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SANTARIEA SCHOOL OF PREACHING IS NOW IN SESSION:

Report from Brother Moges: “The Senteria Preacher Training School (PTS) is now operational. The student body consists of 10 men selected from the areas around the newly completed water well sites in the Sidama area. They will complete their studies in mid-July. Our short-term schools are conducted for three and a half months. The classroom studies are eight hours a day and six days a week. Due to the current fuel shortage in the country, it was challenging for Seyum and the school staff to facilitate the necessary materials and put everything in place before the opening of the school. We are grateful to our God and our brothers for their tireless efforts. The school opened on Apr. 19 with 7 students and the other 3 students came to the school after four days of delay due to ongoing transportation problems.

All students came from new places. Seven of them had already been baptized before they arrived at the school and the remaining three are studying with the instructors. We are praying in the coming few days they will obey the gospel if it is the will of God.”



Yoseph Barsamo is student attending the school. He is 38 years old and the father of two children. Yoseph is from the Derara Foke area where a new water well was drilled and is serving pure clean water for the people there. He was raised in a religious group identified as the Society of Independent Missions. He was taught the gospel by Yohannes Lafo, a preacher in the Sidama region. His plans are to return to his home area and build up the new congregation and to share the truth of God’s word with those around him.



Surafeal Bunta came to the school from Mesenkela, Sidama. A new water well was provided for the people in that area. Brother Seyum, one of the instructors at the Santariewa PTS went there to study with the people and the truth of God's word touched Surafeal's heart and he obeyed the gospel. He is married and has four children. His plan after he completes the study at the Santariewa PTS is to return to his home and build up the new congregation in Mesenkela where he lives.



Ermias Elias lives in the Hawassa Zuria, Shebedino area in the Sidama region and near the new water well at Talamo. Feyesa Yesihak, one of the graduates from the Addis Ababa Bible Institute went there to teach and convinced Ermias he should attend the Santariewa PTS for the special session provided for those who were interested in learning about the faith of those who provided the gift of pure clean water for the people. He has committed himself to return to his home area and teach others the truth of God's word he is learning in the school. He wants to plant other congregations at the new water well sites in the area where he lives.

These are three of the students in the Santariewa PTS. The other seven students have similar stories. These ten men will be involved as teachers and preachers in the congregations where they live and in the new churches they will help establish. With God's blessing and your prayers, we can be assured there will be many new Christians and churches produced by this ministry.

Plans are underway to reopen three other Preacher Training Schools (Nekemte, Shone and Jajura) that fell victim to the Covid pandemic. Behailu will be leading this effort. He plans to have two sessions each year at each school. This will produce eighty trained preachers, church leaders and congregation planters each year in the southern and western regions of Ethiopia. The estimated cost for each of the sessions will be \$4000 to \$5000 or \$400 to \$500 for each preacher trained. Like the American church situation, there are many congregations that don't have a preacher because of the same reasons we face. Please pray that these plans can be made and commenced. The eternal home of thousands of people depends on this mutual ministry. May God bless this effort and the wise use of resources that will make it possible.

POTATOES ARE AN IMPORTANT CROP IN ETHIOPIA:



Farming is the number one occupation of most members of the church living in the countryside. Because of the mild weather two crops a year can be raised and harvested. Potatoes are one of those crops. Visitors in Ethiopia can eat potatoes because they are boiled or fried and any bacteria is killed in those processes. Pictured here is Brother Temesgen in a big potato patch outside the city of Hosana. I remember well the times I enjoyed Ethiopian potato dishes that had been seasoned with onions, peppers and other spices. Thanks to all of you who faithfully pray and support the wonderful ministries in Ethiopia. Kevin and John Ed Clark