



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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WATER WELL DRILLING PROGRESS:



The new water well agreement was signed and the drilling started 6 weeks ago. If the equipment holds up, the 20 new wells will be completed by the time you read this newsletter. We all understand what a drought is. There is a drought in the Sidama Region where the crew is drilling. A drought is never a good thing; however it does make moving the heavy equipment to the drilling locations much easier because the roads and trails are dry. It also emphasizes the need for the new wells that will be provided. These 20 new wells will supply pure clean water to thousands of people who are forced to search for any source of water. The search is a daily struggle. You can see in these pictures that drilling is a difficult and dirty job. The picture on the right was taken when a well was being completed at night. On our last agreement the Southern Region Water Bureau added additional 20 wells to that agreement after the first 20 were completed. We believe this will also be done on the present agreement. Please pray for our crew and for the equipment to hold up while we have this wonderful opportunity to provide lifesaving clean water for the people who need it so very much. People's hearts are opened and our evangelists are on the scene letting them know that God is providing this gift for them through loving and concerned Christians in America.

A NEW RIG HAS BEEN ORDERED:

Our present rig is a 1967 Schramm that had been rebuilt when we shipped it to Ethiopia some 20 years ago. It has served the ministry well. New parts are no longer available and rebuilt parts are becoming very difficult to find. We are blessed to have loving and caring brethren who out of their love for the needs of others are willing to share God's blessings provided for them. God is Good!

A NEW CHRISTIAN SISTER IN SEBATA



Brother Nigussie Abebe is pictured taking the confession of Bikile Daba before her baptism into Christ. Nigussie had studied with her for a number of months. By her side stands one of her family members who came to share this moment with her. She said she was 65 years old, but during those years birth records weren't kept. It is still great that at her age she recognized the truth and obeyed it!



Nigussie is the preacher for the church in Sebata. He was a World Bible School student and came to study in person with Brother Abebe Haile Michael. He started a church in his home and within a year the Addis Ababa congregation helped him construct a small church building next to his home and that is where the church continues to meet. There are many house churches as a result of one or two World Bible School students being convicted

by the loving message of Jesus and now are using the WBS courses to teach others as they worship together in their homes.

Brother Behailu plans to return to Ethiopia in May and at the top of his agenda is to start a new congregation in the Ayate area of Addis Ababa. Ayate is about 15 miles from the compound where the Addis Ababa church meets.

“THEY WERE CONTINUALLY DEVOTING THEMSELVES.....”



In last month's newsletter we reported the baptisms of the wife and daughter of Brother Belay Lemma. Because of the ongoing problems with Covid in Ethiopia this new family has chosen to worship and study in their home.

Pictured on the right, Brother Moges, who taught them, continues to study with them. The green books on the table are song books and Moges is also teaching them the songs sung in the church. Many of those songs are the same as our songs in America, but sung in the Amharic language. This family is a good example of the love our Ethiopian brethren have for God's word.

OTHER NEWS: Brothers Tesfaye Bogale and Walde Ghorghis both are improving with their cancer treatments. The inflation rate in Ethiopia continues at 35.1% and food leads the way at 41.6%. The unrest seems to be diminishing and that is good. The work of the church goes on without interruption!! The drought effects are not good. We have sent \$20,000.00 to help our brethren.

Thanks to all of you who faithfully support this work. We will keep you informed.

Kevin and John Ed Clark