider sending the Hvingelby's on tourist visas? This would mean that when the visas are granted they would have to fly to Nairobi and re-enter Ethiopia. As time is a factor this might be a sensible course of action.

Ato Berhe Beyene said he just sent you the latest report from the Christian Famine Relief Committee so I won't send another one. I sat in on the meeting yesterday and was impressed by their efficient manner of working. We allocated Eth. \$20,500 in one minute and from the reports from the representatives from the various missions it appears that much food, medical help and now clothes are being distributed in the needy areas.

A little over two weeks ago I visited the Wuchale Valley. The rains had come like monsoons and roads, bridges, fields, crops, cattle and especially people were suffering dreadfully from the rains. Isn't that ironical? Apparently the dry seasons have burned up the cover of the hills and floods have come like no one has ever seen in the area (especially South of Dessie). On approaching Combaacha more than three hundred carcasses of cattle were waiting to be skinned. The rains and cold weather is taking its' toll.

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In the Wuchale Valley I visited a few villages. The rains and cold have brought malaria fever, etc. and people in the lowlands are suffering more than ever. Food has not been distributed in this area to any extent and in one village the people were eating a weed(like a potatoe plant) with water. In that same village there was only one house where no one was ill. In the other 1 - 3 people were lying on their cow hides too weak to get help. There were also few able-bodied men who carry these people on stretchers to get help. The children were few in number and they said 20 people had died out of 125 in the last month.

Well, I won't go on but the medical situation is now terrible and the many rumors of cholera are apparently more than rumors. Now the situation has changed and we hear that for the last ten days many areas have had no rain and the crops damaged by erosion and flooding are now suffering from lack of water. I think it's premature to make any deductions from this except that if rains do not come now and quickly, the situation will become terrible indeed.

Rev. Jabs is now in the north, but he only left a few days ago. He's a very hard man to get reports from, at least in any organized manner, and as he was sick in Addis for two weeks and recovering for almost another two weeks you won't be able to get anything from him at least at this time. I know he has stressed very much the difficulties the people are facing due to the rains and cold and was involved in carrying many patients to our hospital in Waldia.

In the meeting yesterday it was reported that there were 136 deaths in Kobbo(north of Waldia in the valley) between August 8-22. Other reports are 30 dying each day in Mersa(south of Waldia), and now burying people has become a big problem and business. In Hausa District(I think this is around Bati) it's reported that 2000 have died.

I could add more scattered statistics but this should give an impression of the suffering at this stage. Of course, you would know that the situation can't improve until crops come. By the way the first corn crop should be ready in another 2 - 3 weeks in some areas. I would suggest that medical relief & rehabilitation be a substantial part of the IWP Programme.

With kind regards,

Robert J. Miller
Assoc. General Sec.

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File 509 - Famine

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September 1, 1973

Ato Lerie Beyene
Chairman
Christian Famine Relief Committee

Dear Ato Lerie,

In response to your request by letter of August 31, the N.O.T. Officers passed the following resolution:

"Resolved to transfer from the NCNI Famine Relief Account to the Christian Famine Relief Committee Account the amount of \$10,000 for collection to famine stricken areas in Northeastern Ethiopia."
(CO-73-157)

Our accountant will make this transfer immediately and the funds will be at your Committee's disposal by the September 3 meeting.

Yours sincerely,

RJM
Robert J. Miller
Assoc. General Sec.

cc. Samuel Nahum
Rev. K. Doherty

REPORT ON THE DROUGHT IN BORANA

The area

The area affected is roughly speaking the whole area south of Yavello and Wadera and between the rivers Seggen in the west to the Genale in the south.

The people

The tribes in the area are the southernmost part of Guji, the Borana, Gari and some smaller tribal units.

Occupation

The predominant part of the population is nomads, some are half nomads, depending on both cattle and crop raising, and are farmers dependant on their crops.

The situation

The big rains of 1973 failed completely. No crops could be harvested. Grass did not grow up in the major part of the area.

Because of lack of grazing, cattle has given very little milk and is dying in great numbers. (There are more bides for sale in the markets than people can remember ever before.)

Milk is the (only) food for the nomads. Those who have few cows suffer and try to sustain their lives on roots.

Those depending most on crop-raising are those who are worst off.

Prices of grain are almost the double of normal prices. Maize \$ 30 to 1 Versus \$ 16 to 18.

In Moga there have been rumours about deaths because of hunger, but we have not been able to verify them. Doubtless there have been deaths because of weakness caused by hunger and malnutrition.

There has been some, but not sufficient rain in parts of the area since early October, while there has been very little rain in other parts.

If the rain continues for some while, there is hope for a reasonable improvement in the food situation of the nomads. A radical improvement in the condition of the crop farmers cannot be expected before after the next harvest.

If the rain should fail the situation will be bad.

Haraldur Olafsson

File 520 - Famine

March 1, 1974.

Chairman
The Christian Relief Committee
Addis Ababa.

Dear Sir:

Last December, 1973, it was reported to the ECNY by the Kambata Synod that the Awradja of Kambata also had been seriously affected by the drought that had hit some parts of our country. The ECNY established a Fact Finding Committee to study the situation at spot.

Now the Committee has conducted the study and reported to the Officers of the ECNY in their meeting of February 27, 1974. As the report shows the situation in Kambata calls for immediate short and long term assistance to relieve the affected people from their distress. Copies of the Fact Finding Committee Report attached herewith for your information and more are available at the ECNY Office for all who would like to know about the situation.

As the famine situation calls for quick relief measures, the ECNY is requesting the Christian Relief Committee for its action towards relieving the people in Kambata.

With kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Gudina Tumsa
Gudina Tumsa
General Secretary

FBI - Seattle

R.C.G.S. 13752e/6
March 18, 1974

Mr. Yohannes Chonde,
P. O. Box 1336,
Coll of Wooster,
Wooster Ohio. 44691.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of March 11, 1974 address to Ato Tarekegn was referred to me to respond. First of all, let me thank you and your friends for the efforts you have shown to help the several million Ethiopians who have nothing to eat. Many Ethiopian provinces have been affected by a drought, specially Southern Tigre, the whole Wollo, Northern and Southern Shoa and Sidamo have been hard hit by the drought. We read reports that famine has affected several lives in Sidamo province and people are dying by the thousands. For further information, I am sending you some reports on the drought affected areas on a separate cover.

The Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus is prepared to accept your gift. Your gift will be used to purchase grain for distribution in the drought affected areas in Kambata. Our Bank account is 673 Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and this account is with the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia Arat Killo Branch.

Thank you once again for your concern and sensitivity for the drought affected people in our country.

Yours sincerely,


Berhe Beyene
Finance Director

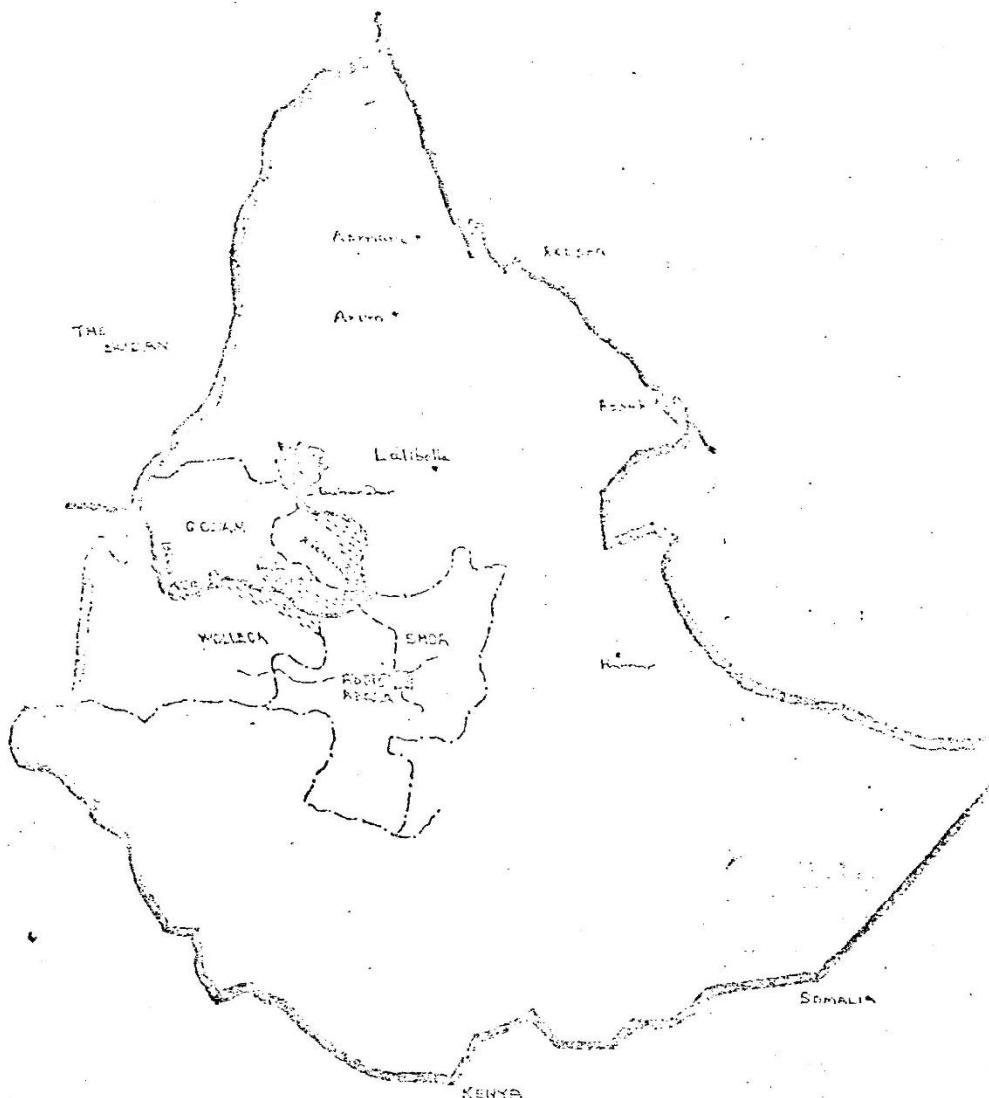
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Refugee situation, 10 March, 1970

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Area: 1,221,000 sq km. Population: 2.5 m. (est)



— Main Roads (relevant to map).

— Famine affected areas

— Provincial Boundaries

Ref: UNRIF/WS - DSW 10th/3 Mar. 1970

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ETHIOPIA
South Ethiopia Synod

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Sidama, Awasa

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Date
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Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus,
P.C. Box 2037,
Addis Ababa.

Re: Famine in Bale Governorate.

In our Synod Board meeting on March 21-23/1974, the famine which has struck Bale was discussed upon a "Preliminary famine Survey" report from Bale which is enclosed.

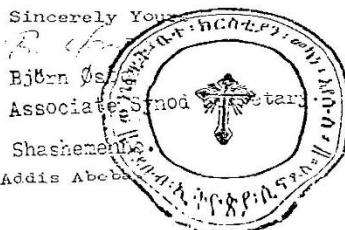
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It was resolved, SB-12-165, "to ask Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and other donor agencies for further support to Bale."

We hereby forward the request to you and hope that grant could be obtained for this famine stricken area, which need urgent help.

A grant of Eth. £ 10,000,- has just been forwarded to Dodola, but we all know that this is far from enough, and look forward to be able to submit more help to this high famine stricken area.

Looking forward upon your answer we remain.



cc: Rev. Frede Tramm, Dodola, P.O. Box 38, Shashemene.
Rev. Magnar Mageroy, P.O. Box 5540, Addis Ababa.

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To the
Relief and Rehabilitation Committee
Aegis Alpha

Ex.: Relief food for Kurbatta Amralka.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our earlier requests and our plan for operation for immediate relief in Kasbatta Awralja carried out by the Mekane Yesus Church we want to make the following request for supplies.

The 2000 qts of maize granted earlier from the Awassa store is already distributed.

The 1000 MT of maize granted this week from the store in Nazareth is being taken out to the farms, and is awaiting distribution.

being taken out to the famine area and is under distribution. Information about the invasion of the army-worm into Kambatta is reaching us everyday, and it is a fact that the early maize planted in May which should have given food to many in September is now eaten up by the army-worm.

This has worsened the situation and the demands for supply are rapidly increasing.

We are therefore requesting 1000 MT of wheat from your stores in Addis Ababa.

The ECNY will carry all costs in connection with transportation and distribution.

Pioperly Yours
John W. Tumsa
Kes Guedia Tumsa
Gen Secr FOMYD

File 570 - 21/10

July 13, 1974.

H.E. Atc Shimeleis Adugna
Commissioner, Relief and Rehabilitation
Addis Ababa.

Your Excellency:

The Evangelical Church of Jesus finds it to be a great privilege to join hands with your Office in the task of relieving the people in distress due to famine. I trust that you have seen the report forwarded to your office on the Kambata Relief Program.

Of the 20,000 quintals we have been entrusted to handle, about 18,000 are delivered to the people in need in Kambata. As the immediate relief work is still urgent, we feel that further delivery of grain from the stores is indispensable. Therefore we would like to offer our services to handle more grain to deliver to the hungry people in Kambata.

Enclosed please find the summary of the delivery of the grain for the period June 30 to July 13, 1974.

With kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,


Tarekegn Adebo
Assoc. General Secretary

Encl.

W13.2A - Student

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
Mr. R. S. DAVIS	1000 N. BROAD ST.	215-587-1234	Mr. J. W. HARRIS	1000 N. BROAD ST.	215-587-1234
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Statement of Purpose for Famine Relief

May 1973 - June 30, 1974.

I. ECONY

1. North - Ethiopia	300,879.77
2. South - Ethiopia	156,000.00
3. Kambata	191,000.00
4. West	18,000.00
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II. Christian Belief

ECONY and other Co-operating Agencies 1,032,752.55

III. LWP through the request of ECHY

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IV. Norwegian Church Aid through
the request of ECNY

2,000,000.00

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Note:

1. The relief and rehabilitation expenses shown above do not include man power expenses involved in this operation.
 2. Projected budget for 1974 is 12 million Ethiopian dollars, provided the Church keeps the problem before Donor Agencies all over the world.
 3. Sources of Income - from Congregations, Individuals and Volunteering organizations at home and abroad. Chief Agency for Co-ordination of funds channeled through the ECONY is the Lutheran World Federation.

File 500 - Partime

Addis Ababa, August 19, 1974

Swedish Air Relief
c/o Swedish Embassy
P.O. Box 1063

To the
Secretary General
Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus
ADDIS ABABA

Dear Sir,

Please let me confirm our conversation today concerning the establishment of an organization to operate, serve and maintain such aircraft as are put to the disposal of the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus.

Negotiations in Sweden concerning cooperation with the SAAB factory, financial investment and the question of personnel have been satisfactory. I believe the starting could be made not more than six weeks after my return to Sweden in the beginning of October.

Contacts with concerned Ethiopian authorities and the Ethiopian Airlines have been as well positive.

Further development to be discussed after conclusion of present Swedish Air Relief operation September 27, 1974.

Yours sincerely,



C.G.v.Rosen

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REHABILITATION AND RELIEF COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF ETHIOPIA
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COMMITTEE OF THE STATE MINISTER
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

C. M. V. } 500
P. O. Box }

Adm. } 100/11, 100/13, 100/6
Tel. } 100/17, 100/5

Count von Rosen
c/o Royal Embassy of Sweden
Addis Ababa

Dear Count von Rosen,

With reference to our conversation today I first want to express the appreciation of the Drought Relief and Rehabilitation Commission for the most valuable work carried out in the Wollo provinces and the Kembata area by the Swedish Air Lift Operation financed by the Swedish National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, the Swedish Save the Children Fund, the Swedish Red Cross and the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA).

The Commission has also noted the reliability of the aircraft SAAB-MFI 15 and its suitability to solve transport and communication problems at a minimum cost in the vast roadless and otherwise inaccessible parts of Ethiopia. The Commission has especially noted that two of these planes last week incas day managed to deliver no less than seven tons of grain to the starving people of the Kembata area.

The Commission has been very pleased to learn that the Swedish National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation is considering the donation of two planes to the Mekane Yesus Church of Ethiopia to be used in that Church's relief program.

After having studied both the economic and technical difficulties to reach the starving people in the remote parts of the country by helicopters, four-wheel drive cars of the UNIMOG type as well as other means of transport the Commission has reached the conclusion that it would like to set up a transport organization based on light aircrafts. Since the SAAB-MFI 15 has proved to be suitable for purpose of dropping much needed food, medicine etc. as well as being used for personal transports and simple photo surveys the Commission would like to use this plane for its transport organization, which is intended to consist of around 20 planes.

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Since you, count von Rosen, have the best knowledge of this type of work in Ethiopia, would like you to assist the Commission to organize and operate this relief transport squadron upon termination of your contract with the Lutheran World Federation. Should this not be possible the Commission could also consider an arrangement whereby you are put at our disposal by the Federation for a certain length of time - subject of course to further negotiation between the Lutheran World Federation, the Commission and yourself.

Looking forward to your comment, to the above, please accept, count von Rosen, the assurance of the high consideration of the Ethiopian Drought Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

