



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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SERVING IN TROUBLED AREAS:



Nekemte is the capital city of the Wollega Region in Western Ethiopia. Pictured on the left is our Nekemte School of Preaching (PTS), the Kindergarten, School for the Deaf, the dorms and residence of the director of the schools. It is peaceful on this compound and the ministries go on as they normally have for the past 25+ years. In the distance you can see some of the city of Nekemte. The city can be very peaceful and business as usual and at other times it

can be a very dangerous place and unsafe, especially for trucks, buses, and any other vehicles traveling on the roads. During the last decade of unrest Nekemte has been a flashpoint. Brethren from Addis Ababa have been able to go and visit a few times since 2016, but have at times been turned back on the way due to warnings of violence ahead. We would not attempt to offer an opinion for a solution to this problem; we are told it is a tribal problem and that may be true. No one in our ministries there are participants in any political activities but are focused on preaching the gospel to the lost, helping children to be lifted up and taught the saving message of Jesus. Our preachers travel by foot and riding mules and horses and are not hindered in any way. The children come to school and our Preaching School goes on as it always has. Sometimes the PTS students have difficulty finding transportation to school from distant areas because buses have been a target for violence and it is a day by day decision for the buses to choose to travel. We have been encouraged by the faith and commitment of our brethren in the Western Region who are determined to do God's work at any cost. The Nekemte congregation was planted in the early 90's when Joe Boe went



there to do a World Bible School follow up seminar. Some of the present leaders in the Nekemte congregation attended that seminar and have grown to become leaders of the church, instructors in the School of Preaching, and preachers in surrounding areas. More than 30 churches are scattered throughout the Western Region and their roots can be traced to the WBS seminars and now to the evangelistic success of the men trained at the Nekemte School of Preaching.

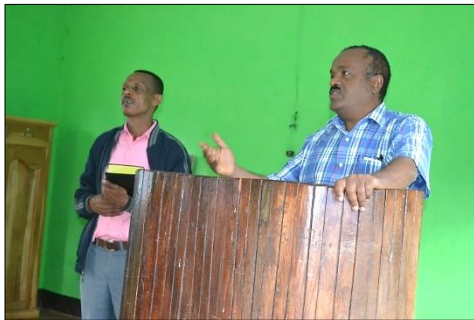


There is a need for constant communication and encouragement for brethren serving in the isolated areas. On the left, Brother Moges is pictured meeting with church leaders and preachers to encourage them. On the right, Brother Alemayehu is meeting with the PTS instructors to encourage and plan. These kinds of meetings are very important. There are other problems in Ethiopia that must be faced and dealt with. One has been the introduction of satellite television. There are more than 500 channels available; the moral content of some is much like what we have in America. In addition there are more than 10 religious channels that preach a perverted gospel 24 hours a day. Our most capable preachers and teachers must be vigilant to share ways of combatting this in a developing culture that is receptive to it. Thank God for men like Alemayehu and Moges who are always there to help, teach, and encourage.



students come from hundreds of miles away.

The School of Preaching is vital during these times. Constantly training and preparing men to take the pure gospel message to the lost and to call people to look only to the word of God for the answers to all eternal questions. The men sitting in Alemayehu's classroom on this occasion speak many different dialects of the people who sent them to the school to be trained. Twenty trained gospel preachers graduate from this school each year. Some



Both Alemayehu and Moges preach in every congregation they can reach on the available roads and trails. During the Communist occupation (1973-1991) I remember the attitude of the people each time I went to visit. It wasn't what I taught and preached; it was being there with them and them knowing by my presence that I cared. It is difficult to serve in troubled areas. Please pray for these brethren.



PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE BEZU FAMILY:

Over the last 5 years four children in the Bezu family have passed away leaving them only one son. Recently the oldest girl, pictured standing next to her mother died suddenly. She was a graduate of our School for the Deaf and was attending a government high school. She was a faithful member of the Lord's Church.

Thanks to all of you who faithfully pray for and support the Lord's work in Ethiopia.

Kevin and John Ed Clark