



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## HEARING AIDS FOR OUR PARTIALLY DEAF STUDENTS:

An International Non-Government Organization from America visited our Mekanissa School for the Deaf in October and brought a donation of 105 new hearing aids. 53 of our partially deaf students were fitted with the new aids. Brother Moges took the pictures below to help us appreciate the activities.



Left is a large poster that was displayed while the children were being fitted for the aids. On the bottom picture of the poster, the man on the right looks like George W. Bush. (I enlarged this picture, and if it isn't President Bush, the man could pass for his identical twin. JEC) The next picture is a group of the students who had sufficient hearing to be helped by the aids waiting to be registered. Next, one of the technicians from Starkey is in the process of preparing an ear mold while being assisted by one of our staff teachers. On the right, two happy deaf children smiling while they proudly display their new aids.



Ethiopian National Television came to record the activities that day along with officials from the City Mayor's Office, the Addis Ababa Health Office and the Addis Ababa Education Office. On the left, our deaf school director, Brother Muse, is being interviewed by an Ethiopian Television reporter. On the right, Brother Mulugeta is discussing the free service we provide for the deaf in the Addis Ababa community and how much the hearing aids will help the children who are able to use them. The center pictures are two of our students wearing their new hearing aids. The young girl on the left is holding up two fingers, indicating that she had received hearing aids for both her ears. This was an exciting and very beneficial time in the history of our school. All of you who support the Lord's work in Ethiopia, and specifically the deaf work, can know your faithfulness, with God's help, made this recognition possible.

### **TWO YOUNG MEN BAPTIZED AT THE ADDIS ABABA CONGREGATION**



Abenezer Alemayehu and Bereket Mathewos were raised in the Lord's church. Abenezer is the son of Brother Alemayehu, a gospel preacher and an instructor in the Schools of Preaching. Bereket is the son of Brother Mathewos. Mathewos came to the church after being abandoned as an orphan at our feeding center in Jido during the famine disaster that almost destroyed Ethiopia in the mid 80's. Mathewos was raised at our orphanage in Addis Ababa and is now a faithful member of the church. Alemayehu was a refugee on the streets of Nairobi when he was found and taught by Brother Behailu, while Behailu and his family were in exile in Kenya. Behailu helped Alemayehu through the Great Commission School of Preaching in Nairobi and then found help to send him to the Day Start University where he graduated as an accountant. Alemayehu

returned to Ethiopia and now serves as the acting director of the Church of Christ Mission in Ethiopia. In the picture, left to right, is Abenezer, Brother Abebe, the preacher for the Addis Ababa congregation and Bereket. We pray these young men will follow in the footsteps of their fathers as their fathers follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

### **BAPTISM OF SELAM ABEBE AND MENFESAWIT DEMISSIE:**



Brother Abebe is pictured here baptizing Selam Abebe, left, and Menfesawit Demessie, right. Selam is the daughter of a very faithful family in the Addis Ababa congregation. Menfesawit was taught by Brother Negussie, the minister of the church in Sabata, and was brought to the Addis Ababa church building because the Sabata church building doesn't have a baptistery. She is 65 years old and had been studying with Negussie for many months. The church all over Ethiopia is growing. New generations of members are being added to old generations of members and that is the way God designed His Church from the beginning.

### **UPDATE ON THE CIVIL UNREST IN ETHIOPIA:**

A "State of Emergency" has been declared all over the country. This has given the military and the police special powers to put down demonstrations which have resulted in less visible problems. At this writing, all social media, including the Internet and cell phones remain shut down. Curfews have been enforced in some cities. News reports say that freedom to travel in the country has been restored. Over all, the situation sounds some better and we pray it will continue to improve. Please remember Ethiopia, its leaders, its citizens and our brethren in your prayers.

### **WATER PROJECT UPDATE:**

We received a brief email this week and in it we were informed that the water well crew has gone to the drilling area to work. That was good news; however, we must all pray for their safety during these times of trouble.

Three weeks ago Kevin returned safely from a one week trip to Addis Ababa. His presence there was needed to develop some important information regarding the "Children's Ministry" in the county. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all of you who faithfully pray for and support this great work.

Kevin and John Ed

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