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DR. ERMIAS MAMO
Deputy General Secretary,
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Dr. Ermias Mamo and Living on the Edge Bring Hope to Southern Ethiopia.

Life in southern Ethiopia can feel burdensome. Faced with the challenges of sickness, drought, an oppressive animistic religion and an unjust government, hope can be hard to find in this part of the world. Thankfully, Dr. Mamo, who serves as the deputy general secretary for the 10,000-strong Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia has been sharing the hope he has found.

After the heart-wrenching loss of three of their seven children from illness and discovering that one son was born with autism, Dr. Mamo and his wife, Dana, struggled to find a lasting hope. However, a turning point happened when they were at their lowest, full of anger, bitterness, and despair: God brought the ministry of Living on the Edge into their lives.

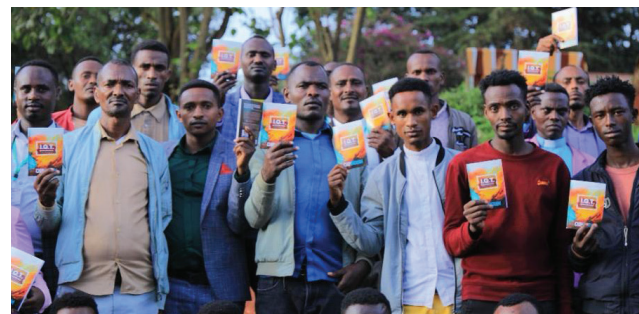
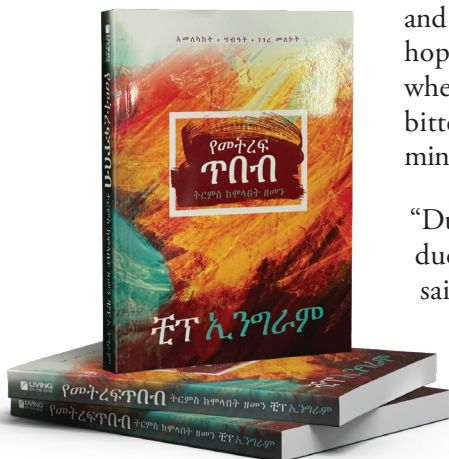
“During our suffering, a friend of mine introduced us to *The A.R.T. of Survival* training,” said Dr. Mamo. “We read it together, and it opened our eyes.”

Previously viewing his son as a burden, Dr. Mamo underwent a profound

change in perspective. He now recognizes the young man as a divine gift. “The material helped me ask a different set of questions,” he said. “Not ‘Why me?’ but ‘What promises of God do I have to rely on?’”

“I personally underwent a massive transformation. Now I want all my country, my people, and the church to have a similar experience,” said Dr. Mamo. He is now training other church leaders to be trainers in *The A.R.T. of Survival*.

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To date Living on the Edge has translated *The A.R.T. of Survival* into two languages in Ethiopia and 28 other languages around the globe.

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Your Partnership Sparks Transformative Growth Across Nepal

What may otherwise not be possible in a predominantly Hindu nation is happening because of God’s divine intervention and individuals, like you, invested in the ministry of Living on the Edge. With your support and

partnership, this year we can reach more than 200 pastors with *The A.R.T. of Survival* training. Those pastors, once trained, will become catalysts for training more pastors, causing a ripple effect that has the potential to reach more than **8,500 churches** in Nepal alone. By ministering to the hearts of pastors and providing essential resources, we begin to see the seeds of discipleship take root in their churches and communities.



Empowering Teams with Innovative Tool: *The Real You*

Since first encountering Chip Ingram’s teaching on the radio during her college years, Heather Baranowski has regarded Chip Ingram as a spiritual mentor.

“I grew up Catholic and didn’t necessarily know how to have a relationship with the Lord,” said Heather. “I ended up on a very personal journey where I was walking through various Living on the Edge studies, such as *Balancing Life’s Demands* and *Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships*.”

So when she was looking for a way to strengthen the staff she oversees, the logical choice was to leverage Living on the Edge’s innovative assessment tool *The Real You*.



Heather, a Chicago native working with teenage survivors of trauma, introduced *The Real You* to enrich her team. “You can’t impart what you don’t possess. *The Real You* helps you look inside at what’s motivating you and what your leadership and communication styles are,” she said.

“*The Real You* assessment has been foundational. We’re continuing to build on it because people have loved it.”

Learn more about *The Real You* at www.TheRealYou.org

Finding Connections and Understanding Across the Next Generation

In the current cultural landscape, engaging with non-religious family members, especially younger generations, becomes crucial for Christian parents and grandparents. Karen Ford, a supporter of Living on the Edge in Georgia, faces this challenge as a mother and grandmother who desires her family would know Jesus.

When Karen’s son died a decade ago, she and her husband did not hesitate to stay connected to their beloved daughter-in-law even as she built a new life.

But getting to know a new step-granddaughter made it clear to Karen that young people

don’t see the world the way she does. How could she effectively share Jesus?

Then she learned about a new resource from Living on the Edge. *Not Beyond Reach: How to Share Jesus with the Young, the Deconstructed, and the Non-Religious*, by Aaron Pierce, has changed the way Karen thinks about relationships and sharing Christ.

“I know the book is for all people, but I feel like it’s especially for us of the older generation,” said Karen. “We need to learn how to navigate reaching young people.”

Recognizing the differing perspectives of young people, she sought effective ways to convey her faith. Karen admits she once might have been a little preachy with her step-granddaughter, who is experimenting with identity issues. But now she understands that caring and connection come first.

“I’m telling you from my experience with my sweet granddaughter, there’s now a conversation. And always at the end, we both say, ‘Love you.’”

Learn more about *Not Beyond Reach* at www.lote.org/nbr

