



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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LEADERSHIP CLASS AT THE ADDIS ABABA CONGREGATION:



Training leaders in the Makanissa congregation in Addis Ababa was the number one item on Behailu's agenda as he returned to Addis this time. We all understand the need for trained leaders in congregations in America. Paul's instructions to Titus was to "appoint elders in every city" (Titus 1:5) AI says that 25-33% of Church of Christ congregations in America have elders. The Addis Ababa congregation had elders in the past but there were only two and then one of them passed away.

Seventeen men have expressed an interest in learning and becoming elders in the near and distant future. The program is an intensive six-week course. Lessons are sent to all the participants via the "Telegram" program so the men can be better prepared for the classroom time. Brother Moges is also involved in the classroom teaching. I know many of these men and have watched them mature spiritually. Others are young and eager to be prepared when their time to serve is right. Some will be appointed as deacons. Please pray for this effort.

WATER NEEDS IN ADDIS ABABA:



This isn't a very exciting picture to look at! However, for the people living around the school compound in Addis Ababa it is a beautiful sight. City water in Addis Ababa is sometimes off for days at a time. No water anywhere!! Trucks bring water to communities and people must purchase it at a very expensive price. Monte Hininger has installed three of these 1326-gallon tanks, and the people can come in the afternoon and morning to get water for their families at no charge!!! What a blessing this is for the people! We have three wells on our compound, and the tanks are set in different locations. Behailu reported that some from the community are now attending the church because of this wonderful gift of water for them. God be praised!

WHAT DOES A SUCCESSFUL MISSION WORK LOOK LIKE?



Last January we reported that Jamie Khor was baptized into Christ at the church in Makanissa. This month his father, Khor Jock, and other family members came to Addis to visit and celebrate. (Behailu is pictured with them and the young boy in the yellow shirt is Behailu's grandson.) Khor now serves the church in Juba, South Sudan. He has served in eastern Sudan where he helped establish 8 congregations and several more in the Sudanese refugee camps along the western border in Ethiopia. When Khor was still a teen he fled from the war in Sudan to the city of Addis Ababa. Brother

Roger Talanyi, a refugee from Uganda, had helped establish a congregation for the Sudanese refugees living in Addis Ababa. Khor was one of the thousands of Sudanese and he came to visit the church. He attended and graduated from the Preacher Training School in Nekemte and then attended the Level Two Preaching school in Addis Ababa. He was classified as an international refugee and when his time came to be resettled in America he didn't accept because he wanted to stay in South Sudan and teach his own people. There are Sudanese congregations of the Lord's church all over South and Eastern Sudan and in many places in Europe, Canada and the United States. Our Ethiopian brethren have done and are still doing a wonderful work reaching out to the Sudanese people. Many churches have been planted because of Behailu's WhatsApp bible lessons that are taught and retaught all over Africa, Europe and North America. Khor is part of that outreach. This is an example of a "successful" mission work!

BROTHER WOLDE GHORGHIS' VERY SERIOUS SURGERY:



Wolde Ghorghis (second from right) came to Addis Ababa recently to have surgery for colon cancer. He had the normal symptoms for over a year. He is pictured here with Brother Abebe and his wife, Behailu and Moges. Wolde was brought to the church by a preacher from Kambatta in 1968. He first served as a teacher in our School for the Deaf in Addis Ababa. When the first School for the Deaf in the countryside was opened in Mazoria, Wolde moved there and became the

director. He led that school for 21 years and was very active in teaching and preaching the gospel in the Hydia, Kambatta and Wollietta areas. He moved to his hometown in Jajura in the early 90's and became the director of the Jajura School of Preaching. Hundreds of preachers have graduated from that school, and hundreds of new congregations have been established throughout the region. Wolde is one of the last pioneer preachers in the countryside that are still living. We ask for your prayers for him and that God will give him a peaceful hour when he departs. His ministry will stand as an example for all Ethiopian preachers to follow. We deeply appreciate all of you who pray for and support the Ethiopian Gospel Outreach Ministries.

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