



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,



The 6th National Preachers Conference was conducted at Shinshicho, Kambatta from November 5th through November 9th. Seven hundred preachers, church leaders and members came from all over southern Ethiopia. Shinshicho is located in the heart land of the church and many members from that area came during the day and were not included in number mentioned. It was an uplifting and an exciting time of renewal for all who were there. Preaching brethren who were trained together and had not seen one another for many years

enjoyed being together and talking about their mutual ministries. Congregations from all over the Badewatcho and Kambatta area served as hosts and did an outstanding job of organizing the program, preparing three meals a day for everyone and making sure there was a place to sleep for all who came from other places.



Workshop Logistics: Upper left to right: Five ladies worked from before daylight into the night preparing Ethiopian enjeras (flat sour dough bread) for lunch and supper for each of the 700+ participants. Top center: One steer was killed each day to supply the needed meat for the Ethiopian stew (Wot). Top right: Four very large cooking pots were used to prepare the stew. Lower left: The compound was covered with tents for everyone to sleep in. We were fortunate there was no rain during the five days. Lower center: The hand washing station. Lower right: Several of our former deaf school students attended. Brother Moges is seen interpreting for them.

Speakers Included:



Left to Right: Jimmy Hurd, Minister at the Cordova Church of Christ, Rancho Cordova, California. Center: Jacqui Hurd, taught the ladies. Right: Alemayehu Desalegn of the Mekanissa church in Addis Ababa.



Top left, Abebe Haile Michael, minister of the Mekanissa Church in Addis Ababa. Center: Moges Wolde, Director of the Ethiopian Schools of Preaching. Right: John Ed Clark, elder at the Woodward Park church in Fresno, California. Left: Habtu Zemach, a deacon at the church in Falls Church, Virginia. The theme of the conference was "Retain the Standard of Sound Words" 2 Timothy 2: 12. All the presentations were centered on God's call to follow His Way.

The next National Preachers Conference in Ethiopia will be held in Nekemte, Ethiopia in November, 2017. All are welcome to attend.

NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR 40 NEW WATER WELLS:



We have signed a new water well agreement with the Water Bureau of the Southern Region and UNICEF for 40 new wells. 20 in the Kambatta Zone and 20 in the Badewatcho, Zone. Both these areas are in desperate need of clean water. The Lord's Church is

strong in these areas and thousands of our members will have access to these new wells. We are very thankful to have been given this opportunity. Drilling should have started by the time you receive this newsletter. Pray for success in finding water at every drill site, for the safety of our crew and that our 1967 drilling rig will once again perform to the standard it has in the last 550 wells drilled. We were promised 20 additional wells, but because government geologists were not able to get into that area to select the sites, those will have to wait until the next round.

Thanks to all of you who have faithfully supported this great work. God, with your faithfulness, has made it all possible.
Kevin and John Ed Clark.