



"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."
Psalms 68:31

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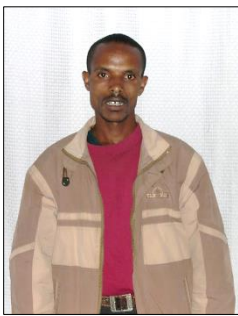
PIONEER MISSIONARY TO ETHIOPIA: CARL THOMPSON 1933-2018



Carl Thompson, along with his wife, Willadean and family, were one of the first two missionary families from the Lord's Church to enter the ancient land of Ethiopia to preach the Gospel of Christ in 1961. Carl and Bob Gowen planned the mission well. Carl was gifted in working with officials and enlisting their help in providing legal status and land on which the mission compound was built. It was necessary for a benevolent service to be provided for the people in order to receive legal permission to preach and teach. Carl obtained the gift of four acres of land on what were the outskirts of Addis Ababa at that time on which the first School for the

Deaf in Ethiopia was constructed and is still a flourishing model school. Under Carl's mentoring, two young men were trained and they provided the leadership that would be required in years following. Brothers Behailu and Demere are those men. Fifty five years later, they have made the difference and are continuing to serve until this day. God had prepared Carl for "such a time" and his kindness, compassion and faithfulness was the key for the success of all that has followed. All of us are saddened by Carl's passing and we are thankful we were able to follow his lead in that great ministry.

WATER WELL EVANGELISM PROGRESS:



Brothers Elias Eromo, left and Tessema Sedeto are two of the preachers working in the areas where water wells have been completed. Elias graduated from the First Session of the Jajura Level One PTS 20 years ago. He is originally from the Katcha Bira congregation in the Kambatta Zone. Tessema is from the Werecho church in the Kambatta Zone. He completed the Jajura PTS 7th session. Both these brothers have also completed the Level Two PTS in

Addis Ababa and were very active ministers in their respective areas. They are working as a team in new heavily populated areas of the Angacha and Katcha Bira districts in the Kambatta Zone. Many water wells have been completed in this wide Zone. Both these men were raised in the Lord's Church as the Kambatta Zone was the first area where Artie Reed and Behailu traveled into starting in 1964. Currently in Kambatta there are many congregations; possibly more than 200 and still there are many opportunities to establish more, especially where the people's hearts have been touched by the good water provided for them. These two brothers have planted five new churches and have sent men from them to the Jajura PTS. They are working at this time with the last two congregations they planted, to nurture them in the Word.

BAPTISMS THIS MONTH IN ADDIS ABABA:



Left: Brother Nigussie, preacher at the Sebeta congregation stands with Ayelech Ketema following her baptism recently. Sebeta is about 9 miles south of Addis Ababa on the road going to Jimma. Nigussie attended many training classes at the Addis Church and is a very good student of God's Word. He came to the church many years ago after studying the World Bible School Correspondence Courses with a teacher from America. (Perhaps if his WBS teacher reads this, they may remember Negussie as one of their students.) Following Nigussie's baptism, preachers from Addis went each Lord's Day to his home and helped establish a "house church" there. Soon, Nigussie had too many people attending and had no more room. The brethren in Addis helped him construct a small church building in front of his home and they continue to meet there. Nigussie is a faithful brother and one who loves the souls of all people.

Center: Brother Abebe Haile Michael is preparing to baptize a young lady named Lensa Ake. She had completed the Amharic WBS courses and then Abebe spent more time studying with her. She is now attending the Addis Ababa Church of Christ, located on the compound of the School for the Deaf.

Right: Brother Moges is preparing to baptize a World Bible School student at the Addis Ababa congregation. The new Christian's name is Ashenafi Simme. Ashenafi is a student of William Leggett and wanted to study more deeply and Moges had studied with him for a few weeks and he made the decision to obey the gospel. He has been added to the Addis Ababa church family.

World Bible School is a great ministry and many people are very frequently led to Christ through their personal study of the gospel. Any of you who are WBS teachers can know your lessons, where ever they go, are a great teaching tool. Most of our church leaders and teachers in Ethiopia came to the Lord through first studying with a WBS teacher.

THE SANTARIEA SCHOOL OF PREACHING:

The Santariea PTS is now in session. Santeriea is in the heartland of the coffee farming in the Sidama Region. As soon as the monsoon rains end, all the farmers go to work harvesting their coffee. This is the only one of the four Level One Schools in session; the rest will start new sessions the first week of October. The heavy rains all over southern Ethiopia also have brought the water well drilling to a halt; it should also hopefully start again in early October.

We express our sincere appreciation to all of you for your faithfulness in praying for and providing the necessary funds needed to preach the gospel, lift up the poor and feed the hungry. (Luke 4:18-19) We pray daily that God will continue to use us all in his service.

Kevin and John Ed Clark