

ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,

By the time you receive this Newsletter the holidays will be over. We pray that God blessed you and your loved ones that surrounded you with a great period of warm fellowship and happiness. 2021 will be history and it will be what it was. Romans 8:28 informs us that ".....we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those called according to His purpose." God has called us to trust Him and follow Him and to rejoice when life brings difficulties. (James 1:2f, 1 Peter 4:16) Our prayers continue for all of you as we all serve the Lord. We look forward to a great year of outreach as we together with our brethren in Ethiopia preach the loving message of the gospel and lift up the lives of the lost, helpless and hopeless in that ancient nation.

BRETHREN FROM ADDIS ABABA TRAVELING TO CONDUCT BIBLE SEMINARS:





A one day seminar was held at the Shone Preaching School. Lessons were taught and a time was given for preachers to others their inform about ministries their home churches. Over 50 gospel preachers from the Shone. Badewatcho, Kedida Gamela

and Wollieta attended. Some of the preachers came from churches that were established after water wells were drilled in their areas. Brother Molla is pictured on the right. He had recently spent 20 days in the hospital because of diabetes, typhoid fever and high blood pressure. He had lost a lot of weight. Molla is one of the leading brethren in these areas and has been preaching the gospel for 51 years. He also serves as the director of the Preaching School.



The brothers visited the Chuko congregation to teach and encourage the brethren there. This church as been a source of many brethren who have been selected and have attended the Preacher Training School in Santariea. Brother Moges is pictured preaching. He reports that 30 area preachers came to the one day seminar and all were encouraged. Large assemblies have been rare because of the Covid pandemic.











A two day seminar at the Arbegona church started at 7 in the evening and continued until midnight. This place is in the mountains and is cold at night! You can see how the brother in the center picture is wrapped up as he listens to Brother Moges speak. Following two lessons that evening, time was

given for questions and there were many. In the two lower pictures you can see bibles open and notes being taken as members "....examined the scriptures to see if the things were so." (Acts 17:11) The ladies also searched the scriptures. Several men from this congregation have graduated from the Santariea School of Preaching and have planted many other churches in this wide area. The brothers from Addis Ababa and Santariea slept on mattresses on the floor of the church building while they were there. Brethren attended from the Aroresa area and invited the visiting brethren to come and conduct a seminar in their area at the end of January 2022. These events provide great strength for the local churches.

BAPTISM IN THE DEAF MINISTRY:



Brother Nebiyu is the Minister to the Deaf at the Addis Ababa congregation. He serves also as one of the sign language teachers at our Makanissa School for the Deaf. He stands with a young deaf lady as he takes her confession just before she is baptized into Christ. This ministry is a great blessing for all.

BROTHER BEHAILU IS IN ETHIOPIA UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY 2022





Behailu arrived in Ethiopia the first week of December. He is pictured here preaching at the church in Addis Ababa. Everyone was very excited to see him. He will travel to visit churches and brethren in the countryside during his trip. Please

pray he will remain healthy and safe. He will be an encourager to everyone.

Kevin and I extend to your our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. Only God holds the future and we are in His hands. Kevin and John Ed Clark