



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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BROTHER FROM CAMEROON TEACHING AT THE AABTI:



Esho Otia Aaron, the director of the Buea College of Biblical Studies in Bokoko Buea, Cameroon came to the Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute (AABTI) in July to teach. He works with the Sunset International Bible Institute as Coordinator of the “10,000 Voices for West and Central Africa”. He, with his wife Mbnunwi, were warmly welcomed by all the brethren in Addis Ababa and the AABTI students. Above they are pictured on the left. In the center picture he is teaching in the AABTI classroom with Moges Wolde interpreting for him. On the right, he and Mbnunwi are pictured on the stairs leading up to the AABTI classroom with the students and other Ethiopian instructors. The church is alive and well on the continent of Africa!! God be praised!!!

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS BAPTIZED IN ADDIS ABABA:



Abebe Hailemichael, right is in the process of taking the confessions of the couple who had been studying with Belay Kebede via the World Bible School lessons. When they completed the WBS lessons, they were sent to Addis Ababa to study with Abebe. They speak the language of the Oromo people as does Abebe and some of the AABTI students. One student is on the left. We weren't told where this couple lives, however Belay lives in the eastern part of Ethiopia where the population is mostly of the Muslim faith. It is a difficult area to openly teach the gospel, and Belay uses the WBS lessons very effectively in his gospel ministry.

NOTE: Many who read this report have chosen to receive it digitally. Thank you! Postage continues to rise as you all know. If you would like to receive it digitally, send your email to Kevin at: kevin_l_clark@yahoo.com (_l_ is a lower-case L).

THE VALUE OF HOUSE CHURCHES:

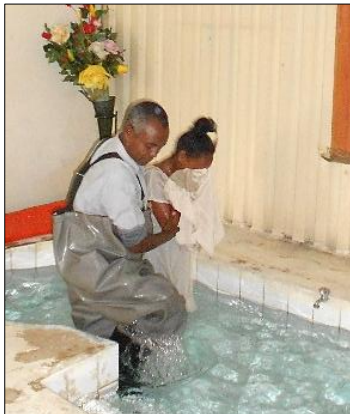
House churches in the New Testament are mentioned several times. (Rom.16:15, 1 Cor.16:19, Col.4:15, Philemon 1:2, Acts 16:40 names a few.) Writers of Church history tell us it was in the third century when the first church building was completed. Today there are still house churches in our rural areas and many in foreign countries. Jesus addressed this issue in Matt 18:20. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness....” Numbers that meet aren’t what God uses to determine faithfulness. (Matt. 6:33, Rev. 2:10) The church became a powerful entity as they met in the homes of the faithful brethren. Every faithful congregation is precious to God: in a house church or in a church building!

THE HOUSE CHURCH IN SABATA, ETHIOPIA



Negussie Abebe, on the left is pictured with his brother in front of Negussie’s home in Sabata in 2013. He was a retired Army captain and a World Bible School (WBS) student. He had been a member of the Apostolic faith and had many questions. He came to Addis Ababa (20 miles north of Sabata) to study with Abebe Haile Michael, the minister of the Addis congregation. He was truly converted and responded to the gospel message by confession and baptism. There was no church in Sabata at that time and very limited public transportation. He first studied with his family in their

home. In time they were all converted except for his wife and to this day she is still part of the Apostolic faith. He studied with his family and extended family in his home but there was very limited space. On his own he had a meeting place



added to his home and in the picture, you can see the building under construction. He studied with his neighbors and friends and many of them came to the Lord and were baptized. This picture was taken as one of his daughters, Abigia, was baptized by Bro. Moges Behailu made this statement concerning Negussie, “He taught his mother, his children, his sister, brother, uncles, nieces and friends.” There were times in the years following they were persecuted in the Sabata community, but they were strengthened as their faith was challenged. It has been a difficult journey!



On Sunday, August 3rd Behailu and his brother Gebayehu along with Abebe Haile Michael visited the house church in Sabata. On the left they are pictured with Negussie and some of the members in Negussie’s home following the assembly. This house church is a vibrant, loving and faithful body of believers and a light in the Sabata community. There are many “house churches all over Ethiopia!

The times are difficult for the people in Ethiopia. The unrest and relentless inflation of more than 25% a year are just two of many problems. Please continue to pray for this great work and for our brethren there. Kevin and John Ed Clark