



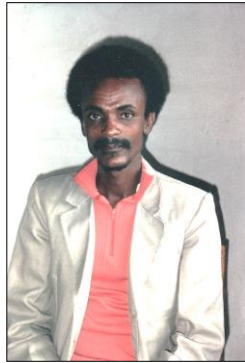
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FAITHFUL PREACHER IN ARBEGONA FINISHES THE RACE: Report from Bro. Moges Wolde



“One of the first preachers in the Arbegona area, Brother Petros Fiche, finished his race and went to his eternal home yesterday. Bro. Petros was one of the first graduates of the Santariewa Preacher Training School. He had preached faithfully from the very beginning of the work in Arbegona. Bro. Petros was a very respected preacher and good example for many young preachers in Sidamo, especially in Arbegona. Two of his sons, Melkamu and Adisu, have also graduated from the Santariewa PTS. Unfortunately, Melkamu passed away about two years ago. The Arbegona preachers called me this morning and requested me to be there to preach for brother Petros’ funeral service on Thursday August 22nd.” In the picture on the left, Brother Petros is pictured in his apple orchard at his home in Arbegona. On the right, he is pictured when he attended the Santariewa School of Preaching many years ago.



On the left is pictured the late Brother Fiche, the father of Brother Petros. Brother Fiche was a preacher all his life and a graduate of the Addis Ababa School of Preaching in 1968. On the right, is Adisu, the son of Brother Petros and the grandson of Brother Fiche. He graduated from the Santariewa PTS in 2016. As Moges mentioned, another son of Petros, Melkamu, was also a preacher and passed away two years ago. It is common in Ethiopia for sons to follow in their father’s footsteps and become preachers of the gospel.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR CHURCH LEADERS:



Brothers Joe Boe, Alemayehu and Moges conducted a Church Leadership Training Seminar this month at the deaf school compound in Addis Ababa. Leaders from different areas attended.

Brethren from Addis Ababa, the areas of Soro, Kambatta, Sidama, Hydia, Nekemte, Dire Dawa and Jimma are pictured above. Some of them have been faithful members of the Lord's Church for more than 45 years. Usually seminars like this one are for preachers, but church leaders in Addis felt the need to "rekindle the fire" in the hearts of men who have given their life in building up and strengthening the church in their home areas. Younger men following in the steps of their fathers and grandfathers also attended. The seminar was completed the week of August 20th.

"JUST MARRIED"! GRADUATES OF THE DEAF SCHOOL IN ADDIS ABABA:



This couple grew up at our School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. Both graduated and went on to schools of higher learning. The bride, Aneneh Tefera, attended and graduated from high school and then went on to the Teacher Training Institute following high school and is now a teacher of the deaf at the Minilik The Second High School in Addis Ababa. Tadelu Bonsa, the groom, completed our school and then graduated from a government high school in Addis. They are both faithful members of the deaf congregation at the Addis Ababa Church of Christ.

MEET HABTAMU TADDESSE



Habtamu grew up in our orphanage for boys located on our School for the Deaf compound in Addis Ababa. He is deaf and was brought to us by his grandparents when he was very young; they were unable to care for him. He was enrolled in the first grade and he graduated from the 8th grade at our school. He then went to the Black Lion government high school, where he completed his high school education. Few deaf students are able to survive in a hearing school, but Habtamu was a very good student and determined to do well. He went to the Addis Technical College and graduated with a Woodwork and Design certification. He had become a Christian in 2006 and told Habtu recently he had first learned the gospel attending chapel each morning at our school and afterward he had continued to study God's word with the deaf congregation minister, Brother Nebayehu. He is a faithful member of church and his great interest is to serve the deaf community and to become an evangelist.

MEET YEDNEKACHEW TESEMA



Yednekachew came to our School for the Deaf when he was 8 years old. He lived with his uncle in the Alemgena area of Addis Ababa. He enrolled in our kindergarten class and was a top student in every class and graduated from the 8th grade. He was accepted at the Black Lion High School and completed his high school education there. He qualified for enrollment at the Addis Ababa University and graduated with a B.A. in Information Technology. He is now working as a computer teacher in our computer lab at our Makaanissa School for the Deaf. He said he had first learned the gospel during the chapel time each morning in our school. He became a Christian in 2005 and is a faithful member of the deaf congregation. He is 27 years old.

God bless all of you who faithfully pray for and make this great work possible.

Kevin and John Ed Clark