



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,

There are many great things to share about the Lord's work in Ethiopia:

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT ANCHLELECHO, SIDAMA:



The church at Anchelelecho was established 15 years ago. It had been a house church until it outgrew the house. They talked with church leaders in the area and decided to build a new building, pictured on the left. Some of you who read this report have participated in donating funds to help small congregations in Ethiopia purchase corrugated metal for their roof if they will gather wood and other materials and do the construction themselves. Pictured above is Brother Tesfaye, left, and Brother Seyum, fourth from left, with three trained graduates from the Santariea School of Preaching where Tesfaye and Seyum teach. A simple building like this is so important and will let people in the area know that this church is going forward for the Lord.

BIBLE SEMINARS CONDUCTED IN THE SIDAMA ZONE:

This report was sent by Brother Moges: "There is a great interest in studying God's word in the Aroresa and Arbegona areas of Sidama among our members and also among the area denominational preachers. Bro. Tesfaye and Bro. Seyum were invited to go there and conduct bible seminars. They made the trip a week ago using Tesfaye's motor cycle. They visited congregations at Meleya and Baya Faficho in Aroresa area. Three days were spent teaching at these two Aroresa churches. It is a one hour ride over the mountains by motorcycle from the Meleya church to the Baya Faficho congregation. At Meleya, 42 people attended the seminar and in Baya Faficho there were 102 in attendance. Those present were members, non-members and denominational preachers. Tesfaye and Seyum taught from early morning until night time. At both places they studied and answered questions from the denominational preachers until 1:00 AM. As the seminar ended, 6 people obeyed the gospel and were added to the Lord's Church.

After they finished their mission in Aroresa they continued their trip and visited two churches in the Arbegona area. They spent one night preaching at Shafamo church. 200 members and

non-members attended. In the evening they had questions and gave bible answers for the non-members from 6:30PM – 11:00 P.M. As they closed for the evening, 5 people decided to be New Testament Christians and the next morning were immersed in to Christ. Then they traveled to the Bursa congregation and had a bible study with 17 church members.

We glorify our wonderful God for His precious word and for His servants who dedicate themselves to spread the gospel especially in the Aroresa and Arbegona areas. Our brothers report many denominational preachers are eager to study to know more and follow the New Testament teaching of the simple gospel of Christ.” Moges Wolde

SOLAR UNITS BEING PREPARED FOR ETHIOPIA USING THE AMHARIC LANGUAGE:



Perhaps you have heard about the Solar Powered audio player that Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) has been promoting. The unit itself is pictured on the left. On the right, Brother Behailu, center, is sitting with brethren in Shinshicho, Ethiopia listening to a lesson from a unit. For almost two years our Ethiopian brethren have been translating all of Sunset’s lessons into the Amharic language and preparing them to be added to a Solar Unit. When finished there will be hundreds of lessons, sermons and singing all in the Ethiopian national language. This will be a very valuable tool in teaching and grounding the churches in Ethiopia. No electricity is needed to recharge the internal batteries. On the back of the unit is a solar panel that will charge the battery in just a few hours of sunshine. SIBI will distribute hundreds of the units to our preachers in Ethiopia for them to use as they go preaching God’s word to their own people.

33 WELLS COMPLETED-9 TO GO ON PRESENT AGREEMENT:



33 wells of a 42 well agreement have been completed in the Badewatcho, Wollieta and Gibi Zones. Seasonal rains have become a problem, but the crew is standing by in the area and drill as the weather permits. They hope to finish the 42 by the time the heavy rains start in mid-June. Because of a shoulder injury, Curt King was able to be involved in drilling only 8 of the wells. Curt has done a great job training our Ethiopian crew and now they are able to do the work on their own. During the rainy season the crew will install pumps and maintain and repair the equipment to have it ready to go when the rains end; hopefully in early October. Many thousands of people will take the good water from the new wells just completed.

DON LAZZARESCHI: OCTOBER 26, 1929-APRIL 29, 2015

Don and Charmaine Lazzareschi, along with their family served with us in Ethiopia in 1969 through July 1971. Don passed from this life on April 29th. He was a blessing to all who knew him and will always be remembered for his faithfulness and humble spirit as he served the Lord.

John Ed and Kevin Clark