

Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute Report

Teacher Appreciation Day



We have a class of very generous and appreciative students. As they have done before, they held a last day special appreciation celebration for Ken Bolden. He spent a month teaching “Sermon on the Mount” and “Biblical Interpretation.” After 30+ years teaching Africans in Kenya, Tanzania, and Liberia, he hit the ball out of the park. The students really appreciated his practical approach to both subjects. As they have done for previous teachers, they contributed their own funds to, together as a class, host this token of their appreciation.

The pictures taken above were taken in the classroom where classes are held (with some rearrangements for the event). The class continues to do well in their studies and in their relationships with one another. There is a great deal of change going on around them on the campus of the Mekanisa School for the Deaf. This “demolition” and “re-construction” makes the class time somewhat noisy at times. The Orthodox are still noisy at times in the next property with their loudspeakers blaring chanting that virtually no one (including all the locals that hear it) understands. But we press on, and the students are still learning. It makes one wonder what circumstances were like for Paul at the School of Tyrannus. We deal with a bit of a bother, but we are not “afflicted” as Paul and those that ministered and taught

with him were. We are so very grateful that the security situation in Addis Ababa continues to be safe and stable. And we grieve for the areas of the country where that is not the case. Please pray for stability and peace, not just in Ethiopia, but throughout an increasingly chaotic world. Pray for leaders to express wisdom, patience, and a desire to pursue peace. But always remember there will be no true and lasting *Shalom* until all is summed up at the end of the ages, and the bridegroom Messiah returns to be eternally joined in union with His prepared Bride.

There continue to be many good things happening in the church here in Addis and throughout the country. I will leave some of those discussions with John Ed and Kevin in their always interesting and informative newsletter. I'd love to share some of those encouraging events, but I don't want to "steal their thunder."

For those of you interested in coming to teach, I will send out a revised schedule in another week or so. The classes for the first year are all covered. The second year's classes will start October 7th. We have several classes spoken for, but not all of them. Please consider joining this effort with your unique teaching skills and interests. It is a special blessing for the students to be taught by a diverse group of teachers with an equally diverse skill set in their teaching.

Blessings to all,

Jim Wilson and the Students of the Addis Ababa Bible Training
Institute