

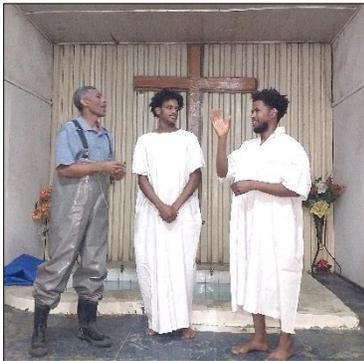


ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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TWO ERITREAN DEAF REFUGEES BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:



Report from Moges: “A few days ago two deaf Eritrean young men obeyed the gospel by being baptized into Christ. Their names are Abel Gebre Michael and Meron Gebre Silase. On the left, Brother Nebiyu is shown taking their confessions just before he baptized them by immersion. Abel, standing on the right, has been attending the deaf church assembly for over a year and Meron is a newcomer to the church. Both are refugees from Eritrea and are now living in Addis Ababa. Abel is a good carpenter and earns a good salary and is living by himself. Meron is living with his mother. He is also a carpenter and has a full time job. Brothers Nebiyu and Yedenekachew have been studying the word of God with them. They made the decision to be baptized a few days ago. Nebiyu is shown baptizing Abel. On the right they are shown with a group of members from the Addis Ababa congregation following their baptism. There are many Eritrean refugees living in Addis Ababa. There is a number of deaf people among them and our two deaf ministers are setting up bible studies with as many as possible. Both Abel and Meron came from a Protestant background. While they lived in Eritrea they had to meet secretly because public Christian worship is an illegal action as Eritrea is an Islamic state. Now they can worship freely with the church knowing that they are in Christ and prepared for eternity with Him. Please pray for their faithfulness”

THE SITUATION IN RURAL ETHIOPIA:

Our news media in America doesn't report on the issues being faced in Ethiopia. What can be read on “Google News” seldom presents an unbiased description. Our brethren report that the main highways are unsafe to use because of the tribal conflicts and bandits that take hostages for “ransom” payments. Until now, our churches and schools are not being targeted and good work continues to be accomplished. The monsoon rains are preventing our drilling crew from drilling and the rain will probably continue until mid October. Our brethren are doing well.

REPORT FROM THE BORENA REGION: (Sent by Brother Moges)



“The Borena Region of Ethiopia borders Kenya. The church was planted in this area many years ago when Brother Demissie Roma went there to preach. Pawlos Jilo was converted during that time. Pawlos attended the Santariea School of Preaching (PTS) and also graduated from the Level Two PTS in Addis. Pawlos is pictured in the top three pictures wearing a tan suit coat. Another brother, Assefa Gelcho, was converted and attended the two schools. Pawlos is the minister at the Dilelesa Church of Christ and

Assefa is the minister at the Deratu church. Assefa is pictured in the lower picture on the front row. He is wearing glasses. A few members of the Kiltu Mora congregation are in these pictures.” The population of the Borena Region is approaching one million. It has been plagued with drought over the years and especially for the past 30 months. We have provided three food distributions in this area in recent years. Borena has also suffered from the tribal unrest that is going on all over the southern regions of Ethiopia. Our brethren there have remained strong and deeply committed to serving the Lord and to His church. Please remember them in your prayers.

DEAF SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS COMPLETE ANOTHER YEAR:



Graduations and celebrations mark the end of another school year. These pictures were taken at the “Beginners” graduation. A new student enters our Schools for the Deaf as a beginner and spends two to three years in this program. New students who are deaf are usually behind in all their social skills and it takes time to develop what they have missed. These young students are now ready to take on whatever comes!! They will enter the first grade next term with their heads held high!! This is a very special time for them.

We pray that God will richly bless all of you who partner with us as we together serve Him in these great ministries.
Kevin and John Ed Clark