



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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WATER WELL PROJECT AND EVANGELISM UPDATE:



Gashaw Chena is one of the Addis Ababa Bible Institute (PTS) students. His home is in Aleta Wondo, a town 9 miles north of our Santariea School for the Deaf. The PTS completed another semester on Friday, May 10th and all the students returned home for a one-month furlough to visit their families and to teach and preach and to visit area congregations and distribute World Bible School lessons to all who want to study. As soon as Gashaw arrived at his home and met with his family, he was informed by someone that our water crew was installing

a pump on a new well at the government Junior High school in Wondo, and after spending an hour with his family he went to the school to visit our crew and to visit with the area people. When he arrived at the well site, one of those in their meeting was the school director. Gashaw met with them for 45 minutes to let them know who we are and why we gave them the gift of pure clean water for the students in the school and the community. Providing a constant source of good water is an extremely important ministry for all the people living in rural Ethiopia. They were all very receptive to his teaching about the love of Jesus and his Kingdom. Gashaw will continue to reach out to them and other preachers from that area will serve with him at this place as well as other areas where wells have been drilled.



Left: Gashaw standing with the school director and other staff members at the well site. Center: Mixing the cement with volcanic rock and sand for the pump pad. Right: The completed installation is ready for the pump to be installed as soon as the cement is dry.

Twelve producing wells had been drilled on the 60 well agreement by mid-May. The weather hasn't been cooperating and there are few all weather roads in the Sidama area making it difficult to get to the locations. Our crew is determined to drill as many as possible even with difficult circumstances. Each well provides a great opportunity to reach people with the gospel message of Jesus.

THE CHALLENGES OF DRILLING WATER WELLS:



Monte Hininger and the drilling crew spent several weeks repairing the Schramm rig. The picture on the left was taken after everything was completed and the rig was returned to the assigned area to drill. On the right is pictured the rig engine as the clutch replacement assembly on it was being installed. In the picture, on the side of the engine you can

see the pilot valve assembly and feeding tubes that regulate air flow for the compressor. After all the work of replacing the clutch and reassembling it and then starting the drilling again the pilot valve started chattering. This lowers the pressure to a minimum and reduces the performance of the compressor and the drilling process. We have a “cannibalized” pilot valve assembly from the first rig we used in Ethiopia, and it will be tried to see if it is working. Monte has found replacement parts from a parts supply company in Pennsylvania and will ship them to Ethiopia by air freight in case they are needed. Drilling good water wells for the people in rural Ethiopia is a vital ministry that touches their hearts and provides the opportunity to share the saving gospel of Jesus with them. It is a difficult assignment with many challenges. Thank you for your prayers and support that makes it possible.

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS DAY:



Muse Alemayehu sent these pictures along with a short report about the Ethiopian Table Tennis Federation participation with the International Table Tennis Federation coming to our school to include our students in the competition. It is amazing that so many

organizations have “their day” to celebrate. Our deaf students love anything that deals with competition, so this was a day of fun and inclusion for them. Muse does a great job as the school principal making sure that the quality education standards are met and exceeded while providing opportunities for the students to join in with the social and cultural events that lift them up in the community.

UPDATE ON THE UNREST IN ETHIOPIA: Travel outside the city of Addis Ababa is still unsafe. Our ministries in rural southern Ethiopia are all doing very well. It is possible to fly into the major towns and our brethren do that, but they must be very cautious and observant of their surroundings. For more information go to “Unrest in Ethiopia” on your phone or computer. The work continues to progress as the brethren teach and serve as they normally do. Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness.
Kevin and John Ed Clark