



# Ethiopia Gospel Outreach

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## **MISSION REPORT FROM BRO. MOGES: TRIP TO THE ARORESA, SIDAMA AREA**



Brothers Moges and Alemayehu were invited to come to the Aroresa, Sidama area in late December to conduct a bible seminar. The churches in that area felt an urgent need to encourage the preachers and church leaders to be strongly committed to warding off the spiritual attacks coming from different areas. With the advent of satellite television, all the TV evangelists we have in this country can be seen there and this has caused many questions to be asked. Moges and Alemayehu are well equipped to teach how to use God's Word

to stand against this new intrusion being used to draw away the disciples of the Lord. The following is Moges' report:

"The Seminar was hosted by the Baya Faficha congregation. Many Aroresa area preachers, along with the Santariea Preaching School instructors, helped plan this Seminar to help equip the area preachers to fight a good fight and to save more souls all over the area. According to the data we have from a previous government census of the area, over 96% of this area population is Protestant. Like many areas, the Church of Christ was introduced there about 10 years ago and our brothers and sisters are being threatened by many kinds of false teaching and community pressures brought upon them and their families by their neighbors. So, that is why they invited us to come and teach on the different issues. Preachers from distant places like Chuko, Santariea, Dale and Arbegona came. We tried to encourage them and to study and pray together. This same kind of process happened in Arbegona about 10 years ago when the Church of Christ was considered a "new religion" and was condemned from pulpits all over the area.



Because some powerful and faithful preachers of the truth worked night and day in that area, the church is now flourishing. From that beginning, two faithful preachers from Arbegona took the gospel of Christ to Aroresa. God is in control in every way for His glory!!

One of these two brothers who brought the good news to Aroresa was Abera Alemu (far left). He brought with him to our Seminar three brethren who are now gospel

preachers in the Aroresa area. (Left to right, Brothers Shimeles, Hailu, Abera and Daniso. They were Abera's first converts in that area. The Seminar started on Friday afternoon from 3:30 - 6:00 P.M. and resumed on Saturday from 9 A.M. to 1:00 PM. Sisters from the area congregations provided food for all our meals, including snacks during class breaks. We slept at Brother Mathewos Geda's home where the evening classes were held (pictured left). This is where the Baya Faficha congregation meets





for worship. They are preparing to build a new church building and they will provide the construction materials and we will supply the metal roof. Other churches have contributed to provide the costs of doors, windows and benches. Preachers who came from distant areas were invited by local members to come and sleep in the homes of members. Classes during the day were conducted outside in the shade as the room inside wasn't big enough. Interested visitors and neighbors attended the studies.



Among the visitors were some denominational preachers. Some were interested to know more about what was being taught and asked to study privately with our preachers. Our brothers Tafese Hankito (far left) and Ayela Achana (left) met with them privately during every break. We encouraged the visiting preachers to continue their study with area preachers following the Seminar. Please pray

for the new Aroresa churches and faithful brothers who are fighting the good fight.



During the Seminar we provided eight gospel preachers with Solar Players that contain hundreds of lessons for them to use as a resource for their study and as an introduction of the gospel message into public gatherings and market places. I received a telephone call from Bro. Tesfaye Bogale and he informed me Kefele Hassena, a trained gospel preacher from Arbegona who received a new player had passed away. He was one of the participants at the Aroresa Seminar and he also attended the November Seminar that Joe Boe and Carrell Dennis held in Santariaea. Kefele was a very active preacher in the Lord's Church and he will be missed by everyone who knew him.



We worshiped on Sunday with the Awassa church. The building was filled with people. Alemayehu and I were privileged to teach and preach there too. We had a pleasant time with the Awassa brethren and departed for home in the late afternoon. We spent the night at a hotel in Zewaye and returned back to Addis on Monday. It isn't safe to travel on the roads at night. We were very blessed by the opportunity to visit and be with brethren on the front lines of preaching the gospel to the lost in new and distant areas."

**UPDATE ON THE WATER WELL DRILLING PROJECT:**



By the time you receive this report, the 20 well agreement should be completed. Because of four of the bore holes being dry, the local Water Department gave us permission to complete 9 more wells in the assigned areas. This is a wonderful blessing for the people living in those areas. We believe the completed wells will be producing pure clean water before the end of February. This is the beginning of the long dry summer in that area and a constant source of good water will have been made available to thousands of people. Brother Habtu visited the

drilling area and reported the crew is doing great and focused on completing the project quickly.

2019 has started; time continues to pass quickly by. We have no idea what it may hold for the work in Ethiopia; but God is in control and the lost are being reached with the gospel. Your continued partnership in this work is vital and appreciated.

Kevin and John Ed Clark