



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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WE PAUSE TO RECOGNIZE A LIFE THAT MADE A DIFFERENCE:

"And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Revelation 14: 13)

Brother Belamo Bada, 85, passed from this life in May 2016. He was a faithful member of the Santariaea congregation. He was a Christian husband, father and a well-known leader among the people of the Sidama region. Moges reported more than 6000 people attended his funeral; they came from all walks of life. High officials from Awasa, dozens of preachers and church leaders, Muslims and many unbelievers, along with the faithful from all over the area were in attendance. They all came to show their respect for this man of God.



Moges reported the community erected 4 huge tent covers to provide shade for the people but there was room for less than 10 percent of those attending to sit under the tents. The audience spilled over across the road to adjacent properties. The family asked for Moges to come and preach at the service. Funerals are used by preachers in Ethiopia as a time to teach the word of God. Moges said he spoke for an hour and a half on the "Plan of Salvation". Bro. Belamo's life and the example of his unwavering faith will continue to provide a Godly influence for many years to come.

CIVIL UNREST IN WESTERN ETHIOPIA:



Many of you who read this report have inquired about the unrest in Ethiopia. Our media has been busy with our current political cycle news and the Olympics; therefore almost nothing about Ethiopia has been reported except via the Internet. Saying you can't trust everything reported on the Internet would not be a surprise to you. We do have updates from our brethren and we want share with you what we have. The problem areas are mostly in the north and west. We have no ministry in the northern areas, but we have several in the west. In June the

Nekemte congregation hosted a two day preacher's conference for 23 of our preachers who live and work in the western areas. Brethren from Addis were invited to come and teach. Two important purposes were on the agenda. The first was to study God's word and strengthen the preachers and the second was to encourage brethren coming from difficult areas to remain strong and faithful.



Three of the brethren (center) were from the Benishangule area (highlighted in red) and one was from Dembi Dolo. The three brethren are Jano, Eyasu and Abeyot. Right is Brother Wondater. There is a lot of unrest in these areas and travel of any kind isn't encouraged. Since we don't know who might read this report, we must use care in what we write. We offer this update and ask that you remember these brethren, the churches they represent and their home areas in your prayers. All our preachers and members are strong and determined to be faithful.

STUDYING THE BIBLE WITH ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:



Moges has an open invitation to teach God's word at the Addis Ababa University for students interested in learning. He has been able to preach and also to sit with them and answer their questions. This opportunity came through some of our deaf school graduates who are attending the University and set up the study program. This is a wonderful opportunity.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of you who faithfully pray for and financially support the Lord's Work in Ethiopia. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you all.

Kevin and John Ed Clark.