

One perfect love in the Name of the Almighty, Haile Selassie I.

"Africa Awaits It Creators"H.I.M Haile Selassie I.

**Greetings forwarded to all, from I Ras Mweya Masimba, Shashemene,
Ethiopia , Africa.**

Background in brief: Rastafari Artist, video producer, publisher, Activist and co-ordinator.

More specifically, Co-founder of the Centenary Committee for Rastafari, U.K, Founder of the I-vision video productions U.K./Ethiopia. First keeper of the Tabernacle\ Ethiopia. Media and communication officer of the Jamaica Rastafari Development Community (JRDC), Shashemene, Ethiopia.
Repatriated to Ethiopia in 1996, from U.K/J.A.

The following represent preliminary answers to the question posed and received, and for which the fund was forwarded to cover the necessary expense that will allow all this to be possible.

Ras Kabinda, will be answering Questions 1-4.

(iv)...Mansions and organisation Reports.

(At this stage it too brief to submit a report from all the house. However this will be forth coming in the final and more official version of this report that is due in the near future. I will however still give an brief summary of the state of the Nyahbinghi house, here in Shashemene.)

His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Haile Selassie I, Moral Theocratical Order of Nyahbinghi Reign;..is the official name of what is affectionately referred to as the Nyahbinghi Tabernacle.

This tabernacle was a direct result of a mandate given at an all house reasoning that took place on the land grant in the year 1992, as a part of the programme that was schedule as a part of the one month celebrations in honour of H.I.M Centenary.- whose foundation was laid on December 26, 1995 and to which was open on 23rd July, 1996, to commemorate the Earthday of H.I.M Haile Sellassie I. This event was attended by an international delegation of Rasses, most notably, the Late Ras Boanagease (Bongo Watto).

The ground, have been active ever since. First under the caretaker-ship of Ras Mweya and Ras Solo, and the later in 1999, with the presences of the ancient Elder couple of the Nyahbinghi order, Bongo Rocky, and Mother Baby I, who repatriated to Ethiopia

that year.

The principal role of the tabernacle is to serve as a place of worship for the Rastafari faithful that observe the order of Nyahbinghi.

In so doing, all the main Rastafari celebration dates are observed here, in the form of a Nyahbinghi, that attracts members of the faith, locally, nationally, and internationally.

The tabernacle, a huge circular structure, is supported with the male quarters, and an uncompleted sistrens quarters.

The male quarters, currently are the homes of the two ancient couple. Bongo Rock and Mother Baby I, and also Bongo Ruepert, all of whom, are within there seventies, and who resides on this base permanently, as their home.

The tabernacle is also use for meetings and gatherings, not only for the Nyahbinghi ones, but also for community gatherings of the J.R.D.C and any celebrity, or V.I.P, that may be visiting.

Ceremonial blessing of newly born Rastafari youth within the community takes places there also.

Annually, a large international turn come for the Iration celebration, followed by the coronation celebration, and then a smaller turn out for the other event.

Although on the 23rd July, the turn out is not only rasses from out side, but also the Ethiopia people are slowly getting acquainted with this particular event, and the Addis Ababa community in particular, usually come in great numbers for this event.

The Tabernacle for the year since 1999, has been without proper administration. The pretext, being, not enough bingi I's are here to activate all the post and positions of responsibility. However things are communicated with the founding bredrens and along with the elder, all matters are approved this way that allows the activites to take place without interruption.

The Tabernacle, attract a large amount of tourist, and local Ethioian visitors, daily. This is mainly because it has been feature on the Ethiopia television numerous times.

The Tabernacle is still uncompleted in its entirety.

Still needing the outer courts to be secured with proper bars, to keep intruders out, and also the roof, needs new zinc and the support frames needs to be redone, since they are buckling in the center.

The Centenary Committee for Rastafari, are no longer the Custodian of the Tabernacle, is in the charge of the elders appointed to be based there.

As a result, all expense, all liability and all incoming finance are with in the charge of those who live there.

No international fund or body gives regular or continual support to the project, other than individual good will offerings.

The residing elders have no income other than occasional donations received from tourist, and visiting Rasses.

The Tabernacle is beknown by the local administrator, and regional government officials, who visits use there and communicate with us, inviting use to event whenever.

The only thing that threatens the land grant, is OUR PEOPLE WONT COME HOME.

It is a myth to even belief that the land grant is threaten, simply because there have been no land grant since the Derge government nationalised all the land in the 70's, and the redistributed it again to those who remained, which were 12 families in number.

The land exist, and the reputation of the land is what keeps it alive, and the fact that Rasses just keep on coming.

Anyone that wishes to live here, just have to come and compensate a one that is occupying that spot, and that can be that individual land. Other than that it has to be done as an investor.

It is not a case of extracting any one off the land, that will cause civil war. Furthermore their is no need for that. Land is their for living and dwelling, for rent, or purchase of property, not land. In Ethiopia, land is not for sale. When I make reference about compensation, it is usually a house made of Chika (mud hut style) that is usually sold with xxx amonut of Zink, with in a given size compound measured in carra meters, that is what is sold, not the land.

I will submit a strategy for repatriation in the official report.

(v)Map of Shashemene and surrounding regions.
To be sent in official report.

(vi) Preparations for the Ethiopia Millennium.
The Community have been invited officially to participate in the millennium celebration, in the capacity to seat on the planning board of the Shashemene Millennium committee.

Recently, the newly appointed chairman of the kabele, came to our community and

announced a whole new attitude in respect and recognition of our community, and of the plans they have to well as to solve our problems that we have been face over the years. The fullness of these promises by the Administration, I will give in full in subsequent report.

The music fraternity, are like the frontline warriors of Rastafari here, because this is where the Ethiopian population is getting exposed to us. The recent Bob Marley celebration was a powerful public relation triumph for the Rastafari Community that live in Ethiopia.

(vii)Overview

Ethiopia Government and opposition.

The Government of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, is called the Federal Democratic Government of Ethiopia.

Its policy towards Rastafari, so far has proved to be vary favorable, simply because, irrespective of the fact that they have not granted to our community legal status (To those of us that came on tourist visa and have not returned since), any legal documents, having said that they have never deported one of us nor imprisoned one of use nor persecuted any of us for not having the proper credentials.

The government have come on the media, television, and press, stating that the have a new bill in parliament to be passed that will make life 'better for the Rastafari community here'.

The federal government have also sent directive to the local government, stating, to leave us (who had built illegally on our land grant) alone. They also said that we should be give our land title for the land that we have in our possession, and that the relevant tax paper. Most of these directives were ignored by the local government.

In summery we don't have a problem with the federal government.

(e)The O.L F- is a terrorist organisation, it would be wise not to mention them in your communications.

(5) First it would be advisable that those intending to repatriate to come and see. It is the cultural shock that affects people who come with the intention of staying. If they can overcome that, finding place will come through a little quest, but that wont necessary. Hotels will serve until such time.

(6) Food is never a problem in Ethiopia.

(7) Please get out of the notion that the land is currently occupied. It means you can't come and find you one Ghasha, as it was give to give I&I, but it does no mean you cant find a place to live, and build your home, and raise your family on the Land Grant.

Shashemene, community received every weekend, visitor in the centre, exceeding over 250000, every week since it is the only southern route out of the country, and also a major cross road town catering to four other regions, to which it is the only link and transport point, so please don't think that 500 people can full up Shashemene.

Othe Areas are numerous, since ones are free to live anywhere in Ethiopia.

This represents I-man provisional report, a more comprehensive one is forth coming. Until such time ,I hope this will help towards the overstanding of the reality of Repatriation to Shashemene.

One Love Ras Mweya Masimba.

From: Kabindah habreselassie
SHASHAMANE LAND GRANT REPORT - 2007

"The Key to the attainment of any Goal lies in One's ability to learn to direct Ones's objectives towards clearly defined ends and to pursue them in an orderly, rational and co-ordinated fashion"

This Report shall focus on the objective Reality, as it really exists, the possibilities, the limitations, the options and feasible Solutions.

The Shashamane Community has grown dramatically over the years, with Idren and Sistren from the Four Corners of the Earth, fulfilling the Prophecies that from the North, the South , The East and the West, Emperor Haile Selassie I will gather H.I.M. Children Home.

There are at least 13 Elders over 65 years ; approximately 96 Idren and Sistren between 40 – 64 years of age. There are variably at least 72 Youths between 18 – 35 years and the younger Youths, collectively number at least 94 Youths.

The greater majority of Idren and Sistrin have come in since the Centenary, but there has been a great influx over the past five years.

The greater majority of Idren and Sistrin have been able to acquire properties and built Homes for I and I Selves, which are reasonably comfortable. Most of these Homes are just sufficient for their families, but as Rastafari there will always be certain space

available, though limited.

In I and I immediate Community, there is the "Lily of the Valley", which has been built by a Rasta Family, it is a Five Star Hotel with 30 rooms. In the City, there is the "Rift Valley" Hotel that has been constantly expanding and presently has 100 rooms available. It is also owned by two Rasta Families. In the Town, there are several medium size Hotels that mostly cater for overnights. Whatever must be realized however is that most of these Rooms will most probably have already been booked.

The businesses that are otherwise functional are a Soya Factory, an Agro- Industry, a Bakery, a couple craft shops and an IT Café. A particular Sister and Idren also run a Soya Products Shop and small Guest House.

Presently in Shashamane, the only Lands that are still available for Development is in the Industrial area, which is specific to the building of factories. To obtain permission to develop any such venture, One has to obtain an Investment Permit from the Federal Investment Bureau in Addis Ababa, which will only approve your Project if One is able to show proof of financial capacity. This was the Procedural format that the Rasta Idren who built the Hotels had to fulfill.

These are some of the objective Realities that confront I and I now in Shashamane. This is an insight in to the actual Reality of Shashamane. The present area that is now occupied as Shashamane Woreda Administration has been designated as a City by the OROMIYA CENTRAL COUNCIL, in collaboration with the Urban Planning Institute of the Federal Government. Furthermore, Shashamane has over the past two years been upgraded to a Regional Capital for the West Arsi Zone.

Over the past three to five years, there has been a systematic implementation of a Master Plan, that has sectionalized every area of land amongst the local Community.

There are certain lands that are on the frontline that have been designated for Commercial Development, virtually all these Lands have been developed or are in construction. Several four storey buildings have been set up as Shopping Malls.

Shashamane is the fastest growing Town after Addis Ababa.

The area that was allocated as the Land Grant has been totally taken over. This area is within the scope of the Master Plan and has been systematically divided in 200m houselots, which are all completed or in later stages of construction. Most of these Homes are built with local techniques. All of I and I live within this Community and face the same Reality. Some of I and I have been able to hold on to certain lands that have been in I and I control for over fifteen years. It can be realistically speaking, I and I collectively own no more than fifty hectares.

Most of I and I who today have a House living in, had to acquire these properties. There is NO FUNCTION OF THE LAND GRANT ANYMORE. It is not being envisaged or

contemplated to move anyone or in any way facilitate the further allocation of lands.
This is the REALITY.

There are no collective Farms in I and I Community, some of I and I have small portions of land that is used for home gardens. There are no suitable lands for Agricultural development within a radius of 250 kilometres from Shashamane.

Presently, I and I research has revealed that it may be only in the Dawro region or in the further outreaches of Bale that lands may be available. The Reality is that most of the Lands are occupied by the rural farmers, in the Bale region the Government own thousands of hectares of land, certain Investors from Addis Ababa also own such vast acreages, which are all totally planted in wheat. In particular one Investor has 10 Tractors and 18 Combine Harvesters.

This is the stark Reality, I and I are late in Coming Home, over the past five years, most of the suitable Lands have been taken over and developed. Several flower companies have over the past three years, taken over the remaining suitable lands. In certain select areas, One may still be able to secure certain smaller pieces of land, at least thirty hectares, but usually on a short term basis.

"Where there is no Vision, the People perish"

IPATRIATION IS A MUST. IT IS THE HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF I AND I TO GATHER I AND I RESOURCES AND COME HOME. THE TIME IS NOW. THERE ARE SET THRONES OF JUDGEMENT UPON BAYLON, COME OUT OF HER, I PEOPLE.

The Hotter the Battle the sweeter the VICTORY. There are other areas along the Takezze River, along the River Nile in the Bahir Dar Area, certain Idren are presently building in that area. There is Jimma, Bonga , Benj Maji, Kaffa, these are agricultural lands, a bit far, over 500 kilometres west of Addis Ababa. This is the REALITY, I AND I WILL HAVE TO GIRD I AND I LOINS AS KING DAVID HAS INSTRUCTED.

I and I cannot complain, there are limited opportunities in Shashamane, but there is still scope for development. I and I need to build a University College, that would incorporate the highest levels of intellectual pursuit and research. There is an Immediate need for a High School and a Technical College. A Herbal Research Centre, Oil Processing factories, for edible Oils and Essential Oils, I and I need to build Clothes Manufacturing factories, both in knitwear and textile. I and I need to get involved in Ceramics, similarly full fledged food processing plants will also have to be set up. For all these Visions, there are practical ways and means to get Land to build these edifices.

The Clinic that has been started must be completed.

These are objective Realites that can be set up to sustain economic stability and ensure employment for I and I People

This is the Reality, this is not no bed of Roses. It is an upful Task, if I and I can identify the availability of ensured Capital or work out ways and means to obtain the necessary funds that His Majesty instructed I and I..."Money is as important to a Government, as Blood is to the Human Body". Let I and I Pray that it is not only 500 Repatriates, but HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, MILLIONS OF I AND I, FOR THIS IS THE PROPHECY and THESE ARE I AND I PRAYERS. It is no turning back.. MILLIONS OF I AND I. THIS IS THE VISION, THIS IS THE TASK AT HAND. THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO GESTICULATE. .

HIS MAJESTY, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I IS THE CONQUERING LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, LET I AND I STUDY H.I.M WORKS AND FACE THE REALITIES OF THESE TIMES. THE STRUGGLE HAS JUST BEGUN, I AND I WILL HAVE TO BE STRONG

The highest levels of diplomatic ability has to be activated to negotiate I and I Selves through the corridors of the System, I and I cannot be dumb or lacking, the TALKING must be over. There are set objectives, realistic strategies with immediate implementation must be the Course of Action. It is the Greatest Work that I and I as A People are about to Manifest, there must be no doubt, no delay. There is no OBSTACLE that can Hinder I and I Movements, the Victory has already been Won, it simply is that I and I have DELAYED FOR TOO LONG. I AND I MUST STEP IT UP AND BE ON THE MOVE

Blessed are I and I who walketh in the path of the godly, and sitteth in the seat of the righteous, having found the Glory of the Iriation of HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I, and on H.I.M. HOLA LAWS DO I AND I IRRITATE WITH EACH AND EVERY DAY, SO THAT , I AND I WILL BE LIKE THE HOLA SENSEMILLA TREE THAT GROWETH BY THE RIVER NILE, bringing forth it's BUDS in due Season, and whatsoever I and I do shall PROSPER, and the LOCKS OF I AND I HEAD SHALL PROSPER THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS.