



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

To all who receive this Newsletter: If you would like to receive this report in digital format please email Kevin Clark at kevin_l_clark@yahoo.com and let him know. Your town will need to be included in your message. Thank you.

WATER WELL PROJECT UPDATE:

Forty wells on the 60 well agreement were completed and the equipment was mobilized in a new area to drill the remaining 20 wells. As of this writing one producing well has



been drilled and four dry wells were drilled. The Hawassa Water Bureau (WB) has agreed to provide four additional new sites to replace these. The Water Bureau has also required us to drill 8 inch bore holes and pack gravel around the 4 inch casing for all future wells. This adds

some costs to the wells and Habtu is negotiating with the WB on this matter. Good water in the area where we are drilling is badly needed by the people and we intend to relieve as much suffering and sickness from drinking bacteria polluted water as possible. The new rig is being used on the 20+ wells. With all the additional updates made by Monte Hininger the new rig is well equipped to serve for many years to come. Our 1967 Schramm is still up and running and can be used if needed. The rains have come early again this year and that may hinder the progress. The heavy rainy season usually starts in late April or early May, but changes seem to have come. This is a vital ministry that provides the greatest physical need people in the Sidama Region have. It has been an effective ministry in opening the hearts of people as they are touched by the love of generous Christians and want to know about the faith that produced this gift to them. Our preachers are there to study with them.

SANTARIEA SCHOOL OF PREACHING IS NOW IN SESSION:



Ten men from the areas where wells have been completed have come to Santaridea to attend the Bible Training School. The ten men are standing in the back of the picture and the four teachers and the director of the school are seated. Also in the picture is one

young lady from the Santaridea church. She asked to attend the school in order to better

prepare herself for teaching the ladies in Santariea. She is standing behind the teachers on the left wearing a black sweater. The students are in class as this picture was taken. At this writing we don't have information regarding the personal profiles of the students which would include if they have obeyed the gospel. Perhaps in the next newsletter we will have that information. In all the years (1991 to 2020) only one student graduated from the Santariea school who had not obeyed before they graduated and that student was later baptized and preached the gospel for many years. We expect there will be at least 10 new congregations established after these men graduate in four months. Well trained preachers are in the areas where wells have been completed and we are planning to follow this school with a second one training more men to preach and also any women who want to develop themselves as teachers of women in the new churches.

CHURCHES ARE ACTIVE AND GROWING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE:



This is the Wenenata congregation in the Dale Region in southern Ethiopia. Brethren from Addis Ababa recently visited this church to encourage them. Pictures on the right show Moges as he was teaching the members there. The language of the people in this area is unique to their area so Moges had to use an interpreter. This church is located on the main highway and was established more than 45 years ago. It has served as an example to all the churches in the Sidama Region in demonstrating what faithfulness looks like.

THE BRETHREN FROM ADDIS ABABA VISTED THE HAWASSA CHURCH:



A visit was also made at the Hawassa church on a Thursday afternoon. There were about 40 members who were about to come at that time. On the right, Bro. Dinku is teaching at the gathering. In the center, some who attended are pictured. Those sitting on the left in the center picture are deaf and the lesson was interpreted for them. On the right, L to R, Negussie is one of our well drilling crew that lives in Hawassa. In the center Bro. Tesfaye and his wife Ruth are pictured. Tesfaye is a great gospel preacher in the Sidama Region and also serves as the director of the Santariea School of Preaching. On the right in the picture is one of Tesfaye's sons, Dawit. Hawassa is the capital city of the Sidama Region with an exploding population. There are two major universities in the city.

We express our sincere appreciation to all of you who faithfully pray for and support the gospel outreach in Ethiopia. We pray for you daily.

Kevin and John Ed Clark