



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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Christmas Day in Ethiopia this year is January 7, 2021 on our calendar. New Year's Day in Ethiopia is on September 11<sup>th</sup> each year. According to their calendar it is 2013, which means they are 7 years behind us. In Ethiopia there are 13 months in each year. 12 months have 30 days and one month has 5 days. All these facts and more are available on the Internet and are interesting to read. Many Ethiopians enjoy the best of both worlds! They celebrate our holidays and they also celebrate theirs! By the time you receive this newsletter our Christmas holidays will be over and the New Year will arrive in a day or two.

2020 has been an interesting year. We could mention the ongoing Covid problem and the political unrest. Not just in our country, but in many other places. We have been reminded once again not to place our trust in this world (Colossians 3:1-3). That is a difficult assignment but one that God uses to lift up His people.

Let's consider the blessings provided through the Ethiopia Ministry in 2020:

First, we are constantly reminded of the faithfulness of all of you who are involved in preaching the gospel of Jesus in Ethiopia. Even during these difficult financial times God uses well the resources you provide to bless thousands in Ethiopia.

The preachers throughout the countryside of Ethiopia have kept busy preaching and edifying the brethren. Many are involved in establishing and strengthening new congregations in areas where water wells have been completed.

God has protected the people in rural Ethiopia and at this writing they still haven't had an outbreak of the Covid virus. Only one member of the church has been infected in Addis and he was infected at the hospital where he went for treatment because he had pneumonia!

The water well equipment has been mobilized in the Sidama region and drilling will start soon on 20 new wells. 10 wells were completed in the Badewatcho region in October. A container of needed parts and equipment has been shipped from Healing Hands in Nashville and this will enable many more completed wells.

Hundreds of Amharic and Oromia World Bible School students are scattered throughout Ethiopia. This great tool goes where preachers can't go because of the widespread unrest. Many conversions are reported each month.

God is there and uses your contributions to bring hope to the hopeless, to lift up children and to preach the saving message of Jesus. May God continue to bless you in your walk with him and in your reaching out to others.

## HOW LIVES IN ETHIOPIA ARE TOUCHED:



Kefyalew Getachew was a deaf child living in Jajura. He was playing with other children on the compound of the School of Preaching there. He was 7 at the time and had never been to school. He communicated with a few friends using some sign language they had developed. We met with his mother and she allowed us to take him to our School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. He has lived in our dorm with other deaf students who have no family. On the left he is pictured receiving an academic award after a year or so. He still attends our school. He was born with a foot abnormality and two years ago we provided funds for him to have the surgical correction done and now he can play soccer with the best of them. On the right is Kefyalew today. Being deaf will be a challenge for him but he hasn't accepted that he has a handicap. Soon he will graduate from our school and will probably attend a trade school in the city. He will be employed and have a normal life. He is a Christian now and faithful in the church. He stands as just one example among many showing how God has used the resources all of you provide to lift up and bring hope and an eternal future to one more soul.



The gospel and clean water are the two greatest needs of people in rural Ethiopia. On the left is a young boy making his way down to a small spring-fed polluted pond to get water. People in the area where a new well was completed raise their hands in praise and appreciation for this life saving gift. The young lady uses her hands to drink the pure cool water from the well. On the right is a grandmother holding a small child with her eyes closed and fist clinched thankfully praying for the well. Preachers were there to tell them about the "Living Water". Your faithfulness for the Ethiopia Ministry makes great news like this possible. God bless you all!

Moges sent us a report last month from Brother Seyum in Sidamo telling of 35 baptisms and 17 restorations in the churches he traveled to and met with. Hundreds of other reports like this could be told. Again, an example of your faithful investment in the gospel being preached and the souls being convicted.

Pray for 2021! Pray that the world stops the madness. Pray that events and good things like these will multiply. Thank you for being faithful! Kevin and John Ed