



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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REPORT ON THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA:

Some have asked about the news reports concerning the situation in Ethiopia. The problems started about two months ago. We don't know the cause of the unrest, but we are happy to report that at the present time none of the Gospel Outreach ministries have been hindered in any way. The Preacher Training Schools, the Schools for the Deaf and the Kindergartens are all in session. Our preachers in the countryside report that all is well with their congregations and members; life goes on as normal. Travel on the highways has been a major problem and most public transportation has been shut down making it impossible to travel from one area to another. Because of this, Brother Joe Boe's travel plans to teach a five day leadership workshop at each of the four Level One Schools of Preaching had to be postponed. Kevin Clark was able to go to the School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa to do some administrative work and by the time you read this report, he will have returned back home. There has been no civil unrest in the city. We ask that you pray for our brethren and for the continued opportunity to preach the gospel unhindered. Also remember the country of Ethiopia and its people.

BROTHER DAWIT GOSAYE ATTENDING TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE:



Dawit Gosaye was born on our school compound. Both his parents were deaf were graduates of our school in Addis. When Dawit was a small child, his father left the family and his mother, Bafena, continued to live on our compound and served as a school custodian until her untimely death two years ago.

It was May, 1968 when my family and I joined the missions team in Addis. Bafena was a bubbly, full of energy, happy all the time 4th grader. She was blind in one eye and had a growth on the other eye. We sent her to the eye doctor and a repair was done, but her sight was damaged; she had to wear special glasses all her life. Years later, she married Gosaye; she had known him for many years and they had three sons. One obtained a Diversity Visa in a lottery and immigrated to the U.S. The second son lives somewhere in Ethiopia; we haven't seen him for many years. Dawit was the youngest son. All three of Bafena's sons were hearing. Dawit attended our deaf school and then went on to obtain a high school education at a government school. He has worked as sign language instructor teaching the families of deaf children how to communicate with their deaf family members; but Dawit was not an accredited teacher. We have been blessed to have six of our former students return to our schools as teachers; Dawit will be the seventh. Bafena developed Alzheimers and would wander away; somehow she

escaped from the compound and became lost in the city; unable to communicate and without care, we were unable to find her. Everyone continues to search for her.

MAKANISSA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FENCE CONSTRUCTION:



In 1962 the daughter of the Emperor gave us land to build the Makanissa School for the Deaf. A chain link fence was installed around three sides of the land and a block wall across the front. During the 56 years that followed, the chain link fence was cut by thieves and by 2018 it had been repaired hundreds of times. Finally, we had to make the decision to replace it. Pictured here fence contractors are installing the first phase which will be about 500 feet long. We will complete it in phases as

finances permit. The fence across the front has been replaced when the road was widened and the old stone fence was in the path of the road construction. It would be good if this kind of expense wasn't necessary; but as we know from our own life, sometimes we don't have a choice. On the opposite side of the compound; our neighbor, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, as agreed to contribute half the cost for that phase. Hopefully they will fulfill their promise and provide their share.

DEAF LADY BAPTIZED IN ADDIS ABABA:



Behailu Getachew, a young deaf lady was recently baptized by Brother Nebeyu at the church in Addis. She lives in the city of Shashemanie located 150 miles south of Addis and is a friend of one of our deaf members in Addis, Brother Yohannes. He invited her to come to visit our school and during her visit, she accepted the invitation to study the bible with Brother Nebeyu and was converted by the power of the gospel message. She is a teacher of the deaf at a government school near her home. There

are other members of the church in the area where she lives, but the challenge will be to find a member capable of interpreting the preached messages into sign language so she will be able to understand. We have a School for the Deaf in Hawassa, 18 miles from her home. There is a need every year at this school for teachers; perhaps it will work out for her to join us next term.

NEW WATER WELL AGREEMENT PENDING:



John Ed, Bekele and Kevin standing in front of our drilling rig at the Mazoria School for the Deaf in November 2017. All the details for a new water well agreement is completed and ready to sign as soon as the civil unrest subsides in that area. Good water is and always will be a great need of the people in rural Ethiopia and an open door for preaching the gospel of Jesus where wells

are completed. Please pray!

We pray daily for all of you who faithfully support the ministries of the Gospel Outreach.
May His blessings continue upon you.

Kevin and John Ed