



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## Latest News and Information:

**Coronavirus News:** The virus infection rate in Ethiopia is very similar to the rate here in America. As of this writing, 125,000 cases are being reported. Our brethren believe this is a low estimate because the number of people being tested has been drastically reduced. Using cellphone communication between our brethren all over the country and the brethren in Addis Ababa, no reports of infections are reported in any of the congregations throughout Ethiopia. This is an amazing fact and we praise God for it!

**Civil Unrest News:** If you Google “Civil War in Ethiopia” you can read the news of the beginning of a very serious “hot” war that has erupted in the Tigray region of Northern Ethiopia. Tens of thousands of people are fleeing to Sudan as refugees. As of this writing, it hasn’t affected other areas but the threats are ever present. Please pray for the conflict to end and peace to be restored. On another front, the civil unrest in various areas of Central and Southern Ethiopia continue. Some areas where the Lord’s church is located have been under this siege. Our Ethiopian brethren are soliciting our prayers for the church and their country.

## Church Assembly Report from Brother Alemayehu:



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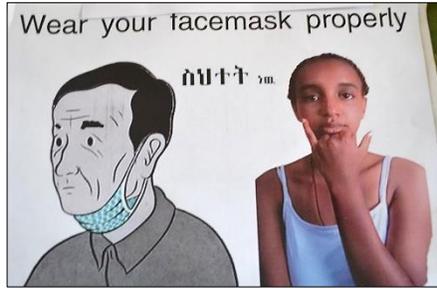
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## Brother Moges and his daughter Abigia just before her baptism into Christ:



Bro. Moges reports: “October 16, 2020 was the second Sunday that we worshiped together during the Covid19 guidelines. About 20-25 members of the Church attended the worship service and after worship I baptized Abigia, my youngest daughter, and it was a very happy time for the Church and my family.”

## Pictures from a brochure produced by students at our School for the Deaf:



The older students at the Makanissa School have produced a brochure to distribute to the deaf in Ethiopia. These two pictures were taken from that brochure. The deaf

have taken the Covid19 pandemic very seriously and follow the guidelines given by the government task force in Ethiopia.

## Makanissa School for the Deaf has opened for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only:



The Ethiopian Ministry of Education announced in early summer that all schools would open back up in October. However, with the surge in Covid19 cases all over the country, they

withdrew that order and replaced it with a new declaration that permitted the upper level classes to open and in our school that is the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. You can see in the pictures that the Covid19 guidelines are being followed. Social distancing and face masks are required. We aren't permitted to have chapel each morning and the students don't gather together for lunch. The length of the days is shorter and P.E. and recess have been eliminated. Up until this writing there have not been any reported cases among those in the school.

## The Assembly of the Addis Ababa Congregation using Covid19 guidelines:



The upper pictures were taken during the assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Older members of the church have been advised to remain home and view worship assemblies online. They are able to see our online streams using their phones and computers. Brother Habtu was in Ethiopia when these pictures were

taken and is shown teaching the bible class. On the lower left is pictured the deaf members with Brother Bekele interpreting the lesson for them. When the people arrive they are greeted with sanitizer and an individual communion cup. On a "normal" Sunday this auditorium would be filled. May God bless all of you. Kevin and John Ed

