



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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FIVE STUDENTS OBEY THE GOSPEL AT OUR HAWASSA SCHOOL:



On Sunday October 23rd Brothers Nebayehu and Yedenekatchew (preachers for the deaf in Addis Ababa) visited the church in Hawassa. They had spent three days preaching and teaching at the deaf congregation and teaching the students at our Jr. High School for the Deaf located there. On the left, the five students are confessing their faith in Christ as Nebayehu leads them. Center: the five deaf students were baptized in the baptistry on the compound by Brother Aschalew, the preacher for the deaf congregation at the Hawassa church. On the right, members of the deaf congregation and other students gather following the baptisms. This was a great blessing for the Hawassa church and for God's Kingdom. Many of you who read this report provide financial assistance for the deaf ministry outreach. God is providing the increase through your faithfulness.

THE CHURCH IN SHANO, SORO HAS A NEW BUILDING:



On the left members of the church in Shano, Soro pose after a worship assembly in October 2019. At that time their church building was too small, and they were planning to construct a new larger facility. Then came Covid and, like us, they were told not to meet. When the Covid restrictions were lifted they obtained land in a nearby location and constructed the new and much larger building pictured in the center. They have more than 300 members. Brother Abraham Delkeso from the Addis Ababa congregation grew up at this church and when he visited recently, he proudly took these new pictures. His family are faithful members at the Shano church. The church in Addis helped them by providing funds for the metal roof. It is wonderful to see this kind of activity, fellowship, and growth once again.

THREE NEW MEMBERS ARE ADDED TO THE CHURCH IN CHICHO:



Brother Seyum, standing left in the picture, is one of the instructors at the Santariea School of Preaching. His home is in Chicho, Sidama and he grew up in the congregation there. All his family are faithful members there and two of his brothers are leaders in the Chicho church. The congregation was established after we drilled a water well there in 2002 and Brother Tesfaye Bogale from Chuko went there to preach (a one hour walk). On a recent trip to visit his family, Seyum met these three young people on the way and took his time to study with them. Following a series of studies, they were convicted by the word and expressed their desire to be baptized. There is no congregation of the Lord's church in their area, so Seyum introduced them to the Woyamo church, which is the nearest congregation to their home. Seyum will now go to the area where they live and set up studies with their families and others and hopes to plant a new congregation there. Many great things are happening among the churches all over Ethiopia.

REPORT FROM THE DAWRO AREA: A DISTANT PLACE



The former government of Ethiopia gathered up people living in the areas where we had been teaching for many years and transferred them to a distant area in the Dawro region. Many of those moved were our members and Yosef Dolana, second from right in the picture, was a preacher who knew these transferred brethren would have a difficult time gathering members together and establishing new congregations, so he decided to move with them. His son, Behailu, right, made the decision to go with his father to help rebuild the spiritual fellowship of the Lord's people in their new locations. They were able to establish 5 congregations from those they gathered together. Two of their fellow leaders are Alemu Kebero and Abraham Abure and are pictured with them. This has been a difficult work and we highly commend the brethren who volunteered to leave everything and go to a distant place to serve God's people. Pictured here is the Esera congregation. Please pray for this work.

All the Outreach Ministries in Ethiopia are doing well. Many people are being taught and are responding to the gospel message. Churches are growing once again. Only God knows the amount of damage caused to His Kingdom because of the Covid pandemic. We all prayed for the effects of it to end and God has answered our prayers. Thank you all for being a faithful part of this wonderful work. Our prayer for you is that God will continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Kevin and John Ed Clark