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EVANGELISM TRIP TO THE SORO AREA:



The church was established in the Soro area in 1965 when Brother Artie Reed and others went there to preach. At that time Soro was a beautiful remote area, accessible only by walking or riding mules. From the beginning, the people of Soro were strong believers in God and His word. Only a small percentage of the people were literate, making them dependent on those who did read to share God's word with them. From a small beginning, the church grew and now hundreds of congregations are located in that area having thousands of members. The Jajura School of Preaching is located in Soro. The church in Soro is strong and still growing. A few weeks ago, brethren in Soro invited Brothers Alemayehu, Moges and Abebe to come and spend a week

traveling and preaching among congregations. Moges sent a report of their successful trip and we would like to share some of the highlights with you for your encouragement.

3 DAY GOSPEL MEETING AT THE KECHA CHURCH:



The Kecha congregation was established 50 years ago and has 384 members. Their first preacher was the late Brother Ergicho Ana. He served there for 40 years. The four brethren on the right grew up in the church. Members of several congregations were represented at this gospel meeting; they came from churches in the Kecha area. Moges reported the daily attendance was between 700-800 people. The brethren put up this tent arbor to provide shade for the people, but the numbers prevented everyone from being able to sit in the shade, so they spread out under the trees in back. The people of Soro speak the Hydian language, so when the brethren from Addis Ababa spoke, they had to use an interpreter. Brother Alemayehu is shown speaking while one of the Jajura PTS instructors, Mulugeta Agafari, interprets Alemayehu's Amharic sermon into the local language. Lower right, one of the five ministers at the Kecha



congregation, Yacob Datago, is shown leading singing for the gathering. Many gospel preachers were in attendance; all of them were graduates of the Jajura PTS and some had attended and graduated from the Level 2 PTS in Addis Ababa. The Kecha church family provided three meals a day for all who attended this very encouraging gathering of God's people.

ONE DAY MEETING WITH THE ANSHO CONGREGATION:



Report from Moges: "On Monday at 7:00 AM we left Jajura to drive to the Ansho congregation. Ansho is 45 miles away from Jajura and located in Duna Woreda. It is a new church that was established three years ago by Bro. Temesegen Tumebo. Temesegen is a graduate of Jajura PTS Level 1 and Addis Ababa PTS Level 2. He is now employed in the government agricultural office in Ansho. This congregation has 20 members. Eight of them are employees of the government. They bought this land two years ago then one year ago they purchased the adjacent land and built this building. They were able to pay for everything themselves.



Left: Bro. Temesegen and his wife. He and the other brothers who serve with him at Ansho are self-supported ministers. His wife is a fine Christian woman and helps her husband with this ministry. She opens her home for the church and guests all the time. She is a great example for other ladies through her hospitality ministry. She is a primary school director for a government school in the area.

Right: Temesegen's father, Tumebo Ashamo is one of the older faithful preachers in the area and he is an older brother of Tesfaye Ashamo, another well-known preacher in the Soro area. Because we met with the Ansho brethren on Monday some members of the church could not come to the meeting because of their work. All three of us were invited to preach

and teach that day. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and encouragement for everyone. May the good Lord continue to raise up men like Temesegen and all the others who are building up this new congregation!"

ONE DAY GOSPEL MEETING AT THE AREDA CONGREGATION:



Report from Moges: "On Tuesday we left from Jajura at 7:00 AM traveling to the Areda congregation. Areda is located a few miles from Ansho and 48 miles from Jajura. This is the second time for me to visit Areda congregation. I came to preach here with Bro. Bekele in October 2011. At that time neighboring congregations came together for a gospel meeting. But this meeting was only for Areda Church. When they renovated their church building two years ago, we helped them to purchase cement and some other materials. Bro. Beyene Gadena, center, with his family, is the preacher in Areda and Bro. Temesgen Gidebo, right with his wife, assists Beyena. The Areda church was established 1978 and has 180 members."

All of you who faithfully pray for and financially support the Lord's work in Ethiopia can see in these three congregations the fruit of God's blessing and of your investment.

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