



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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THANKSGIVING: “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*.....” (Colossians 4:2) Americans have very recently celebrated a family holiday we call “Thanksgiving”. Certainly we, of all the world’s population, have reason to be thankful. But Paul wasn’t speaking to the world; he was speaking to the Lord’s people. They were under attack and from a jail cell Paul wrote expressing his concern for them. Would Paul write the same thing to us today? I believe that he would because God’s people are under attack today on every front and in every place. (Acts 20:28-31f) Paul called the church in Colossae to do two things because of the dangers.....to be devoted to prayer and to keep alert. Paul tied these two activities together and said they must be encircled with thanksgiving to God. As an American citizen and a citizen of God’ Kingdom, we are facing some difficult decisions ahead. In our country and in the Lord’s church I must not seek my way.....but God’s. We need to pray and we need to be alert. And we must be thankful and know He is the source of all good things and that His way must always be the focus of our lives. (2 Timothy 3:12, Matthew 6:33)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL:



Someone asked, “How can we save the world?” The answer came back, “One at a time”. Paul wrote in Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation.....” When we preach and teach it, we see its power. On Friday evening November 6th, following several bible studies, Hebest Tsegaye was convicted of her need to be saved (John 16:8). She confessed her faith in Jesus (John 10:32) and was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins. (Acts 2:37-38)

This story began over 40 years ago. In the picture on the right is L to R Brother Moges, Hebest and Eyob Tekelu. Eyob’s parents lived on the compound of the School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. His father was a guard on the compound and as time passed Eyob was born. When he was a young boy his father died and not long afterward, his mother also died. His older sister became a caregiver for three sisters and two brothers. The six children grew up on the compound and were watched over by many people who loved them and made sure they were well provided for. All of them attended our School for the Deaf (none of them were deaf) and all of them went on to finish high school. The sisters all married Christian husbands and are strong members of the Lord’s church. Eyob attended and graduated from the Teacher Training College and is now a teacher in our School for the Deaf. When he met Hebest, he wanted her to be his wife, but only if she was a Christian. It was our pleasure to be with them on this occasion. A footnote: One of Eyob’s brothers and one of his sisters are also teachers in our school.

NEKEMTE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:



On the top left is pictured the first grade class at the Nekemte School for the Deaf. It is one of 5 classes we have in that school and pictures of the other grades look much like this one. Except for one thing. The teacher in the picture is Getu Tesfaye. He is profoundly deaf and came to the school in Nekemte as a young child. He was brought to the school by an agency of the government that we in America call the “Child Protective Services”. They had picked him up in his home town because he was a “street boy” and a beggar. There was no deaf school in that region

for him so the CPS brought him to us. Getu became a boarding student and has been with us ever since. He attended our school through the 4th grade and then went to a deaf school operated by a local denomination and completed the 8th grade there. Then he was accepted into a “hearing” government high school graduating as an honor student. We then sent him to the Oromo Teacher Training College in Nekemte where he received his certification as a teacher. During all those years he continued to live at our school. Upon his graduation he returned to our School for the Deaf as one of our teachers. Getu was a basket weaver all during his school years and sold his beautiful baskets at the Nekemte Market to buy his clothes and other things he needed. Now, he is overseeing and teaching our 42 deaf students in the basket weaving program as an extra-curriculum class. Many of you who read this report faithfully support students like Getu. He is a great example of the ministry you are a part of. God is good!

SIBI SOLAR UNIT DISTRIBUTION IN ETHIOPIA STARTING DECEMBER 1ST



Preachers, church leaders, Preacher Training Instructors and other leading Ethiopian brethren, along with brethren from Sunset International Bible Institute will gather in Hawasa, Ethiopia to initiate the distribution of more than 200 bible lesson loaded solar units. Three days will be used to train the Ethiopian brethren in the effective use of this great teaching tool. Pictured on the left is Brother Moges speaking at the Dande, Sidama congregation about the use of the solar unit. Please remember this effort in your prayers. A lot of work has been done and more yet to do.

Thanks to everyone involved in preaching the gospel in Ethiopia. In whatever way you are helping, please know you are making an eternal difference in the lives of the Ethiopian people.

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