



# **ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH**

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## **BEHAILU AND ALEM HAVE RETURNED TO SEATTLE:**



We are thankful that Brother Behailu has been able to return to his home in Seattle. The cardiologist in Minneapolis gave his approval following five weeks of tests, physical therapy and establishing a plan of necessary medicines. He and Alem were more than ready to return their own home even though Behailu's niece in Minneapolis had graciously cared for their every need 24 hours a day during this ordeal.

During his recovery, Behailu has been in constant contact with the leaders of the Lord's work in Ethiopia using Skype, Viber, emails and Facebook. Behailu extends to all of you his sincere appreciation for your constant prayers.

## **"RETRAINING THE OLDER PREACHERS"**



Pictured above are 35 preachers and 14 teachers at the Level One Preacher Training Schools in Jajura, Santariaea and Shone. The leaders felt the need to bring back brethren; some who have been preaching more than 40 years to study, discuss and encourage one another. There will be three one month training sessions and a total of 105 will have attended the studies when the program is complete. This will be only the second time this kind of study program has been conducted in the 25 year history of these three schools. The subjects taught and discussed are:

- How to evangelize in their own areas.
- How to counter the false teaching being promoted through the new media in Ethiopia.
- The absolute need for church leadership.
- How to teach congregations about their responsibility to support their own preachers.
- How they can use their own life experiences to mentor young preachers.
- The need for them to be an example of successful evangelism and spiritual growth.
- How to handle problems and teach other leaders how to handle problems in churches.
- How to more effectively use the Solar Audio Bible Units in their own personal study and in teaching God's word to others.
- How to teach members and churches to be better financial stewards.

## **TWO PREACHERS: 74 YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCE**



Left: Tesfaye Ashamo, Right: Ermias Sebero

Tesfaye Ashamo serves as the minister of the Moloto, Soro congregation. He has been preaching for 40 years and is widely known throughout the church in Ethiopia. He has two sons that are graduates of the Jajura School of Preaching and serve with him in Moloto. He has six nephews, all graduates of the Jajura School and two of them also completed the Level Two Preaching School in Addis Ababa. Tesfaye's family is a preaching family! Tesfaye was baptized in 1972 by the late Petro Basore; one of the 1968

graduates of the first preacher training school in Addis Ababa. Brother Ermias has served the church in Hangeda, Katcha Birra for 34 years. He was baptized in 1981 by the late Belete Melsebo, a graduate of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1968 session of the Addis Ababa Preacher Training School. These two men are attending the one month refresher course at the Jajura School of Preaching and are examples of what God can do with dedicated men who serve Him.

## **WATER WELL DRILLING IN LESS THAN GOOD WEATHER:**



The seasonal rains came early again this year making it very difficult to get to the sites that have been assigned for our crew to drill. On the left the support truck is about to cross what looks like a simple low spot in the trail. However, the dry dirt is only a few inches deep; then it turns to mud. Wide strips of heavy rubber mat are put down to allow the trucks and rig to pass without sinking into the slimy mud. Just a small amount of rain will make it impossible to go back through this place after the drilling is completed. It is a stressful time. When the rig and trucks arrive at a site, a crowd always gathers to watch and cheer. Many pray all the time the drilling continues. On the right the crew is busy with the work. When conditions are good, an average of two wells can be completed each week. A problem came up with one of the hydraulic tanks. One of the crew sent a text to Curt King in Seattle telling him what they were facing and Curt answered right back with the needed solution. This kind of communication in this part of the world is amazing! Supplying pure clean water is a lifesaving blessing for the Ethiopian people.

## **SERVING IN MANY WAYS:**



All of you who read this report make the ministries in Ethiopia possible through your prayers and financial faithfulness. Feeding poor children, sponsoring students, preaching the gospel, training gospel preachers, providing pure clean water, helping new churches to buy metal roofs for their buildings, teaching the deaf.....so many lives are touched and changed eternally with your help. We pray that God will continue to bless you.

Kevin and John Ed Clark