



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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THE BEGINNER CLASS AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN ADDIS ABABA:



The kindergarten class at the Mekanissa School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa looks very different than others that have gone before. Two changes have caused this. The first is the obvious requirement that all students wear face masks. The second is the Ministry of Education now requires that each class must be made up of no less than 75% deaf children and 25% hearing in each classroom. In the early 70's we started using the "integrated" system of teaching the deaf children with the

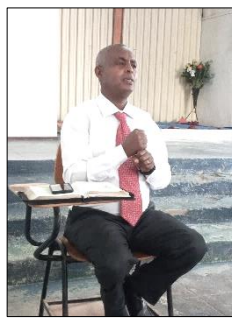
hearing children. For several years we were pressured not to use this system because deaf education in Ethiopia at that time was based on the British system which didn't mix them together. Our determination never wavered and we still use the system. However, the new proclamation of the 75%-25% has been forced upon us. In some of our schools that will reduce the class sizes considerably and the result will be that many hearing children will not benefit from the quality Christian education provided in our schools. Mixing the deaf with the hearing is a powerful demonstration for the deaf that they can compete in every way and helps them to understand they have a handicap only if they feel they do. Some of these deaf children will grow up and will graduate from the Universities and be able to "live their dreams" because they will understand they are not second class citizens! The children pictured here are the fortunate. They will be in our school for the next 10 years and their lives will be enriched in every way. We will continue to "press onward" and your faithful prayers and support will continue to be an eternal blessing for all the children whose lives are blessed in this ministry.

20 ADDITIONAL NEW WELLS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED FOR US TO DRILL:



The Southern Region Water Bureau has amended our drilling agreement and has added 20 additional wells. This will provide pure clean water to thousands of people in that region. It seems the seasonal rains have come early this year and are hindering the start up for drilling these new wells. We pray these rains will stop and our crew will immediately start the work. Everything is ready to go.

BROTHER ABEBE HAILE MICHAEL, GOSPEL MINISTER:



(Report from Bro. Moges)

“Abebe Haile Michael came to the Church of Christ Mission compound in Makanissa when he was nine years old. His aunt brought him just to play children’s games such as

swinging, sliding, and soccer. While playing these games he joined children’s bible class in the church. After several years of attending the church, he obeyed the gospel of Christ and was baptized in 1992. His first assignment in the church was serving in the youth ministry. Abebe became a very capable interpreter and bible teacher for the deaf members and in the School for the Deaf daily chapel. He attended the Advanced Preacher Training School that was offered in Addis Ababa in 1993-1994 with other brothers who came from the countryside churches of Christ. He received a diploma from that school. After graduating, he became one of the team members of the World Bible School staff. In 1996 he accepted the role as a minister for Makanissa Church of Christ preaching and teaching the word of God to members and nonmembers and having several personal bible study classes with individuals and groups. Abebe also travels with other brothers to the countryside visiting churches and teaching the word of God in many different places. In addition to his public preaching the word to the churches, he also teaches at the Level Two Preacher Training School in Addis Ababa. Brother Abebe has been serving the Lord for the last 27 years is a very faithful and dedicated servant in the Kingdom. He is 48 years old, married with one son. Both his wife and son are members of the church. His passion remains to preach and teach the saving message Christ to as many as possible for the rest of his life.”

BEKELE GEBRU: A SERVANT



Pictured here are Brother Bekele Gebru with his wife Haregewyn and two daughters, Tsega and Haset. He came to us during the famine of 1984-1987 as a very young boy. His family had died in the famine and he was abandoned at our feeding center in Jido along with 8 other children. They were brought to a newly formed orphanage on our school compound in Addis Ababa. He still lives with his family on the compound at the present time. He attended our school and then went to and

graduated from an accounting school in the city. During the years with us he has been a hard worker and a faithful Christian. He has answered every call to service and is an important asset in every project of the church and schools. He now serves as a lead accountant in the Mission administration and is a teacher and leader in the church. He is an excellent teacher and interpreter for the deaf. We are blessed to have Brother Bekele on the team.

As we all know, 2021 is also a challenging year! Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for the ministry in Ethiopia. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!
Kevin and John Ed Clark