



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

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SERVING IN DIFFICULT PLACES:

The Jimma Region in southwest Ethiopia is a Muslim area. Preaching the gospel there is a challenge and different. Our preachers have been working there for two decades. We have a kindergarten in Jimma and through that ministry we have legal status to be there. The majority of our students come from Muslim families and this has been the source of teaching opportunities. Brother Degu Mosissa (picture below) has been a preacher for the Jimma congregation for many years and still serves in that ministry. He has patiently served in the community, and even in times of unrest we have not been the focus of any violence, for which we are thankful. The information following was sent to us by Brother Moges and we felt you would be blessed by it.

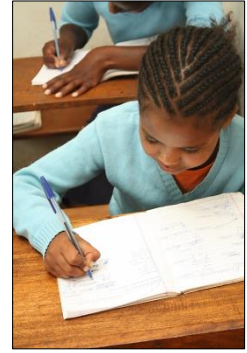


Bro. Mitiku Mekonnen (left) came from a charismatic church. He was one of the ministers there. Bro. Degu Mosissa taught and baptized him. He was sent to Nekemte and graduated from the 29th session of our School of Preaching. Mitiku has a zeal to reach the lost and has a love to serve. Standing beside him is Areb Hassen, a young man whom Mitiku brought to the Jimma church to study and learn from Brother Degu. Areb went with Mitiku to the Nekemte School of Preaching and they graduated together. Areb came from a Muslim family. He is a courageous young man shown by his decision to become a Christian. This kind of decision can bring a very serious persecution on anyone who makes such a choice. We are encouraged by his commitment and pray daily for his safety and continued faithfulness. He was first taught by Bro. Degu, who sent him to the 29th session of Nekemte PTS with Mitiku. Now, Mitiku is working with Bro. Degu at Jimma and Areb is working in a small town called "Seka", which is 30kms away from Jimma. Pray for Areb's safety and faithfulness; he will face constant pressure and harassment.



Bro. Degu Mosissa uses his Solar Player to edify the Jimma congregation and the visitors who come. It has been especially useful to share lessons and sermons with the non-Christian people who are interested in the word of God. He also uses it in his own family's personal bible study. Degu says it is a very useful tool in helping spread the gospel to others. There are more than 1250 lessons and sermons on the player, along with many gospel songs people enjoy listening to and learning how to sing them.

55TH YEAR OF TEACHING THE DEAF TO START IN OCTOBER



It began with 12 deaf children and one school. Now it has grown to 5 schools with more than 800 children. The school year in Ethiopia starts in October and finishes in July. This ministry has blessed the lives of thousands of children and has prepared them for a future with hope. The Ethiopian school system has eleven years of school. It is divided into beginner through the 6th grade. Jr. High; 7th and 8th grade. High School: 9th and 10th. For the top level students, they have

a 11th through 12th grade; but few make it to this level. Government Universities are open only for 12th grade graduates. The 10th grade graduates can go to private trade schools and Teacher Training Colleges. Our goal is to prepare our graduates to enter the 9th-10th grade high schools with the hearing students. A few of our students make it into the upper level high schools and then to the Addis Ababa University. These past 54 years have been challenging and rewarding. Some of you who read this report have supported this deaf ministry from its beginning. Some sponsor the costs of education for students. The most important part of our Schools for the Deaf is they are all Christian Schools and every student is taught about Jesus Christ.

160+ STUDENTS WILL ATTEND OUR 3 KINDERGARTENS:



The three Christian kindergartens will start a new year also in October. On the right are new students at the Nekemte KG. They are very stressed about leaving home and their mothers then left at school. We will have them for two years and their lives will be completely changed and they will be prepared to enter the first grade. On the left is the student body of the Shinshicho KG and the beautiful student in the center is at Jimma.

The monsoon season is still underway in Ethiopia. Hopefully it will start to taper off in a week or so. The water well drilling should start in mid-October. Three of the Schools of Preaching will open new sessions the first week of October. Lots of exciting beginnings. Please know all of these ministries are made possible by God's blessing, your prayers, and your financial support.

Kevin and John Ed Clark