

Roy Hession Book Trust

Eddie Olliffe, Administrator for RHBT updates us on its work and ministry.

The Roy Hession Book Trust is a registered UK charity with the purpose of making available worldwide the books written by Roy Hession and latterly, George Verwer. The charity relies upon royalties from publishers as well as gift income to continue its work in deprived countries.

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The Authors - Roy Hession and George Verwer

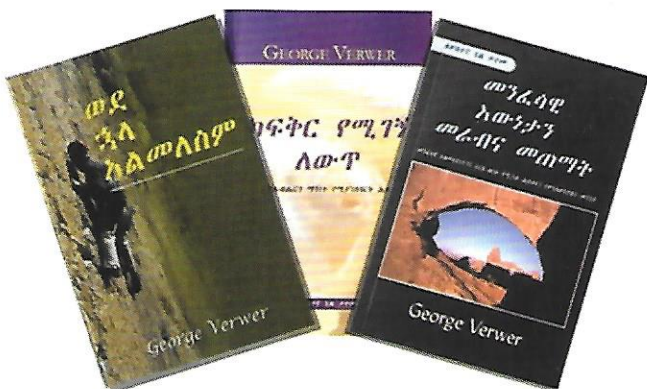
Roy Hession was born in London in 1908 and came to faith through the influence of a navy officer cousin. After working in a bank, he entered Christian ministry as a youth evangelist in the UK. In 1947, Roy came into contact with Christians involved in the East Africa revival. This experience was to have a profound impact on his life and it was from this that the message of *The Calvary Road* emerged in 1950.

George Verwer is the founder and former International Director of Operation Mobilisation (OM), a mission involved in evangelism, training and church planting around the world. About *The Calvary Road*, George comments, 'I believe that *The Calvary Road* is one of the most strategic Christian books ever to have been written. I had the joy of having a close friendship with Roy Hession and saw him put his message into practice. I believe this message is as relevant today as ever in the 21st century as we appropriate God's grace to live our lives in honesty, power and reality. It is good to read it slowly and devotionally, it will make a huge impact on your life.'

The Calvary Road has been published in over 80 languages with over a million copies in print. Roy went on to write a further nine books which have been translated into many languages and continue to be in demand. Roy Hession died in 1992 but the ministry of his ten books is promoted worldwide by the trust.

Development Plans for Roy Hession Books

At the June Roy Hession Trust meeting, we discussed the 2020/21 plans for the trust. We plan to translate more Roy Hession books into a number of languages in India and South-East Asia via OM Books India; some of which will be for minority languages. Two of these books are *Forgotten Factors* and *We Would See Jesus* in reprints and new languages of Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Assamese, Khasi, Mizo, Meitei, Odia and Telugu.



New Amharic editions of *No Turning Back*, *The Revolution of Love*, and *Hunger For Reality*.



Student National Leadership Conference at Debrezeit, Ethiopia, Aug. 2019

Ethiopia, the Fastest Growing Christian Student Movement in Africa 'Even bigger than Intervarsity in the USA!' Lindsay Brown, IFES

In Ethiopia today there's an urgent hunger for Christian books, especially among students. OM's ministry in this nation began 47 years ago when Emperor Haile Selassie opened the Logos Book Exhibition in Addis Ababa. Since then, Special Projects (OM) have continued to support printing and distribution of Bibles and Christian books across Ethiopia.

National Student Leaders Receive George Verwer Books

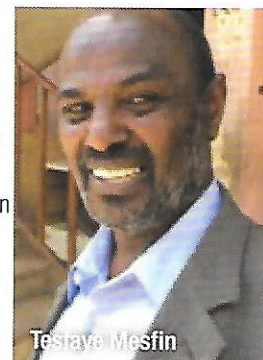
George reports, with thanksgiving to God, that, 'Last year Special Projects commissioned new Amharic editions of *No Turning Back*, *The Revolution of Love*, and *Hunger for Reality*. All three books were featured at the 2019 National Leadership Conference for Christian students from 173 campuses across Ethiopia'.

Every one of the 800 delegates received a copy of all three books.

The conference organizers later wrote to Special Projects: 'God bless you for your generosity to give these books to our national student leaders. We know that after they graduate God will use them as salt and light for His kingdom,' Tewabech Mengiste, SIM.

Ethiopian Leaders Appeal for Roy Hession Books in Amharic!

The Roy Hession Book Trust have now been asked by Ethiopian church leaders to re-publish Amharic editions of *The Calvary Road* and *We Would See Jesus*. Please pray for Tesfaye Mesfin, who will update the translation and oversee the printing in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and for available funds to print and distribute 3,000 copies of each title of these important and powerful books.



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If you would like more details of the trust, then please respond via the RHBT website (www.royhessionbooktrust.org) and we will ensure that you receive our quarterly newsletter. Above all, please pray for us as we go about this important task in bringing the Christian Gospel to as many people as possible around the world; in our case through the writings of Roy Hession and George Verwer