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Dear Friends and Supporters of BEAUTC,

Many of you probably wonder if I fell off the edge of the world since you have not heard from me for so long. And you are correct in thinking this letter is long overdue. However, your prayers and contributions have made a difference and I want to take this opportunity to thank you and to provide an update of how God has worked in this past year. It is exciting news that I can't really keep to myself.



At the extreme right is Dr. Fisseha Itanna, my initial partner in the dream of BEAUTC. Starting with the third person from the left is Dr. Gobena Huluka, Mekhael Teshome, Dr. Ed Gregorich and me. We are the four North American board members of BEAUTC.

BEAUTC stands for Bethel Environmental and Agricultural University and Training Center. It has been a dream of mine to start a university in Africa since I was in undergraduate school. For some reason, God kept this on my mind through all these years. I made my first trip to Ethiopia in 2010. Then a friend and businessman that I work with via my job at The Ohio State University prodded me that it was time to make things happen. I still remember his statement to me when he said, "Warren, I am tiring of hearing about your dream of establishing a university in Ethiopia" and then handed me the initial substantial gift for BEAUTC.



So how has God opened doors for BEAUTC this past year? Here is a partial list.

- 1. Both a North American and an Ethiopia BEAUTC Board have been established.*
- 2. Bethel Environmental and Agricultural Agency (BEAA) has been registered in Ethiopia as the umbrella organization for the university and other activities that we may undertake in the future.*
- 3. Land (16 acres) has been purchased near the city of Woliso along with an option for 16 more acres. This is a prime location for BEAUTC.*
- 4. An office has been set up in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. This provides access to agencies and people as BEAA and BEAUTC get established. It is located directly across the street from the American embassy and is shared space with another non-profit organization.*
- 5. Our first full-time hire has been made and will be responsible for carrying out initial activities on behalf of BEAA and BEAUTC. This person will also update our webpage and Facebook page, something greatly needed.*

Enclosed is a bookmark that includes our email address and the address of our webpage. We would love to hear from you. We would also very much encourage you to pray for us in this coming year and maybe make a one-time gift or ongoing monthly pledge to BEAUTC. Payments must be made out to Interlink with a note that the gift is for the BEAUTC Project. Gifts can be made online via the web page (<https://www.sites.google.com/site/beautcethiopia/>) or can be sent to me at the address shown above.

Christmas is a time to remind ourselves of the indescribable gift of God to us – His son (2 Corinthians 9:15). I wish you and your loved ones a great Christmas season.

Sincerely,

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