

## WHAT A WATER WELL MEANS FOR A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE:

Charity Water, an international water well provider non-profit, states that 33 million people in rural Ethiopia lack access to a source of clean water. Other non-profits add that 69% of the rural population rely on traditional sources of water. These sources include rainwater collection ponds, creeks and small rivers, and seasonal unprotected springs. The areas where we have drilled wells are included in these statistics. One U.N. water expert shared with us a few years ago in southern Ethiopia where we are drilling that 100.000 wells were needed to fill the need at that time. One non-profit indicates that in our world today one child dies every minute from drinking contaminated water. God has blessed our water well project and from 2001 to the present we have completed 586 wells and 480 of them are still producing pure clean water for all who use them. Estimates are that a minimum of 1000 people benefit from a good well and that number increases up to 8000+ in some locations. UNICEF worked with us until 5 years ago and then withdrew their support. Since that time we have continued to drill and we have been blessed to have the necessary financial support from the faithful and compassionate people who read our newsletters. Only God knows how many lives have been saved by this great ministry.



The lady on the left knows how much clean water benefits her family and all the people who will use this new well. All her life she has walked in search for clean water. She understands that now the young girls in her community will be able to attend school instead of spending their lives carrying water home and then having to turn around and go for more water. The children in the center picture are excited as they "play" with the clean water coming from the pump. They will grow up not remembering the time when their mothers suffered knowing the water she was bringing to her family could make them sick. Since December, 30 new wells like this one have been completed and scenes like these can be enjoyed at each of them. On the right, Habtu stands with our drilling crew. It will soon be 20 years since these men started their internship working with Curt King and learning to drill wells. Curt was able to leave the work with them five years ago. We express our appreciation to all of you who have faithfully partnered with us in this wonderful life-saving ministry. May God continue to bless you all!! God is good!!

## NEW CHURCH BUILDING FOR THE HOSANA CONGREGATION



Hosana is the capital of the Hydia Region. It is a thriving city and its population is growing. Several years ago we assisted the church in buying the building on the right and this is where

they have been meeting. As the city grew so did their congregation and the need for a new facility was crucial. This new building will be a blessing for them. Many high school graduates from church families living in the rural areas of Hydia come to Hosana to attend trade schools, colleges and universities located there. They faithfully attend this congregation. This church, like all congregations, has been affected by the Covid invasion, but that hasn't stopped the excitement of planning for the future. We rejoice with the brethren in Hosana as they continue to progress in their Christian walk.

## THE DEAF MINISTRY IN HAWASSA



Brother Aschalew is pictured as he teaches the deaf class at the church in Hawassa. Hawassa is the capital city of the Southern Region of Ethiopia. It has multiplied in population during the last decade. When the Hawassa School for the Deaf was opened several years ago there was a need for a deaf bible teacher. Aschalew attended and graduated from our School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa and then went on to be trained as a teacher. He was sent to the new congregation in Hawassa and continues to

serve there. Almost all of the deaf students in the Hawassa school return to their homes when they finish our school and those who find jobs stay in the city and attend this church. Having Aschalew, as well as other Christian teachers, is an eternal blessing for the deaf.

## THE WATER WELL EVANGELISTS CONTINUE REACHING OUT TO NEW AREAS (Report from Brother Moges)



"Bro. Elias Eromo and Tessema Sededo are water site preachers from the Angacha and Kacha Birra areas. These two brothers live in different areas but they travel together to preach Christ from one place to another. Currently they are focused on three different areas. In the first two areas the Lord's Church is already planted and are located at Kolome and Dana. They are teaching 20 more nonbelievers in these two areas. They go and teach there once in every week. The other new area is

called Fandide. They are trying to reach the community there. They have 15 people already studying with them. They have scheduled themselves once every week to this new area also."

We thank God daily for all of you who pray for and support the Lord's work in Ethiopia.