



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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OUR MUTUAL MINISTRY:

Occasionally we like to pause and express appreciation to you who serve with us in the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia through your prayers, financial involvement and letters of encouragement. God has blessed the work providing opportunities to preach the saving message of Jesus, lifting up the lives of thousands of children and their families, saving tens of thousands of people from sickness and death through providing pure clean water and bringing hope to people who would otherwise be hopeless. Our brethren in Ethiopia work tirelessly to accomplish these ministries. Obstacles are always before us; it is our challenge to turn the obstacles into opportunities. Your involvement makes this possible and multitudes of the lost and hopeless are being blessed through you. In America, there has been a growing financial crisis and all of you understand this. Through this ordeal, you have been faithful and your faithfulness has made it possible to continue all the ministry outreach in Ethiopia. Our prayers are placed before the throne of God in your behalf each day. May God continue to bless you in every way.

MUSE ALEMAYEHU: DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN ADDIS ABABA



Muse (Moses) has been with us all his life. His father, Brother Alemayehu was the minister for the Addis congregation before his untimely death. At that time, Muse came to live in the orphanage located on the school compound. He attended our Mekanissa School for the Deaf for 10 years and then completed high school as an honor student in a government high school. He was accepted into the Teacher Training College in Addis Ababa and following his graduation came back to our school as a teacher. He was able to attend night courses at the University and obtained his B.A. Degree. All during these years he continued to live on our compound. He was an

outstanding teacher, Christian, friend and brother. Last term our director retired and Muse accepted the offer to become the new director. It is a great blessing to see our "children" returning to give back to others the same opportunities they received growing up. We wish Muse the best!

ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: MULUGETA ADERA



Brother Mulugeta Adera, left, has accepted the position of Director of Personnel and Facilities Management. Mulugeta has a B.A. Degree in Management from the Addis Ababa University. He will oversee the operations of our five schools for the deaf, our three kindergartens and the water project. He came to the church as a World Bible School student and was soon recognized for his administrative skills. His ministry will help release Brothers Alemayehu and Moges to do what they love most; preach and teach the gospel of Christ and lead the preacher training program. He is pictured here meeting with Brother Walde Ghorghis at the PTS in Jajura.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED:

There are two important needs for you to add to your daily prayers. The first is the civil unrest now going on in Ethiopia. We are unable to know the root causes of the unrest and felt it would be settled in a few weeks; but it hasn't until now. Internet news has reported the seriousness of the activities and thousands of people are affected. Some of the unrest is in the heartland of where our brethren live. Secondly, the world is being made aware of the terrible drought caused famine that is already taking the lives of many in the east and north eastern parts of Ethiopia. Some of these areas are very difficult to reach. We have no idea what part we will need to play in the solutions; but we can pray for the people whose lives are being affected and that a plan of peace can soon be reached so that resources can be directed to aid the people in a positive way.

10 NEW WELLS DRILLED: 10 MORE TO GO



Our drilling crew has completed drilling 10 new water wells. Our present agreement with the government is for a total of 20 wells. The area where the next 10 sites are located is in the district of Kambatta, which is in the heartland of the church. In an email received today, we were informed that it is now raining in that area. The terrain is very difficult for the drilling rig to maneuver in even in dry weather. There are only walking trails and single log bridges for people to cross. The crew is on hold for the time being. The need for water in this area is extremely critical. Many of those living in the area are our fellow Christians. Because of the administration and policy changes in the Southern Region

Water Bureau, it has become difficult to move forward with the drilling program. UNICEF has been financially helpful for our drilling program in the past; but now they have pulled their support, making our work more difficult. In the process, we have become even more determined. We are unable to know how much the costs will be for these 20 wells, but our brethren in Ethiopia have committed to holding the costs down as much as they can. Our hearts hurt when we see the kind of water the people are forced to drink. In addition, when we see how our Lord is glorified by the gift of the good water we, like Paul feel the assignment given by the Lord in 1 Corinthians 9:16, *".....for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."* Pray for this great ministry.

NEW DIGITAL AUDIOMETER DONATED BY LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL:



This month The Lion's Club International from Denmark donated a new Digital Audiometer, along with 480 hearing aids to be used for hard of hearing children and their families. Pictured on the left is Brother Terefe performing a hearing test on one of our students. The audiometer came with a new computer programed for the testing. They also brought many more gifts for the schools, including soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs and other things. The Lion's Club has made regular gifts for our schools over the years. Hospitals in Addis Ababa refer many of their patients to our school for hearing tests. This is another great service we have been blessed to offer to the people of Ethiopia. The Lord is glorified every time we are able to help those unable to help themselves.

Again, we send our deep appreciation to all of you for your participation with us and our Ethiopian brethren as the lives of people, spiritually and physically are lifted up. Only in eternity we will know how much God "provided the increase" to the efforts that you have made possible.

Kevin and John Ed Clark