



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## 20 NEW WELLS COMPLETED-EVANGELISTS ARE THERE TO TEACH:

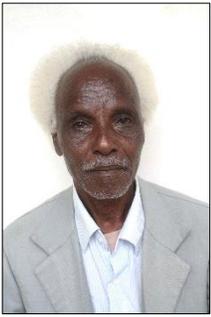


20 water wells have been completed in the Aleta Chuko and Dara districts in the Sidama Region of Southern Ethiopia. Two of the wells are located where congregations of the church already exist and the rest are in new areas. Brother Moges reported these areas are primarily Muslim areas and the need for pure clean water is acute. By the end of March all the wells will be completed with pumps and ready to use by the people. The agreement with the Southern Region Water Bureau was for 30 wells. Ten of the wells were completed in the Badewatcho Wollieta Districts in the Hydia Region a few months ago. The Water Bureau is selecting 20 additional sites in the Sidama Region and will add those wells to the present agreement and our crew will try to complete them before the rains start in May.

Brothers Seyum Bentesha and Desalegn Burka are traveling evangelists and were onsite during the drilling in the Sidama area. On the left you can see Seyum speaking with local residents in Aleta Chuko while the drilling is being done nearby. In the center, Seyum is shown with another group gathered at another drilling site in the same area. On the right Desalegn is speaking to a group of people under the shade of a tree in the village of Gambella where a water well is being drilled. Clean water is the second greatest need of the people. The first is their need for the gospel. The great gift of water opens their hearts to listen to the message of Jesus. All of you who support the ministry in Ethiopia are making these great things possible!



## **EVANGELISTS TEACHING IN WATER WELL DRILLING AREAS:**



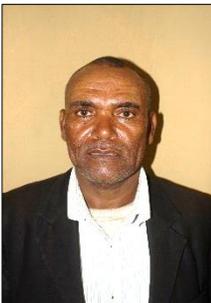
This month Brother Moges spoke by telephone with the preachers in the Sidama Region to obtain reports from them concerning their efforts to reach out to the people where new water wells have been completed. Two of the preachers are Tafese Hankito (left) and Gezehegn Gelfeto (right). They are working in a new area called Megera. This place is a four hour walk off the main highway leading to the drilling area. Their first studies included 10 people and as of March 5<sup>th</sup> five have obeyed the gospel and the interest of

many others has been stirred by the wonderful gift of love demonstrated through providing pure clean water for their families.



Bogale Ademo (left) is an evangelist assigned to go to the new areas where wells have been completed. He and Seyum Bentesha, an instructor at the Santariea School of Preaching, have been teaching the gospel at a new place called Lela Honcho. As of the first week in March they had made five trips there and four have obeyed the gospel. The numbers of people attending the studies is growing and they expect many more responses in the coming weeks. They have started a plan to establish a “house church” and then

through continued teaching to encourage the people to construct a building. Lela Honcho is a four and a half hour walk from the Santariea School of Preaching and there is no public transportation to the area.



Bezuneh Kelbago is a minister at the Duna Ole congregation in the Soro District. We reported in the August 2020 Newsletter about this church doing an expansion on their building as their membership had grown to more than 400. Bezuneh also serves as one of the traveling evangelists who goes to the areas where water wells have been completed. Three of the congregations were established two years ago after water wells had been completed nearby and are located in Shodera, Wogeno and Wonona. Establishing new churches is a great ministry, however they must be

matured, encouraged and strengthened by additional teaching. He has been faithful in ministering to these three new churches he helped establish. In addition he is teaching in three more new areas. All of them are a three to four hour walk from his home. These places are Bilo Teta, Tetera and Genuwa.

## **HABTU ZEMECH'S RECENT TRIP TO ETHIOPIA:**



Even with Covid 19 raging in Ethiopia, Brother Habtu traveled to Hawassa and the water well drilling area in Sidama. On the left he is speaking at the church in Hawassa. He was able to visit other areas. The virus spread is a big concern.

The ministry goes on even during the difficult times. Our Deaf schools are open. Congregations are meeting. The gospel is being taken to many new places. God is in control and our trust in Him is absolute! Thank you for your help. Kevin and John Ed