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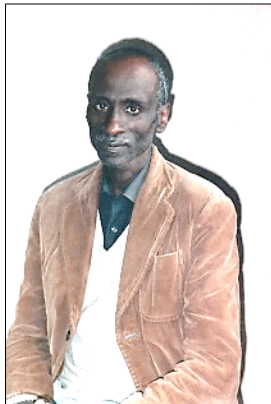
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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Revelation 14: 13)



BRO. PAWLOS HOTESA: 1938-2014

Brother Pawlos Hotessa passed from this life at the age of 75 having served as a preacher of the gospel for 33 years at the Awada Birbo congregation in the Sidama Zone. He was the father of eight children. More than 3000 people attended the funeral service held in the yard of his home church. He was a well-known and respected proclaimer of God's word. The members at Awada Birbo, along with many gospel preachers in that area sent word to Brother Moges in Addis Ababa, asking that he come and conduct the memorial service for Brother Pawlos. Moges accepted the invitation and sent us the following statement: "I was blessed with the opportunity to preach the gospel for an hour to more than 3000 people. In the audience were Muslims, denominational preachers, people who knew Pawlos from areas near and far, along with

many preachers of the gospel and members of his church family. One of the open doors to preach the gospel to Muslims and non-members is at a funeral service. Following the sermon we heard many comments from visitors how much they learned from the lesson we presented. Many had never heard such a biblical lesson in their lives."



Upper left: Moges is preaching as Bro. Tesfaye interprets the sermon into the local language. Top: A small section of the 3000 who attended and listened to the lesson. Left: Brother Kifle (with the wide brimmed hat) sitting next to two Muslim men in the audience. It is a very rare occasion when Muslims, out of respect for a departed friend, will attend a Christian funeral service. All of this speaks of a very worthy tribute to the kind of man, neighbor and respected leader Bro. Pawlos was in his life.



BROTHER DEMISSE ROMA is pictured with his wife at their home in Wendo, Sidama. Demisse is one of the instructors at the Santariea School of Preaching. For several years he has had a dental disease that caused him to lose several of his teeth. He never gave up his teaching, but was embarrassed by his problem. An American brother visited the school and out of respect for Demisse's needs provided the funds for him to have everything corrected. Now Demisse is smiling again and we pass along our sincere appreciation to the brother who made this possible. During the

Communist time in Ethiopia, Demisse's father, Brother Roma, who was also a respected gospel preacher, was the only preacher in the church who was murdered because he refused to deny his faith. At that time, Demisse committed his life to follow in father's footsteps.

BROTHER SHIMELES TSIGE:



Shimeles Tsige grew up in the church. He is the nephew of Brother Behailu and lived with Behailu and Alem all the years he was in school. He is pictured here with his wife, Aster and their three children. Aster grew up on the school and church compound in Addis Ababa. Her father was one of the guards at the school before he passed away. Her mother died when she was a young teenager and she was left to raise three siblings. Shimeles and Aster met each other in the Addis Ababa congregation.



Shimeles serves as the director of the Computer School Program in Ethiopia. He planned and started the schools at the Hawassa School for the Deaf and the Mekanissa School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. He has a Computer Science Degree from a University in Addis Ababa. He is a tireless worker. He is eager to teach his people computer skills that will provide all graduates from the program a great opportunity to find a good job.



Most of all, Shimeles is a fine gospel preacher and leader at the church in Hawassa. He regularly visits other congregations in the Hawassa area to preach and encourage them. He is an excellent example to all the other trained preachers in the Sidama area. The church in Ethiopia is blessed to have this great Christian brother as one of its outstanding preachers.

Thanks to all of you who faithfully pray for and support the Lord's work in Ethiopia.

Kevin and John Ed Clark