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- Pray for a disciple making movement among the Wollo Oromo.



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And how are they to preach unless they are sent?
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