



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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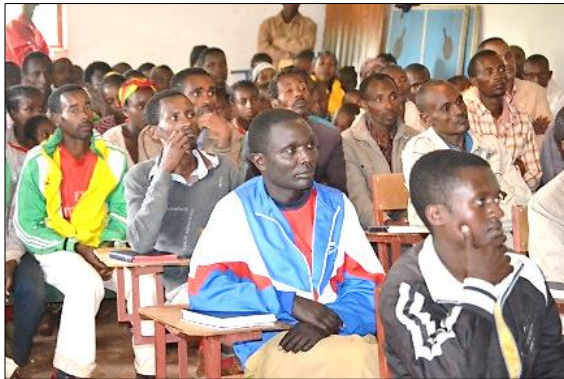
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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,



On May 8th through May 10th two hundred preachers and church leaders from the Sidama, Arbegona and Dale Regions came to attend a seminar at the Santariera School of Preaching. The theme of the lessons presented was "The New Testament Church Worship." The church in Ethiopia is under constant attack from the "right and the left". We experience the same attacks here in America. Paul spoke of God's people in Romans 10: 2-3, ".....they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. ³ For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking

to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God." Paul told the elders in Ephesus to "stand guard" (Acts 20:28f). Following the seminar, Brother Moges sent the following comment, "I believe these leaders and preachers now have a better understanding on the subject and the distinctiveness of the New Testament Church and its worship. We must continue our efforts to teach brethren individually, in groups and in seminars. If we do not deal with such kind of problems today, tomorrow it will be very difficult to stop it." How true this is. We need to be thankful for the strong biblical leaders we have in Ethiopia.

TRAINING GOSPEL PREACHERS:



Forty three men are enrolled at the four Level One Schools of Preaching. There is a constant need for more preachers to fill the pulpits of the growing number of churches being



established in many new areas. In the regions around the schools there is a concentration of congregations. As men graduate, they sometimes amaze us where they go to preach. Two men

attending at Nekemte (upper right) are from Benshangul, a village 300 miles away. They are the first converts from the Gumze people and members of the first congregation in that area.

SERVING THE “LEAST OF THESE.....”



“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these....., even the least of them, you did it to Me.” Matt. 25:40 (emphasis mine. jec) Clubfoot or CTEV is a genetic birth defect that affects 1 child in 1000 births in America. Perhaps it may be about the same ratio in Ethiopia. But, in Ethiopia it is much more of a tragedy because few, very few, families have the resource or opportunity to have corrections made on their baby. So, as the child grows, it is a “cripple” and sentenced by circumstance to begging or being totally dependent on family. Brother Habtu Zemach came to America many years ago. He has made many trips back to Ethiopia and has dedicated himself to “giving back” to his people and the country of his birth. When he saw the plight of little babies with this problem, he made a commitment to help as many as he could. Word spread and the young mother on the left brought her new CTEV affected baby to the Shone School of Preaching during our visit there in October 2013. Habtu responded to her plea and now the mother and child (right center), along with two other mothers are staying in the Level 2 School of Preaching dorm in Addis while their three little ones recover from the foot surgery already completed. The lives of these children have been changed forever. Habtu has done what he can do. That is all God asks of any of us. Habtu has provided a way for the church to minister to these families and I would suspect the love they have received through Habtu and the church will lead to eternal changes in their relationship with God. Thank you Habtu for this wonderful ministry and for allowing us to help serve “these little ones” with you.

SAVING LIVES THROUGH PROVIDING CLEAN WATER:



Our crew has drilled 51 new wells in 2014. The seasonal rains have stopped the drilling for the time being. Our brethren are working on signing a new drilling agreement for 60 more wells. Hopefully drilling on the new agreement will start in early November, this year. Pray for this to happen because as you can see in the pictures above just how important clean water is for the people. The children on the right or someone in their family will die one day from diseases caused by drinking the kind of water they took home the day we took this picture.

Our prayer for you who faithfully support the Outreach to Ethiopia is that you recognize the opportunity God has provided all of us to glorify Him by serving the “little ones” of our world.

Kevin and John Ed Clark