



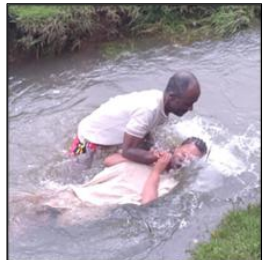
# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## TAKING A MOMENT TO THANK YOU:

2024 has been an interesting year for the work in Ethiopia. The unrest in the areas where we serve has presented many challenges. However, the churches and ministries in those regions have continued to move forward and are doing very well. The highways leading to those areas are unsafe. The determination of our Ethiopian brethren has been an amazing example of commitment, and they have traveled despite the dangers. The well drilling program has been hindered by equipment failures and weather. The hard work of the crew and with Monte Hininger's help in repairing the rigs drilling is in process at this writing. Over twenty-five of the 60 well project will have been drilled by the time you receive this report. Inflation has been a big problem for the people and along with the decreased value in their currency most are suffering. Government reports show the inflation rate at 18%, but that isn't a real standard of what the common people are feeling. Food prices, energy, rents and every essential commodity are almost double the reported rate. On a brighter note, the Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute has completed the first year of studies and the second-year classes are underway. The church in Addis Ababa moved into a new location this year and it is growing. Reports from preachers and churches in the countryside tell of growth everywhere. The deaf school in Addis is doing well and the other Schools for the Deaf are trying to maintain the attendance, but the unrest (kidnapping) has been a problem in some areas. Parents are afraid for their children. The kindergartens are doing great as all the students in them are local children and not subject to the dangers faced by other students that must travel on the highways. All these good works are made possible by the faithful support from all of you who read this report. History has shown that the faithful grow stronger under "persecution" and that is the present case in Ethiopia. (James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7) It is also true for all of us. Our prayers for all of you are that God will continue to bless you in every way. We also thank God every day for your partnership in supporting His work in Ethiopia. May God bless you all.



## **PREACHING IN DIFFICULT PLACES AND IN AREAS OF UNREST:**



**Marcos Mekonnen, left, is from Nejo, Wollega, Ethiopia. He is a student at the Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute. On a recent evangelism recess at the school Marcos returned to his home church in Nejo. Before he left the church in Addis Ababa came together to pray for God to protect him on his trip. The Wollega area is one of the most dangerous areas to travel to or visit in Ethiopia. The congregation there has been harassed and persecuted during the last few years, but they have remained faithful. Some of the members have left out of fear but there is still a strong faithful core of members determined to worship and serve in the Kingdom. While Marcos was there, he distributed bibles in the Oromenga language to members of the church as well as some people in the community. He was warmly received and appreciated for the encouragement he bought from the brethren in Addis Ababa. He made it back to Addis safely. (The quality of the pictures is lacking but we are thankful for what he sent.)**

## **CONTINUED OUTREACH TO THE BULISA DANAWA WATER SITE:**



**Kaleb Girma and Tagele Tefesa are working in the Sidami well drilling area contacting and studying with the people. There are two sites in the Bulisa area, and this is the second one. At this writing no one has responded to the message of the gospel, but they have shown a great interest in knowing more. Twenty in the area signed up to study World Bible School lessons and that number will grow. Since there is no postal service in the area the lessons are delivered and picked up by the**

**preachers who go to visit. This provides a great opportunity for questions and study. Many new congregations will be established through the water well outreach and the knowledge gained by the WBS lessons. Please pray for our preaching brethren in those areas.**



**The church in Addis Ababa sends all of you their wishes for a spiritually prosperous New Year. May God bless you all as we together serve Him. The grace of God is with us all and we are most thankful.**

**Kevin and John Ed Clark**