



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## **MISSION TRIP TO ETHIOPIA:**



Greg and Aasta Watson are a husband and wife team that are focused on working in God's Kingdom. They have been married for 35 years and have two children and one grandchild. They retired from corporate America in 2018 and decided they wanted to become better equipped to do good works for God. To help them grow in their knowledge of God's word, last year they enrolled at the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, TX. This summer they spent time in Ethiopia working with the Makanissa Church of Christ. They visited Addis Ababa and the southern region teaching and preaching.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THEIR TRIP:**



Left: Teaching at the Shone School of Preaching facility.



Right: Teaching at the Sudan refugee congregation in Addis Ababa. This church was planted in 1995 and serves

the refugees who will be relocated into a western country. They will take the Lord's church and the gospel of Christ with them and plant new congregations.



Greg and Aasta visited the church in Hosanna. This was a very important occasion as this is a college town and there are a number of students from all over Ethiopia attending that congregation. Behailu reports that everyone was encouraged, and this will be a day they won't forget (this is the rainy season and cool enough for coats!!).



A visit was made to the Sidama area where 40 water wells were completed this year. Because of the rains, it was not possible to go into the drilling areas. Plans are underway for drilling to start again in November.

Greg and Aasta were introduced to the spicy Ethiopian national food. No forks or spoons are used.....just fingers!! No trip would be complete without being able to share a meal from a single plate!! They will not forget this experience!

We are thankful for Greg and Aasta making this visit and sharing their time and teaching and encouraging our brethren in Ethiopia. After two years of lockdown the time of refreshing has returned. Opportunities abound!!! To the work we go!

**ROGER AND TIGIST TALANY REPORT:**



Roger Talany, left, speaking at the church in Addis Ababa with Moges interpreting. In 1995 Roger was an international refugee from Uganda living in Addis Ababa and became a World Bible School student. He studied with Behailu and was baptized into Christ. He began his Christian walk with zeal and was able to help establish the first Sudanese congregation there. We believe this church was the first congregation of Sudanese brethren since

the church was established in Acts 2. The Sudanese members were all international refugees and have since been resettled all over the western world. The congregation is still meeting with a continuing stream of new refugees and responses to the gospel. Roger’s visit with them was very encouraging for the congregation and for Roger. By 2000, Roger had been resettled in Sioux Falls, SD and later graduated from the Sunset International Bible Institute. His wife Tigist and their family attend the Greenlawn congregation in Lubbock, TX and they sent him on this mission trip. He is still in Uganda at this writing. He, with Tigist and their two sons are working with the church in Mbale, Uganda. He along with others canvassed the area and taught and baptized four new Christians. He has been speaking on a local FM station and through that ministry has taught and baptized 30 additional new Christians. Two new congregations have been planted so far. They will return home in September. Roger’s life ministry is preaching and teaching the lost as he was taught in the very beginning.



Tigist, Behailu and Roger in Addis and pictures of their ministry mission trip. All of you are involved in a great work! Kevin and John Ed