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Religious Suppression and Abuse Resume in Eritrea

November 4, 2010 The America Team has received this news directly from Eritrea (edited for clarity):

“In the past few months we have heard of little unjust detention or persecution occurring in Eritrea. Rather we were in fact hearing of the release of people from prison. But now this week in the southern zone of Eritrea by the order of Administrator – Governor Mustaffa Nurhusein – there is a new round of detention aimed at Christian believers in different small towns of southern zone. Targeted are members of Pentecostal churches and faith mission. Detained are those who are leaders of the small house-to-house bible study facilitators, and those who make their house available for Bible study.

Detained are:

From Mendefera town, 4 people

Dekemhare town, 3people

Dibarwa town, 4 people, for a total of 11 people detained. It is not known where they have been taken.

Their names are the following:

Rufael from Dekemhare; Full Gospell

Tsegai from Mendefera; Wihot Amlak Church

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Werede-Kesh Ghirmay, a Priest from Mendefera, Full Gospel

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Teacher Asmarat from Mendefera; Full Gospel

Mother Hiwot from Dibarwa; Full Gospel Church

Keshi Zenawi, a Priest from Dibarwa; Evangelical Church

and three whose names we do not know.

Additionally their belongings have been confiscated, such as Dish net work equipment, TVs, video deck, other important things they had.”