



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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BROTHER BEHAILU RETURNS TO ETHIOPIA:



Brother Behailu and his wife Alem returned to Ethiopia the second week of September. He is pictured here teaching at the Mekanissa Church of Christ, the church where he served for more than 50 years. They will be in Ethiopia for three months. During this time Behailu will travel and teach and preach in all the areas where churches, schools of preaching, deaf schools and kindergartens are located and where water wells have been completed. The purpose of Behailu's ministry is twofold; first all the works being accomplished in Ethiopia are designed to reach the hearts of the lost with the gospel and Behailu will be preaching everywhere he travels and the second is, to provide additional mentoring to all the leaders of the church.

SUNSET INTERNATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTE AUDIO SOLAR PLAYERS:



For more than a year our Ethiopian brethren have been working on translating, recording and having the SIBI lessons downloaded into the audio solar players soon to be distributed among preachers and church leaders in the southern regions of Ethiopia. Hundreds of these players have already been distributed in other African countries. The ones destined for Ethiopia will be different. All the lessons on the players will be in Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia. This will allow them to be used in the distant areas where churches can benefit from the richness of the bible lessons that they will study. In this picture, Brother Samuel Kifile is shown demonstrating the solar player to some of the students at the Santariaea School of Preaching. Some of these young men's homes are hundreds of miles from the school and they will be able to take a solar unit and use it to teach what they have studied at the school. This will be a tool to build up the faith of members in those distant churches. He can take a unit to the open market where thousands of people have come to shop and start an audio lesson or a recorded radio sermon and people will gather to listen and will ask questions. These units will be used effectively as a teaching tool in many places and in many ways.

FATHER AND SON WILL BE A PREACHING TEAM:



Pictured left is Zelalem Bogale Ademo with his father Bogale. Zelalem is graduating this month from the Santariewa School of Preaching. Zelalem grew up in the Santariewa congregation where his father served many years as one of the ministers. Brother Bogale is one of the traveling evangelists who go to the areas where water wells have been completed to preach the gospel and establish congregations. He is part of the "Water Well Evangelism Team" started a few years ago which has helped start almost 200 new churches in many different areas of southern Ethiopia. Zelalem will be able to use his young age in relating to the younger generation in these new churches and new areas. It is very common in Ethiopia for sons of preachers to follow in their father's footsteps. Preachers in Ethiopia are respected and preaching is a very respected occupation and teams like this serve as a great example for others to follow.

THE MARRIAGE OF YARED TESHAYE AND SEBLE TEKLE:



Pictured left to right are Seble Tekle, Sister Elsabet and Yared Tesfaye. Last year Seble and Yared were married at the Makannisa Church of Christ. Seble was raised on the compound of the School for the Deaf. Her father had served as one of the guards before his death at a young age. Her mother died shortly afterwards. The four children were then raised by their oldest sister as they were watched over by Brother Behailu and Alem. Yared came to the orphanage on the school compound following the end of the famine in Ethiopia. He was abandoned as a five year old at the Jido Feeding Center by his family. He remained at the orphanage for several years and was adopted by an American couple who brought him to America. He is well educated and successful, but he never forgot his roots or those he loved as a child. Somehow through a long distance relationship, he and Seble made the decision to marry. He is an American citizen and it took a year for the paper work to clear on bringing Seble to the

states. This picture was taken the day before they left to come to the U.S. Like our own children, we must raise them, love and nourish them, teach them about God, Jesus and His church, then turn them loose to live their own lives. Seble is a very strong Christian and will not be satisfied until she is deeply embedded in a loving church family again. She will be a blessing and an example for Yared. Pray for this young couple as they establish their home and their place in ministry in the Lord's Kingdom.

WATER WELL DRILLING UPDATE:

The following was taken from a September 11th report from Brother Alemayehu: "Yesterday Tilahun and I had a very good meeting with the Water Bureau Director, the UNICEF Water Development representative and three other officials in their Hawassa office. They told us of their appreciation for the completion of the 40 productive wells according to our signed agreement with them. They emphasized the good performance of our Ethiopian drilling crew and the professional way the project was carried out. They were very pleased with the attitude of cooperation of the crew to the local government officials and geologists in the drilling areas. The UNICEF representative, Ato Dawit, expressed his appreciation for our crew's timely performance and stated that UNICEF wants to continue working with us. He has personally visited the 40 completed wells and found them to all be very good and a blessing for the people in those areas. A new agreement is being prepared for drilling 40 or more new wells following the end of the rains in last October. Brother Tilahun is writing the new agreement at this time."

Thanks to all who faithfully pray for and support the Lords work in Ethiopia.

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