



"Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."
Psalms 81:8

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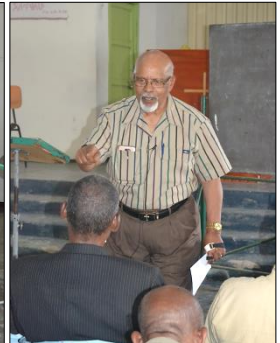
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Behailu and Alem arrived in Ethiopia in February. We were very concerned about his health and expressed to him he must not allow himself to become stressed and over worked. We asked Alem and the church leaders in Addis Ababa to observe him closely and protect him from being overwhelmed by the hundreds of brethren who want to spend time with him. Six weeks into his trip, everything seems to be going well. Praise God for protecting our dear brother and for allowing him to serve in the ministry he loves and back where he will always feel is their home. We ask for your daily prayers for him and for Alem. He is scheduled to return to the states on April 4th.

BIBLE SEMINAR CONDUCTED IN ADDIS:

Satellite television with all the charismatic preaching we have on our televisions is now broadcast throughout Ethiopia and is bringing up many problems and questions in our churches, preachers and church leaders. Young people want to imitate what they see and hear on the round the clock broadcasts. To help equip our PTS instructors and leading brethren from all over Ethiopia, Bros. Behailu, Moges, Alemayehu and Abebe are conducting a two week seminar on the following subjects: Prophecy, The Authority of the Word, The Lord's Church, Signs and Miracles, Christian Living, The Holy Spirit, Biblical Worship and The Last Dispensation. Classes started at 8:00 and ended at 5:30 for 12 days. Extended time was given for questions; these sessions lasted for hours.



Bro. Erkelo, a PTS Instructor from Jajura made this comment, "I have completed Level I and II, also attended the Advanced Courses and have been teaching in the Jajura PTS for many years. This workshop has helped me to clear the many questions I had in my mind; it will help me to answer rightly and in full confidence. It is only God who knew our spiritual problems and allowed us to have this faith building workshop. I thank all the teachers and the Christians in America who sponsored this workshop." Behailu said "Amen" we're given by all participants. The importance of being pro-active and ready to counter false teaching cannot be measured. We are thankful to God for His blessing the Lord's church in Ethiopia with qualified and very experienced bible teachers who stand firm and are willing to always be on the front lines of defending God's truth. (Pictures: Upper left, the participants, Center Bro. Moges teaching, Right, Bro. Behailu teaching, Left, Bro. Alemayehu teaching)

GOD RULES OVER PERSECUTION AND SUFFERING!



Behailu sent the following report about the ministry of Bro. Belay Kebede, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia.

“Bro. Belay was first brought to the gospel of Jesus through studying WBS lessons about 15 years ago. After much bible

study with him, he obeyed the gospel and joined the Nekemete Preacher Training School to advance his spiritual knowledge. He successfully completed the Level I studies in Nekemete and returned to his hometown. He immediately started to share what he learned to people he met. With God’s help he planted the first congregation in Dire Dawa, which met in his home. We helped him to rent a bigger house so that they have a decent place to worship.

Observing his dedication and hard work we invited him to attend the Level 2 Preacher Training School in Addis Ababa. He was a standout student in the class. Upon completing his study in Addis Ababa, he went back to Dire Dawa and continued preaching the gospel to the lost. Soon he planted another congregation in the town of Alemaya. (Harare) Both Dire Dawa and Alemaya are Muslim populated towns and we suspected trouble and persecution would surely come upon Belay. Believing that God rules over the sufferings of the church, Belay faithfully continued reaching out to the lost with the saving power of the gospel. Because of his respect for the World Bible School lessons, he recently translated WBS into the Oromonia Language and found a printer willing to print them for him. (Lessons pictured above. JEC)

Belay has been attacked in many different ways over the years. Last month a group of five Muslim students attacked his son by stoning him on his school ground. His son escaped from death by running away even though he was badly injured. Belay immediately went to the school to complain about the stoning of his son to the school administration and was told he had to report it to the Police, which he did. Four of the radical students who stoned his son were imprisoned and the fifth young man was badly injured trying to commit suicide because he was afraid of the consequences of the crime he committed. The Local District Chairman, three Muslim Sheiks, two Policemen and two teachers came to Belay and apologized for what has happened. They informed him that his son would be given free medical treatment. Belay accepted their apology and he told them that he would forgive the young men if they apologized for what they did. He was told that the radicals had been jailed and they are willing to ask for his forgiveness. Belay went to the prison to visit them. When they saw him they cried and asked for forgiveness. He told them that since he and his family is Christian they would totally forgive them. Everyone who saw and heard was astonished and amazed by Belay’s actions. Belay’s faith was tested, but his action has demonstrated and confirmed what Christianity really means.

What we have seen in every hindrance is the positioning for a greater advance and a display of God’s wisdom, power and love. The political situation in Belay’s area is not good at this time. We must continue to fervently pray for peace and the growth of the Church in Belay’s home area. I was advised by Belay to cancel the WBS follow-up workshop that we had planned to have. We leave everything in God’s hands and we will wait for God’s timing.”

WATER WELL UPDATE: Our crew has completed the 20 well agreement and has been assigned 10 more wells to drill. They are working on these wells at this writing.

All of you are an important part of everything good being accomplished in Ethiopia. We pray every day for God to bless you in every way!
Kevin and John Ed Clark