



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS:

We are humbled each month by the funds given, the prayers offered and the notes and letters of encouragement that come from many of you. These are difficult times in our world. Disasters, wars, famine and drought, economic downturns and so many distractions face all of us every day. The world today reminds us of the times during the Apostle Paul's imprisonment when he wrote, "And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:4-7) Thank you for your faithfulness.

## THE NEW CHURCH AT SOYAMA, SIDAMA ETHIOPIA:



In the July 2022 issue of this newsletter, we had an article about the three men on the left coming to attend a bible seminar conducted in Santariea by brothers Joe Boe and Alemayehu. They had been impressed because of the water wells that had been completed near their homes and wanted to know more about the Lord's church. One of the drilling crew, Negussie, gave them brother Seyum's cell phone number and Seyum invited them to the seminar. Their home area is called Soyama and it is located in the Shebedino District. Following the seminar, Seyum visited and studied with them. On his third trip he baptized the first five souls into Christ. After a month these three men were also baptized and added to the new church at Soyama. They will be trained and will be the preachers for this new congregation. Each Lord's Day a preacher from the Chuko area or the Wenenata congregation goes to Soyama to preach and teach. Three more young ladies and a young man obeyed the gospel in August. Soyama now has 14 members and an attendance of 30-40. The three new brothers can be seen standing in the group picture in the back row on the right of center. This picture shows the members of the new Soyama congregation along with a few visiting preachers.

## **AN ALL DAY GOSPEL MEETING AT THE WENENATA CHURCH:**



A one-day gospel meeting was held at the Wenenata Church of Christ. This church is located on the main highway between Chuko and Hawassa. These pictures

show only part of the members along with those who visited from Santariera and Chuko. On the right, the brother with the grey hair is Brother Tafese Hankito. He is one of the two ministers at this church. Several visitors attended and six people responded to the gospel and were baptized that day.

## **PLANTING A NEW CHURCH IN A VILLAGE CALLED DIRAMO SHISHO:**



Brothers Seyum and Tafese were walking to the new water well congregation in the Sidama area village of Soyama. They passed through the village of Diramo Shisho and met with a family and their neighbors for the first time and had an extended bible study with them. Their hearts had been opened because of the gift of pure clean water. They were invited to return and study more, and our brethren believe a new congregation will soon be established in this village also.

## **FEDERAL REPUBLICAN GUARD PRESENTS GIFT TO DEAF SCHOOL:**



The Ethiopian National Defense Force Republican Guard came to visit the Makanissa School for the Deaf and brought a gift of back packs, composition books, pens and pencils and other school supplies. One of our previous students' father, who is a General in the Force, coordinated this wonderful donation. The value is well over \$10,000. The picture on the left and in the center are of the ceremony at the presentation. The picture on the right shows members of the Guard pose with some of our students. This was an amazing event and completely unexpected. Once again, we express to all of you our deep appreciation for your partnership with us in this great Gospel Outreach ministry for the people of Ethiopia.

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