



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## **BAPTISMS IN GORE: A WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**



Gore, Ethiopia is in the Oromia Region of southwest Ethiopia. It is in the Illubabor Zone near the border of South Sudan. The largest town in that area is Gambela. Gambela is 91 miles away from Gore and traveling through the mountains is a very slow process. Saying Gore is in a remote area doesn't adequately describe its location. It is a beautiful mountainous area, and the average elevation is almost 7000 feet. There are congregations in Gambela and now there is a new congregation in Gore. Brother Belay Kebede uses the Oromia World Bible School (WBS) lessons to teach people all over the very wide Oromia region. Belay lives in the eastern part of central Ethiopia and more than 600 miles from Gore. He studies with many students in the western region and recently spent five days in the Gore area. It is a dangerous bus trip that takes at least two days of travel. There are many bandits along the roads. The village areas where he taught and baptized the people are Bure and Mattu. Several months ago, a couple from Bure who had been studying with Belay through the WBS lessons went to Addis Ababa to study with the brethren there. Both were converted by the power of the gospel. (Romans 1:16) After they returned to their home in Gore arrangements were made for Belay to come to their home area to study with other WBS students resulting in the nine additional conversions. The new congregation now has 11 members, and many others are studying the Oromia World Bible School lessons and hopefully will soon be added to the number of the saved in Gore. (Acts 2:47)

The World Bible School ministry is very effective in reaching into remote and distant places with the gospel of Christ. Belay will be busy helping the new members and the new congregation to mature and grow. God be praised!!

## **BRO. JEFF JENKINS TEACHES AT THE AABTI IN ADDIS ABABA:**



Jeff Jenkins, long time gospel preacher and trainer of church leaders completed his teaching at the Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute (AABTI). He taught the book of Revelation as the two-year training program was completed. Jeff is a well-known teacher of God's word and works with his brother Dale in the Jenkins Institute. Their ministry is dedicated to encouraging preachers around the world through seminars, books, podcasts and numerous additional resources. They also provide congregations with Church Growth Workshops and BETTER Seminars for preachers, Marriage/Family Seminars and Grief Seminars. He brought his vast experience to share with these well-trained future church leaders in Ethiopia. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Jeff for his willingness to go to Ethiopia and share his knowledge and experience with the AABTI students as well as the entire congregation in Addis Ababa. He was an exceptional blessing for the leaders at the Addis Ababa church.



Left, Jeff with Behailu and Alem. These two great church leaders have dedicated their lives to preaching, teaching and training preachers and church leaders and to encourage the church onward to a greater and more loving service to God. Right, Jeff is pictured preaching for the Addis Ababa congregation with Moges interpreting for him. Every member was blessed by Jeff's time with them.

The AABTI has concluded its two-year program of study. Graduation ceremonies are planned for early November and will happen during a National Preachers Conference on the Addis Ababa church and school compound. We also want to thank the Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) for everything they provided, including teachers, materials, Solar Players that contain thousands of lessons and courses for the new preachers to use in their respective ministry areas. SIBI has been a training partner with the Ethiopia Gospel Outreach ministry for more than 40 years. We will keep you updated on the future planned activities of the new graduates as they now work for the Lord in their home areas.



The Ethiopian New Year comes on September 11 each year except on a leap year and then it is on September 12. Their calendar is seven years behind our calendar so it is 2018 in Ethiopia!! New Year's is a big day of celebration in their culture as it is in ours. I thought this might interest you.

Thanks to all of you who faithfully pray for and financially support the Lord's work in Ethiopia. Give God the glory!! Kevin and John Ed Clark