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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT THE JIMMA KINDERGARTEN



100 happy children and staff at the Jimma Kindergarten (KG) stand in the school yard with Ian and Catie Nickell. The Nickell's are from the West Side Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA. This ministry serves the desperately poor children in the city of Jimma. Each day begins with Chapel. The children love the songs and participate in all the activities with enthusiasm. Over half of the children come from Muslim homes. They love the songs and lessons taught in chapel and take them home to teach them to their families. Several of the parents told of the difference our Christian Kindergarten has made in their children. The two years they spend with us will set a pattern for their love attending school. God has blessed us with this wonderful ministry. The mother on the right told us she has 4 children. Three of them have graduated from the Jimma KG and the last one, sitting beside her, is attending now. She said the three have all gone into the government schools and all are at the top of their class. She stated her husband is disabled and they could have never afforded the tuition for their children to attend a private KG and without this head start in their educational process would have grown up to be desperately poor like her family. Now because of the Jimma KG she believes they are on their way out of the poverty cycle.



Ian Nickell spoke at our meeting with the parents. He is from the Westside church in Bakersfield.

More than 75% of the parents attending our meeting were Muslim. You are able to see in this picture the scarves that are worn to identify them. This lady stood to express her gratitude for the KG and for the opportunity to have her

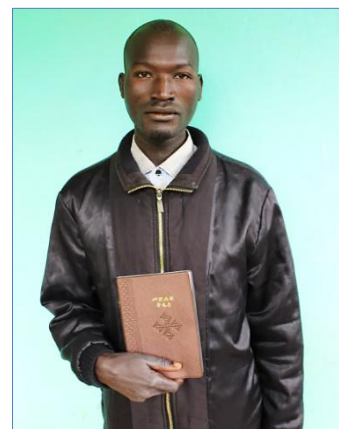
child in our school. She said she has other children and the one in our KG is advising his older siblings concerning their need to study and work hard in school. She said he has taught the family to pray together and never to eat a meal before they pray. The school has changed their family.

MINISTER OF THE JIMMA CHURCH OF CHRIST: BROTHER DEGU MOSESA



Left to Right Standing, Brother Alemayehu, Ian and Catie Nickell and Dean Harthorn are pictured with Bro. Degu Mosesa, the minister for the Jimma Church of Christ. Jimma is a difficult area to preach the gospel because of the Muslim influence. Degu has done a wonderful job of navigating through this ministry. He is a graduate of the Level 1 Nekemte School of Preaching and the Addis Ababa Level 2 School of Preaching. The Jimma Kindergarten has provided a steady flow of contacts and bible studies of the family members and friends of the children who attend. Please pray for this wonderful ministry.

NEKEMTE SCHOOL OF PREACHING: 29TH SESSION



The present session of the Nekemte School of Preaching will raise the number of preachers trained there to more than 300. On the left are pictured the ten brother's now enrolled (standing) with the school instructors (seated). These men came from many different areas of the western region; from new churches and from areas where there are no congregations. Pictured on the right are two students and new members from the region of Benishangule Gumez. Left, Laouta Kejella was first taught the gospel by Brother Jano, a former graduate of the Nekemte PTS. Laouta's home area is called Korka and there was only one member of the church at that place. He will return to teach his family and others and plans to help establish a new congregation. It is a 6 hours walk from Korka to the nearest sister congregation in that distant region. On the right is Emaru Taffessa. He was born in Korka and was taught the gospel by Brother Ayebeot Olaba, the first preacher to go into the Benishangule Gumez area and he was the one member of the church in Korka before Laouta obeyed the gospel after he arrived at the school in Nekemte. They will work together in Korka and no doubt will send others from there to the Nekemte PTS.



In October, Brother Dean Harthorn, left, visited the Lord's work in Nekemte and was able to teach the students at the School of Preaching while he was there. Dean has been a longtime supporter of the work and has made other trips to visit the work and teach. He is loved by all the Ethiopian brethren who know him.

Many things are being accomplished in Ethiopia. The church continues to grow and the lives of people, especially children, are being lifted up. All of you who pray for and support the work are involved in a great ministry of God. You are prayed for daily.

Kevin and John Ed Clark