



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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THE DEAF SCHOOL MINISTRY IN SANTARIEA, SIDAMA



Pictured on the left are the students and teachers at the Santariewa School for the Deaf. Santariewa is a community about 275 miles south of Addis Ababa. This school was opened in 1973 and has blessed the lives of thousands of children. This Christian school is one of three other Schools for the Deaf that we operate in rural Ethiopia. Educating the deaf was the key that provided government permission to preach the gospel of Christ throughout the country. Many of you who read this report have prayed for and financially supported the children that attend these schools. We use the integrated system of teaching by mixing hearing students with deaf students. This system has been proven to bless the deaf children as they quickly come to understand they can compete on every level with hearing children. Each day the schools start with morning chapel where bible lessons are taught. It is a blessing to see these young ones grow and learn as they prepare to enter the normal government schools in their area.

AABTI COMPLETES THE FIRST SESSION OF CLASSES:



The Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute has completed the first series of studies. These 19 brethren from various places in Ethiopia have returned to their families and home areas for a one month visit and teaching break. The Addis Ababa church has accepted them into their fellowship and has been a demonstration of a loving church family for them. On the left, Behailu and Alem had them in their home for a meal and a time for Behailu to encourage them to go teach others. On the right, the church gathered to “send them off.”

WATER PROJECT UPDATE:



Left: The crew is pictured drilling a new well in the Sidama region. Unfortunately, there was a breakdown on the rig. At this writing it is in the process of being repaired and drilling will resume. Monte Hinger, our driller/trainer, is in Ethiopia currently. In the two center pictures, a deep well pump is being installed on the first of three new wells at our school for the deaf in Addis Ababa. For the last several months the city water supply has been turned on just one day a week, creating a very serious problem for the school and compound. These new wells will provide a constant adequate source of water. Our new drilling rig was used to drill these wells. As the drilling was underway, several additions were added to the new rig to make it better and safer for future use. An example is pictured on the right. A platform for the crew to use when drilling is underway. By the time you receive this, the new rig will have been taken to the Sidama region for use in the drilling program. It will be good to have two rigs available, so breakdowns won't stop new wells being drilled for the people who have no source of good water. Plans for a special bible training school for preachers and teachers is underway. The students for this special school will come from the new churches established as our evangelists reach out with the gospel as the hearts of people are opened as pure clean water is provided for their families. (Matthew 5:14-16)

CHRISTMAS TIME ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL:



One of the parents organized a distribution of cereal, flour, and other food staples for the deaf school students. Walta Television came and televised the event. On the right a "Christmas Bread" is cut up for the students in a class party. This bread has eggs, chicken, and vegetables baked inside.

We thank God for all of you who generously support and pray for all the ministries in Ethiopia. Lives are being blessed eternally. Kevin and John Ed Clark