



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

7886 North Millbrook  
Fresno, California

559 446-2550 [www.wpcoc.com](http://www.wpcoc.com)

January 29, 2018



Brother Moges Wolde is the Director of the five Preacher Training Schools in Ethiopia. With the addition of cell phone service to many remote areas of the country, Moges is able to communicate regularly with brethren all over the country. Every graduate preacher for the last twenty five years has been taught by Brother Moges and they have a very special relationship. When the phone system is working, they are able to send pictures and brief accounts of the work they are involved with in their home areas as well as other areas where

they travel. Most of the pictures are very poor quality because their phones are not close to being "Smart Phones" like ours. We must "photo shop" their pictures to try to make them useable. In this issue we will use some of their pictures. We never complain about the quality; we thank God for having this great blessing of being able to communicate with brethren in remote places. They are accessible only by foot, donkey or mules. Moges pictured with his family.

## EVANGELISM REPORT FROM WESTERN ETHIOPIA:



Wayo Workie is located in a distant area in Wollega. In 2016 Brothers Germechu Alemu and Girma Tamene attended and graduated from the Nekemte Preacher Training School (PTS) in Nekemte. After graduation, they returned to their home in Wayo Workie to preach and teach at the new congregation that had been planted there. A year before, Lemma Sheferaw, the Director of the Preacher Training School in Nekemte had traveled in



that area and helped plant the church. The Western Region of Ethiopia is the homeland of the Oromo people and they have their own language. A dialect of this language is spoken in Wayo Worke, but most people are also able to speak the mother language of Oromonia. Brother Lemma, left, regularly travels to the remote areas to preach and strengthen the brethren and congregations. In the upper picture, Germechu and Alemu are shown baptizing one of 6 people they taught at the Wayo Workie church. With the addition of these 6, the congregation now has 48 members. In March, the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Nekemte PTS will start and other men from this new area will be in attendance. On April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>, Brothers Alemayehu and

Joe Boe will be at the Nekemte PTS teaching the students and staff, along with preachers and church leaders from the Western Region. The theme of their five day seminar will concentrate on Church Leadership. The majority of the entire Western Region religious population follows the teachings of Martin Luther and John Calvin. Bringing the minds of people back to following the New Testament pattern continues to be a challenge.

## **SEVEN STUDENTS BAPTIZED AT THE NEKEMTE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:**



Seven deaf students who have attended our school were baptized during December and have been added to the deaf congregation in Nekemte. They spent six years as students in our school and were then able to transfer to a Middle School in Nekemte. Some are now attending a government high school and some are in a Technical School. They attend the deaf classes at church and are still closely affiliated with our Nekemte School. Brother Kidanu taught them over the years and baptized them. Kidanu, center, is a teacher at our School for the Deaf and also an instructor at the Nekemte School of Preaching. In the center picture, Kidanu is shown teaching the Oromo language to the deaf. On the right he is pictured teaching the deaf and the Kindergarten students during their morning chapel time. Almost all of our deaf students are brought to us by the Child Protective Agency in the Western Region. Many of them are orphans or abandoned and left as children to beg for food. Our boarding school is the first time some of them have had a bed to sleep in and good food to eat every day. The school and other children have become their families and the Christian staff their parents. When CPS brings them, many feel loved for the first time in their life. As students in the Nekemte School, they learned to make beautiful and useful baskets and I suspect that is how most are able to support themselves while they advance their education. This is a wonderful life building program and we are thankful God has provided a way for us to help them find their places among their people and to prepare themselves for an eternity with God. You who faithfully support and pray for the work have been a vital part of this ministry and others in the Gospel Outreach in Ethiopia.

## **WBS CONTINUES TO REACH PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS:**



This young man signed up to receive the World Bible School correspondence courses. His name is Desalegn Asfaw. The congregation in Nekemte received this contact and sent the Amharic Language WBS lessons to him. Upon completion, he had more questions and came to study with Brother Lemma Sheferaw, the Director of the Nekemte School of Preaching. During their study, he was convicted of his need to be saved and obeyed the gospel. On the left, he is dressed and ready for baptism. Another WBS student was baptized at the same occasion; unfortunately we don't have a picture of that new Christian. Many of you who read this report are WBS teachers and correspond on line with students all over the world. My late wife had been a teacher of hundreds of WBS students; by regular mail for many years then through online courses for several more. You are doing a great work and suggest you encourage other to become WBS teachers.

Again, we apologize for the poor quality of some of our pictures. Our brethren, with their outdated cell phones do the best they can to share with us information to help you understand you are involved in the assignment that Jesus made just before his return to be with God, "Go and make disciples....."Matthew 28:18-19.

Kevin and John Ed Clark