

ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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TRAINING GOSPEL PREACHERS FOR THE WESTERN REGION OUTREACH:







Students and teachers of the 30th Session of the Nekemte School of Preaching are pictured on the left. Our four Level 1 preaching schools are now in session and 39 men are being trained as gospel preachers. A minimum of 10 different language groups are represented among those in attendance. They all speak the official language of the areas where their homes are located, but their tribal language may be completely different. God has blessed us with qualified and dedicated instructors to share the 15 PTS subjects taught in each Level 1 school. This teaching system makes it possible to reach people with the gospel in their tribal dialects; which would be impossible otherwise. In the last issue of this newsletter we told about the struggle of the three young men in the center picture trying to find transportation to the Nekemte School. The civil unrest in the west had shut down all forms of public transportation. It took them 5 days and nights to make the 220 mile trip riding in mini buses and motorcycle taxis and walking when no other form of transportation could be found. They were determined to be in this session at the school. On the right, they along with six other men are shown in the classroom during a lesson presentation. The wide areas in Western Ethiopia are the latest frontier of the Gospel Outreach. There are many other areas where the gospel must be taken. We may sometimes wonder why the Lord lets this wicked world continue. In Ethiopia we can see a living demonstration why God is waiting......there are untold thousands waiting to be taught as we together, you, us and our Ethiopian brethren work diligently, doing our best to answer this need. We express our deep appreciation for you who pray for and financially make this great ministry possible!

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:





Every school day more than 800 children come to our schools and are taught about Jesus. In the kindergartens breakfast is provided. In the Schools for the Deaf, deaf children come to understand they are as capable as their hearing peers. Lives are being

lifted up, changed and prepared for the future through this wonderful ministry.

KEFYALEW GETACHEW, A DEAF STUDENT IN ADDIS ABABA AFTER FOOT SURGERY:



Kefyalew is a 4th grade student at the Makanissa School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. He is from Jajura, Soro and was born with a bone abnormality in his right foot. When he was young, the problem was not apparent, but as he grew, his foot began to roll inward and he walked on the side of his foot. When he played soccer or was involved in other strenuous activities the problem became a hindrance and came to the point where he was struggling to walk. He was taken to the hospital and after an MRI revealed the cause of his problem a plan was made to correct the defect. In the picture he is shown with a cast on his foot following surgery on April 18th. This cast will soon be removed and another one will replace. He will have to wear casts for at least 18 months. The prognosis is good; he has been assured that within 18 to 30 months his activities can return to normal and he should not have any lasting

effects. Six years ago on one of our trips to the Jajura School of Preaching, he was one of the children playing on the compound. Susie Allen from Stockton, California was tossing frisbees with the kids and noticed Kefyalew was deaf. He had never been to school as there were no schools for the deaf in that area. He was living with his widowed mother and other siblings and they were extremely poor. After conversations with his mother, she expressed her willingness to allow Kefyalew to return to Addis Ababa with us and enter the deaf school as a beginner student. He was unable to communicate with anyone at that time, except through a few made-up signs. He moved into our "orphanage" and will continue to live there for several years to come. An amazing transformation happened during his first year as he learned to communicate and five years later he is has been the top student in each grade. He is older than other students in his class because of his late start to school. Kefyalew is one more example of how our children's ministries in Ethiopia continue to lift up and change lives and how all of you who support these ministries are making an eternal difference in the lives of hundreds of young ones. Only eternity will reveal the good you have been an important part of.

WATER WELL CREW SET TO DRILL IN KAMBATTA AND WOLLIETA:





After a year of civil unrest we were able to sign a new 20 well agreement with the water bureau in the Kambatta and Wollieta Zones. The weather had been very dry and the outlook was for drought conditions to continue. We made a decision to go forward with the drilling even though the rainy season was approaching. Don Wilson, pictured with the drilling crew on the left, arrived in Ethiopia

on May 20th and within a few days, he and the crew were on their way to Mazoria to mobilize the rig and other equipment. On that day it rained and the rains kept coming. They were able to travel to all 20 drilling sites and pinpoint the location of each well. But, it was obvious it wouldn't be possible to take the rig and support vehicles into those areas. Don's description of the "roads to the sites" as nothing more than cattle trails. Nothing else could be done except to cover the equipment with heavy tarps and return to the city. They brought the Isuzu support truck to Addis and Don replaced the clutch and did other needed repairs and maintenance on it. He will return to Ethiopia in October when the drilling starts. The well on the right was completed on the last drilling cycle. More good wells like this one are desperately needed.

God has blessed us all with this great opportunity to share the gospel, to provide hope to the hopeless, especially the children, and to demonstrate the Love of Jesus to all. May God continue to bless you all!

Kevin and John Ed Clark