



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## **A FUNERAL IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL:**



In our August Newsletter we reported the passing of our beloved brother Petros Fiche. He was a well-known gospel preacher in the Arbegona area of Sidama. Brothers Moges and Alemayehu were asked to come and speak at the funeral. Moges is shown on the left speaking with his interpreter Brother Tesfaye Bogale. More than 2500 attended; all of the audience isn't shown, more were behind the church building and more were in back of where the pictures were taken. Moges spoke for more than two hours. He didn't speak about Brother Petros; he preached a gospel sermon. A large number of the audience were residents from the surrounding communities, government officials, as well as members from sister congregations in the area. After Moges returned to Addis Ababa, he received phone calls from some denominational preachers who attended asking to study more with him. They will study by phone and through emails. In America, our funerals have become "Celebrations of Life" and usually consist of the good and funny things that had been done by the one who had passed on. Many years ago, funerals were times of gospel outreach. Our Ethiopian brethren are ready "in season and out of season" to preach the saving message of Jesus.

## **BROTHER PETROS FOLLOWED PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS: 2 TIMOTHY 2:2**



Moges reported this about Brother Petros: "Now there are many trained preachers in Arbegona. One of the faithful men is Solomon Zewde, left. He was with Petros and other preachers who first took the gospel to the Arbegona area nine years ago. Solomon and the others had been taught by Petros and they all attended the Santariea School of Preaching. From that beginning, there are seven strong congregations in the area. Men from the new churches were sent to the training school as they matured. Faithful men teaching faithful men who teach other faithful men.... This is a perfect example of doing God's work God's way!"

## **NEW WATER WELLS PUT IN SERVICE:**



The process of putting the 26 new wells into service is completed. There are a number of regulations that must be followed before the people are allowed to use the water. The water must be tested; four of the wells were found to contain some type of contamination and had to be treated with a chlorine substance. Each well must be enclosed with a pole and stake fence to keep the animals away and to protect it from vandals and to keep the children from playing with it. Five people from each location must attend training classes to be taught about scheduling the hours of operation, simple steps of maintaining the pump and other important issues. Each committee must select a chairman who is responsible to the Water Bureau for the proper care and use of the well.



The training seminar was conducted in Durami, Kambatta. Brother Alemayehu is shown presenting information to the attendees. Other discussion leaders included Water Bureau officials and geologists. In the past the training seminars were led by the water officials, but now they have made it our responsibility. The program lasted for three days. God is praised in these occasions; the people know the good being done!

## **WEDDING FOR FORMER STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL:**



A happy occasion of the wedding ceremony of Anteneh and Tadelu, former deaf students at our school in Addis Ababa. Some who read this newsletter sponsored the education of these two faithful Christians. They were in our school for 10 years and then went on to obtain a higher education. The bride is now a teacher of the deaf at the Minilik High School in Addis Ababa and Anteneh is gainfully employed at a secular job in the city. Like all the deaf children in our schools, their lives were drastically changed because of you who have been so faithful in providing an opportunity for education and hope. Mark 7:37 records Jesus' love for the deaf, "They were utterly astonished, saying, 'He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'" God has given us a great work in lifting up the lives of the deaf. You have blessed hundreds of the deaf in Ethiopia. Thank you and may God's blessing be upon you all.

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