



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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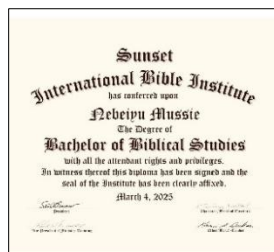
EVANGELISM IN THE HOSANA AREA:

The church in Hosana is very active in using the World Bible School (WBS) Bible Lessons to teach people eager to study God's word. Recently following a WBS follow up seminar seven young people expressed their desire to obey the gospel of Christ and be baptized. WBS studies reaches people all over the country of Ethiopia. Here are pictures of some recent baptisms:



Top left: The seven students are ready as the minister takes their confessions and prays with them. On the right one of the brothers is looking for any possible deep holes as many of the people are very afraid of getting into the streams because of this problem as they can't swim. On the left two brothers assure the lady that she will be ok and they will watch over her. The church is growing all over southern Ethiopia and even in places that have a high percentage of Muslims. WBS lessons introduce the gospel and then teachers follow up with the students and events like this one are very common. God be praised!!

ADDIS ABABA DEAF MINISTER GRADUATES FROM SIBI ONLINE :



Bro. Nebayehu Mussie graduated online from the Sunset International Bible Institute with a B.A. in Biblical Studies. He is the minister of the deaf congregation in Addis Ababa. Congratulations to Bro. Nebayehu!!

DRILLING WATER WELLS AND ESTABLISHING CHURCHES:

The first 17 wells were drilled around our Jido Feeding Center near Bulbula, Ethiopia in 1984. A small drilling machine that had a 14hp Briggs and Stratton motor was mounted on a tripod and placed over a selected well site. Everything was done by hand. Water in the entire Jido area was heavy with fluoride and declared “unfit for human consumption” by the government water agencies. However, the water in the hand dug wells, the seasonal springs, creeks and rivers were also classified as unfit for humans. But that’s all the people had to drink. The high fluoride content turned their teeth brown and still does to this day. The region around Jido was more than 90 percent Muslim making evangelism difficult. A preacher named Alemayehu Adamu traveled in the area preaching the gospel and teaching anyone willing to study. He was able to reach a few, but their gatherings were restricted to meeting secretly under the shade of trees. A house church was established in Bulbula. As time passed the Muslim community and economic pressure put on the new converts destroyed the work that Alemayehu had done. Only God knows what became of those brave and precious souls.

Fast forward to the late 1990’s. Manna International (MI) had sent a rebuilt Schramm drilling rig to Nairobi, Kenya to start a drilling project. Curt King, a well driller, was working with Kevin McFarland on that project. The less than honest Kenyan officials made it impossible for project to move forward. Kevin had been a part of the small drilling project at the feeding center in Jido, so he gave the rig



in Kenya to us, and it was driven to Addis Ababa. Curt came to lead the new project in Ethiopia. The rig was named “Genesis”! The beginning!! Three young brothers in the church were employed to work with Curt, and he trained them for the next 15 years as drillers for the project. In 2000 Kevin and Manna left the Ethiopia drilling project and the Ethiopia church leaders assumed the oversight of the drilling project. Pictured on the left is the “Genesis” rig at a drilling site in the early 2000’s. This rig was used for more than 10 years and drilled hundreds of wells all over southern Ethiopia. Healing Hands International (HHI) donated another rebuilt Schramm rig just like Genesis and that rig is still drilling wells today. Genesis became a “parts” source for the second rig. Schramm no longer produces parts so used parts must be located, rebuilt and shipped to Ethiopia. HHI has been and still is a great partner in keeping the drilling project moving forward. Joseph Smith at HHI has become an “expert” in locating parts, having them rebuilt



and shipping them to Ethiopia for the drilling project. Four years ago, a decision was made to purchase a new rig from India and a generous donor stepped up and provided the needed funds. For the last two years our project leader, Monte Hininger, has been working on adapting this new rig for use in the project. Thousands of people have been taught the gospel of Jesus because their hearts were opened by the loving gift of pure lifesaving water. Hundreds of congregations have been planted, and the process is going forward to this day. With your prayers and support and God’s blessing we will add to the 800+ completed wells that produce water for millions of people. May God’s blessing continues upon all of you and upon this ministry. A new agreement for 20 more new wells has been signed.

Kevin and John Ed Clark