



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

7886 North Millbrook  
Fresno, California

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

May 26, 2020

## **COVID19 IN ETHIOPIA UPDATE:**

At this writing there are 287 reported cases and 5 deaths in Ethiopia. Until now the pandemic hasn't arrived in the countryside or in the refugee camps that contain more than one million displaced persons, mostly from Sudan. This information is as good as it could be even though one case and one death is too many. A lot of aid is flowing into Ethiopia and much of it is through USAID and this includes shipments of ventilators and other vital equipment. Please continue your prayers for this situation and for the 100+ millions of people in that ancient land. Until now the only "shelter in place" and closing of non-essential businesses have been in the major cities. In the countryside life goes on as usual. We do appreciate the government agencies that have been very proactive in their efforts to control the outbreaks. We will keep you informed.

## **THE GREAT MINISTRIES IN ETHIOPIA CONTINUE TO "PRESS ONWARD"!**



Brother Seyum is an evangelist in the Sidama region. He was raised in the church. He graduated from the Level One Santariera School of Preaching and the Level Two School of Preaching in Addis Ababa. He is now one of the instructors at the Santariera School of Preaching and has taken on the additional assignment to help establish new churches in the areas where water wells have been completed. The following information is from Brother Moges and describes the ministry of Brother Seyum: "Bro. Seyum made a three day trip from Chuko to Arbegona to visit congregations at Anchululicho, Betena, Shafamo Ketema and Wontito. He conducted gospel meetings in these communities. Five people were baptized at Anchululicho, three at Betena, two at Shafamo Ketema and two at Wontito. In a previous trip he had planted a congregation at a place called Yuicho and was able to visit this new church and preach for the people there. Twelve souls have responded to the gospel at Yuicho and have been added to the saved in the Arbegona area.(Acts 2:47) In between the PTS sessions Bro. Seyum also made a trip to the new congregation in Getama located in the Hagere Selam area. This area is about 40 miles from his home. The Getama church was planted by a former preacher named Daniel Yote. Bro. Daniel died few years ago. After his death, the church became weak and members of the Church left and went back to their former denominations. Shemelis ( Bro. Daniel's son) and another member of the Church by the name called Ashenafi were the only ones who remained faithful. Bro. Seyum Bentesha and three more brothers from Arbegona area (Bro. Solomon Zewde, Petros Gudisa and Feseha Janje) made several trips to visit the Getama church to encourage the faithful ones and to teach others. Once again the Arbegona brothers joined with Seyum and conducted a "Revival Meeting". Seventy people attended Saturday assembly from the community 55 on Sunday. Eight of them decided to obey the gospel and put Christ through baptism within these two days. Now the Church re-organized again and started worshiping again inside the "Tukul" house which was built by the church when Bro. Daniel was there. Now they are 10 in number."

This is an example of the determination of the preachers in Ethiopia to share the gospel message. There are many other stories of ongoing ministries all over southern and western Ethiopia about spreading the Kingdom and raising up the faithful. Every ministry in the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia is focused on teaching the lost about our Savior. The prayers and financial sacrifices from all of you make this and many other soul saving ministries possible.

## **A NEW AREA, A NEW PREACHER AND A NEW CONGREGATION PLANTED:**



Mulugeta Muntasha came to the Santariea School of Preaching from a very remote area of the Aroresa District called Chire Ferdano to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> session at the school. The first contact with Mulugeta was made by a preacher named Shenkora Duge, a graduate from the 31<sup>st</sup> session at Santariea. Mulugeta was taught the gospel and was baptized into Christ at the school. Mulugeta made plans to return to his home to preach and teach and to establish the church in his area. When he graduated he returned home and was able to teach and baptize three and start a new church in his home. He will have many challenges. Because of the remoteness of that area there will be very few other preachers to come visit and encourage him.

He will be challenged by the area denominations who will use many tactics against him and the new members. (1Timothy 6:12, 20-21) Our brethren will encourage him to send others to the Santariea School of Preaching because he will need help. Pray for brother Mulugeta and his new ministry.

## **THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: CARING FOR THE CHILDREN Matthew 18:1-6**



The children's ministry is one that provides a great blessing even when times are not the best. Our 5 Schools for the Deaf and 3 Kindergartens that serve more than 800 children have been closed as the pandemic arrived and we miss having the energy and excitement that the children bring. These pictures were taken just before the order to "shelter in place" was proclaimed by all government agencies in Ethiopia. Praying with the children and providing simple meals of fresh bread and hot tea and seeing the smiles and politeness that is a part of the Ethiopian culture has provided us with an understanding what "lifting up" really means. Many of you who read this short report have blessed the children with your prayers and support. You are making a difference!

## **THREE DAY YOUTH SEMINAR IN JAJURA:**



More than 900 young people from congregations all over the Soro Region gathered at the Jajura School of Preaching facility for a three day seminar. Leading brethren from Addis Ababa and other areas were invited to come and teach and encourage the newest generation of the Lord's church. Some had walked for an entire day from their homes. The Jajura church organized the accommodations for the young people and Moges reported that some had 30-40 staying in their homes on Friday and Saturday nights. Each day the Sisters from the surrounding area cooked food and brought it to the gathering. Brothers Alemayehu, Moges and Walde Ghorghis were among the speakers. It was a great time of spiritual revival and fellowship. Churches in the countryside haven't been affected by the Coronavirus and we pray this will remain the case.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to all of you who help make the Gospel Outreach in Ethiopia possible through your prayers and faithfulness. Kevin and John Ed Clark