

**Ethiopia-a summary of an 'Integrated Mission' learning process through SALT practice,
14-19th July, 2019**

Sadama and Wolayta were the two southern regions where Ian and Alison facilitated an integrated mission approach for aligning project 'self-help group' interventions with local neighbourhood, local church, other faith groups, and project staff, through a catalytic SALT based learning event.

The two partners requesting the accompaniment were Cedar Fund, based in Hong Kong, and Tearfund (Ireland) through the country representative, who is Mulugeta Dejen.

Listen to what Mulugeta (right of picture below) had to say afterwards:

"SALT unlike other approaches goes out to the living space of others, meet people where they are, not as a casual visitor but as empathetic, relational person appreciative of family strength while sharing their sadness, anxiety, humour and deeper family stories. It provides an environment where relationship is duly established and everyone in the conversation feels equal to share their personal testimonies and life journeys. As families and neighbours are visited and are clear about the purpose, they feel recognised and encouraged to tell their journeys in life; pleasant and unpleasant, something they are proud of and something they are not, making themselves free and vulnerable. The more we do SALT, the more we become appreciative of the importance of relationship."

And Hollace (left) from Cedar Fund also reflected:

"There have been long time of wrestling within me when facing partners as I am relating as a representative of funder, and monitor, but this three-day gathering with you all has broken free these manmade boundaries to reunite us in bro/sisterhood, revealing our authentic self to show truly ourselves to each other. Hopefully it is just the first start to restore the broken, dysfunctional relationship at workplace and bring us to the greater harvest promised by God that is impossible to attain with just human wisdom."





Lydia from Hawassa, has a Muslim family background. She is a part of a local congregation that has now 'self-activated' for SALT practice. She and her team visited a Muslim area, engaged with a family, prayed together and were invited back.

Abraham coordinates a project support process for a church network in Sadama region. With Amanuel, he participated in the September 2018 GLoCon visit to Kenya.



Martha, a proud SALT host, Sadama

Debriefing SALT visits,
Hawassa/Sadama



Amanuel from Sodo (Wolayita) below on right-he coordinates a very large network (1,300) of local church development response. With other team mates based in Addis Ababa, the number of church congregations potentially influenced by SALT practice longer term numbers 10,000, representing 10 million people.



Amanuel and Abraham visited Kenya together in September 2018, and were inspired to welcome SALT into Ethiopia.

The home visit





The neighbours

The debrief



The joy