



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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COVID19 UPDATE IN ETHIOPIA:

As America reopens we are seeing some spikes and some declines in virus infections in different areas. We are aware of the soaring increases in Central and South America as well as Africa. Our concern has been focused on Ethiopia and especially areas where God's faithful are concentrated. As of this writing 4469 cases have been reported with a total of 72 deaths. Rumors inside of Ethiopia indicate this is only a fraction of the real number of infections throughout the country. We must not be drawn into the rumors. There are about 500 new cases reported each day and a few of them are in the border regions of the west, east and south. Our staff communicates every day by cell phone with many preachers and church leaders in the countryside and all of them continue to report there are no infections in their areas. God be praised for this news! We must all keep our prayers before the Throne of God on behalf of our Ethiopian brethren as well as all the people in that land.

KEVIN'S REPORT ON THE DEAF SCHOOLS IN ETHIOPIA: SPRING 2020



I was unable to make my April trip to Ethiopia due to the return restrictions in America and the entry restrictions for foreigners in Ethiopia. Not being able to travel I wasn't able to take new pictures of our students and because the schools are closed their report cards are incomplete. I have been in communication with some of our school staff members by email and they say there are no reports of any of our students or staff that have contracted the virus. We have been assured by the Ministry of Education that barring a reoccurrence of the pandemic, schools will reopen in early October. The students will "pick up where they left off" when the shutdown occurred. At that time I will be able to return and visit our schools and take new pictures and receive updated reports. One more thing; Ethiopia doesn't have the "safety nets" that we depend so much on in our country. The rate of inflation has doubled the costs of food products required for their daily existence. Price gouging is rampant. These and other factors add to the daily hardships faced by the families of all our children. Thanks to all of you for your faithfulness during this time. KC

BROTHERS DEREJE JALETA AND LEMMA SHEFERAW'S MISSION TRIP:



Bros. Dereje Jaleta (far left) and Lemma Sheferaw are instructors at the Preachers' School in Nekemte. Lemma also serves as the Director of the school and Dereje serves also as a teacher in the School for the Deaf that is located on the same compound. In addition, they preach regularly for the Nekemte Church of Christ. When the schools are closed for vacation and on weekends they travel to other congregations to teach and encourage them. With the Coronavirus closures

they, as well as other instructors, are busy traveling and teaching as opportunities come and they seek churches to provide opportunities for them to come to visit and teach. (2 Tim.4:2-5)

Recently they made a trip to Nejo. Currently it is difficult to make a trip from Nekemte to Nejo, which is about 150 miles away, because of the political problems in the Nejo area. There is no telephone communication in the area and sometimes public transportation is unavailable because of the unrest. But they felt it was very important to go and encourage the members living in the Nejo area. They were able to present lessons from the word of God for 20 brethren who came to be with them. The Nejo Church invited them to come and visit any time they possibly could. In times of trouble encouragement is needed. They returned to Nekemte after promising they would visit again soon.



Later the brothers made a trip to visit the Haro Church. They conducted a gospel meeting for two and half days. Each class session had 50 to 80 in attendance. Five precious souls responded to the gospel and were baptized during the meeting. Brother Moges attached the picture on the left of one of the baptisms and explained the picture was taken using an inexpensive cell phone and that is the reason for the poor quality of the picture.

There are many events like these that are now happening throughout the work in Ethiopia. It is a blessing to have committed brethren who are dedicated to preach the gospel at all times and who are willing to travel even when their personal safety is questioned. All of you who faithfully pray for and provide support for these great works can rest assured that your involvement is important, needed and used effectively. God's Name and His Kingdom is glorified through you!

A FAITHFUL GOSPEL PREACHER:

(This report was sent by Brother Moges)



"Bro. Tadesse Herkabo is a gospel preacher in Soro. The people told me he is 95 years old. One of his sons, Berhanu Tadesse, is a graduate of the Jajura PTS. Both father and son are preaching for the Wobeza congregation. One thing I appreciate about brother Tadesse is he always attends gospel meetings wherever they are conducted in the Soro area. Meetings can require four or five hours of walking one way! May God bless all the brethren like Bro. Tadesse in the states and around the world who are spending their lives for the cause of Christ."

We extend our appreciation to all of you who pray for and support the great Kingdom ministries being accomplished in Ethiopia. God is using the resources you provide to preach the gospel and lift up the helpless in that land! Kevin and John Ed Clark