



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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OUR NEW RIG PUT INTO SERVICE: CELEBRATION DAY AT THE WELL



The Southern Region Water Bureau officials came to Soyama Chicho to observe and to celebrate the first well drilled with the new rig in the Sidama region. The Southern region Television Broadcasting Network were also there and recorded the event which was broadcast all over Ethiopia that evening. Many good things were said about the church and its love and concern for the people of Ethiopia in providing pure clean water. This new producing well is part of the 60 well agreement we have signed with the water bureau. Drilling will continue.



Left: The officials gathered with our crew and visiting brethren during the all-day celebration. Center: There were several speeches and formalities held and recorded for the TV broadcasts. Right: One of our crew, Negussie, gathers around the completed well that has been sealed with a wooden post to protect it until the pump can be installed in a few days. Lots of excitement!!



Perhaps the officials didn't expect that they would be passing out new bibles for the people at Soyama Chicho, but they willingly helped. The people responded by asking, "Who are these people, they provide us a new well and give us new bibles too!" It was a great day!



Three days after the well was drilled, two of our preachers, Tesfaye and Seyum, went to Soyama Chicho to teach them about the Lord's church. Both preachers are very experienced and equipped to plant a new

congregation there. We are planning a special session of the Santariera School of Preaching to train men who want to attend from the areas where the new wells are located. Every new church planted will need bible trained leaders and preachers and the school in Santariera will fill this need. Pray for this effort.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL REACHES ANOTHER FUTURE LEADER:



Tesfaye Bogale, right, is one of the ministers at the Hawassa Church of Christ. He had been studying with the young man in the center using the World Bible School Amharic lessons. The man responded to the gospel. During his studies he recruited ten others as new WBS students and was teaching them as he was being taught. Monte Hininger visited with the new brother and was very impressed with his dedication to the word of God. Monte gave him a case of bibles to use for those he is teaching and for future students he will recruit. The WBS material is a great way to study with people who are searching for the truth!

THE FIRST CONVERTS FOR A NEW CHURCH PLANT IN HARAR:



Eyob Tena and his wife are pictured praying on the left with Bro. Belay Kebede shortly before they were baptized into Christ. They were WBS students, and their teacher lived in the states. After they finished

their lessons, their teacher contacted Behailu in Addis Ababa and asked if he could study with them. They lived in Harar, and this is an eleven-hour drive from Addis Ababa, so Behailu contacted Belay in Dire Dawa, which is 25 miles from Harar. On April 7, Eyob and his wife drove to Dire Dawa, and studied with Belay. They were both baptized and worshiped with the Dire Dawa congregation that day. Another couple from Harar were recently baptized and now these two families will start a congregation in their home and try to reach out to other WBS students in that area. Belay has many students in the city of Harar. This is a predominantly Muslim area so their new faith and outreach to others will not be without problems. Eyob wrote an email to Behailu. He said in the email, "May peace be with you Behailu, for leading me to Belay. This humble brother encourages me and has helped me be in the family of God. I'm no longer a stranger and alien, but a fellow citizen in the household of God. God bless you, Eyob".

Thanks to all of you who pray for and support these ministries. Kevin and John