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MISSION TRIP TO THE ARBEGONA AREA:

Brothers Moges and Alemayehu from Addis Ababa, along with Bros. Tesfaye and Seyum from the Santariaea Preacher Training School (PTS), traveled to the Arbegona area in early May to visit and encourage five new churches that had been planted during the last three years. The Lord's church was introduced in this area 5 years ago by two gospel preachers, Abera Alemu and Solomon Zewde, both graduates from the Santariaea PTS. The first new church they visited was in a place called Baya Faficho. Moges described the roads leading to this remote area; the first 40 miles were good. The next 16 miles was a rough gravel road. The last 16 miles was almost impossible to navigate and should it rain, it would be totally impassible. They had planned to stay at Baya Faficho for 3 days, but since rain was forecast, they taught during the afternoon and into the evening and Saturday morning and left the area just ahead of the rain.



The Baya Faficho congregation has grown to 20 members. Until now they have met in one of their preachers home (the grass covered tukul) behind the gathering. Because of the large number of visitors in attendance at the bible seminar, they had to meet outside.



Two preachers from Baya Faficho have been trained at the 30th session of the Santariaea PTS. They were, left, Bro. Mathewos and right, Bro. Mistika. The brother in the center is Mistika's father, Kebede.

Training gospel preachers has been the focus of the Gospel Outreach in Ethiopia since 1968. This church is an example of how the process works. Two trained preachers went to the area and preached. People were convicted by the power of the gospel, responded to the gospel and a congregation was established. Two men were

chosen from the group and sent to the training school in Santariaea. Now at Bafa Faficho there is a self-supported congregation of the Lord's church. Soon they will construct a new building for their growing congregation.

A PTS STUDENT FROM MAJO; A TOWN IN THE ARORESA AREA:



Deneke Deda is a student in the 35th session at the Santeria PTS 35th session. He is from the town of Majo. Majo is a town in the Aroresa province. The Lord's Church hasn't been established there yet. When Deneke heard the gospel of Christ from the brothers in Aroresa area, he was interested to learn more, so the brothers sent him to Santeria PTS. He is still attending the school. He is the first member of the Church in the town of Majo. In order to study at the PTS someone had to take care of his family. So, the Aroresa brethren went at different times to plow his field, plant his grain and fence his home. Another time his small child became sick. His friends came to his wife and tried to convince her to ask her husband to cancel his training and come back home to be with his family. But she replied to them that he went to the preacher training school to study the word of God and the God of heaven will take care of his home and his baby. Instead of calling her husband

she called the Aroresa brethren to come and pray for her sick child. Bro. Mastika and other brethren came and prayed and stayed with her. Afterward they took the baby to a clinic and payed for the medical treatment. In a short time the baby recovered. Because of the good thing that the brethren did for her, some of the people saw the love Christians have for one another. Several people changed their minds toward the Church and have been willing to listen to the gospel preaching being done by the Aroresa preachers. Bro. Deneke plans to return to his home town to preach and teach his neighbors and to establish the church in his community.

VISITING FAITHFUL BRETHREN AT THE HOMECHO WAENO CHURCH:



The congregation at Homecho Waeno was established in 1969. It started in the home of Brother Kifile Kerefa and his wife, right. Kifile was trained at the Addis Ababa School of Preaching in 1968 and has served this church for 49 years. His son, Samuel and his wife are pictured on the left. Samuel grew up in this church and is a graduate of the Jajura School of Preaching and the Addis Ababa Level 2 School of Preaching. He serves as one of the instructors of the Santariea School of Preaching. This faithful family is a living demonstration of how God works in Ethiopia.

USING A SOLAR POWERED AUDIO PLAYER TO TEACH OTHERS:



While the brothers were traveling from Santariea to Hawassa, they passed one of our preachers, Bro. Tefese Hankito, walking on the side of the highway. They stopped to greet him. He was on his way to the town of Aposto to attend a community meeting he had been called to. He was listening to a bible lesson on his solar powered audio player and was planning to be at the meeting place early so he could set it on a table so everyone coming to attend could also hear a bible lesson. Preachers and church leaders all over southern Ethiopia take their solar audio players with them to any public meeting, funeral and even church assemblies and play it while people gather.

May God bless all of you for your faithfulness in His Kingdom.
Kevin and John Ed Clark