



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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COVID19 UPDATE IN ETHIOPIA:

More than 42,000 cases of Coronavirus have been reported in Ethiopia as of this writing. There is no way to know the accuracy of this number. The vast majority of cases have been in the capital city of Addis Ababa with some in other towns throughout the country. As of this date, there are no reported infections among our brethren. Preachers and church leaders report regularly by cell phone to our leaders in Addis. They are still under the same requirements as we are, including lockdowns, social distancing, and wearing face masks. However the international news reports seeing few masks and massive crowds gathered at the open air markets in various places. Rampant inflation is causing prices of food and all of life's necessities to soar. Habtu Zemech returned from Ethiopia in early August and stated he doesn't understand how the people are able to feed their families as many basic foods have doubled and tripled in price. Another of their concerns is for brethren in America as their news is filled with the pandemic we are going through. We are pleased the work continues to go forward. This Newsletter will provide reports of some of the work being accomplished. Please continue to pray every day for Ethiopia and specifically for our brethren in that land.

NEW CHURCH GROWS IN GUDER, ETHIOPIA



World Bible School continues to be a very effective tool in taking the gospel to the lost in Ethiopia. In April we reported the news of three conversions from Guder, Ethiopia after they had studied WBS lessons sent to them from Brother Belay

Kebebe. It was Belay who translated WBS lessons into the language of the Oromo people and he mails them all over Ethiopia from his home in Dire Dawa. Bro. Lemma from the Nekemte School of Preaching called the WBS students in Guder to come to Nekemte to study. They were converted by the gospel message and returned home and established a new congregation. Last month the wife and daughter of one of the new brothers along with the wife of another were baptized into Christ. Guder is located about 110 miles northwest of Addis Ababa. (Cont'd)



This month we received an update from the new congregation in Guder. One of the first converts there named Addisu (pictured on the right) along with another new convert named Achalu taught and baptized the two young men on the left. Two or more of these new brothers will attend the Nekemte School of Preaching as soon as the Coronavirus shutdown is over and the school re-opens. Pray for this new church as it continues to grow.

CONVERSIONS AT THE ADDIS ABABA CONGREGATION:



Kiya Aman is a friend of Abayeneh Anja, a member of the Addis Ababa congregation. (Pictured on the left) Abayeneh is the son of the late Brother Anja Asale, a gospel preacher for many years in the Sidama Region of southern Ethiopia. Abayeneh brought Kiya to

Brother Abebe Hailemichael the minister of the congregation, and they studied God's word together. Kiya was converted by the power of the gospel message and baptized into Christ by Brother Abebe. On the right Abebe is seen taking the confession of Kiya shortly before her immersion.



Brother Moges is pictured as he prepares to baptize Belay Lemma into Christ. Moges has been studying with Belay and another man every week for a year and a half. Recently their class expanded to three hours each week. In describing Belay, Moges said he was a "seeker of truth" and a very sincere person. Both students had many questions relating to many bible subjects during the past 18 months. Belay is 67 years old and he is a businessman in the township where the Addis Ababa church is located.

Since his baptism, Belay has started a bible study in his home for six members of his family and invited Moges and his family to attend. Because of the Coronavirus the Addis congregation isn't meeting and this new bible study group will be where they worship until the lockdown is over.

CHURCH IN DUNA OLE USING "SHUTDOWN" TIME TO EXPAND BUILDING:



Bezuneh Kelbago is the minister of the Dune Ole congregation. He is pictured on the left holding a Solar Player he uses as a tool to teach the people in the water well areas as he goes there to help establish new congregations. There are over 400 members at the Dune Ole church.

They are using the Coronavirus lockdown time to expand their building and since the youth aren't attending school they are very helpful in the construction. In the two other pictures above, students are mixing the mud with straw to be used as "stucco" for the walls of the new building as the "stucco" man starts the process of using it.

Thank you for your prayers and support for Ethiopia. Kevin and John Ed Clark