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UNUSUAL USE OF THE SOLAR PLAYER TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO ETHIOPIA



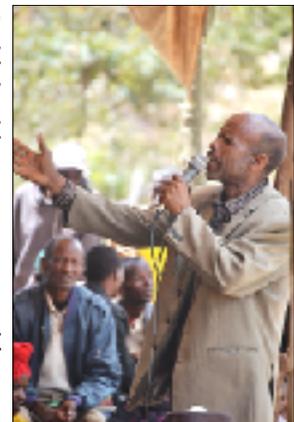
When the Solar Players loaded with 1200 bible lessons, songs and other study aids, all in the Amharic language, were first introduced into Ethiopia, a team from Sunset International Bible Institute traveled there to demonstrate how this seemingly small tool could be effectively used to teach God's word. It has been an amazing experience to watch as men and women on the front lines of taking the gospel to Ethiopia have used it. The man on the left holding a Solar Player is named Mekonnen Tekelu. He is a lifetime friend of Brother Moges. He has been a preacher for a major denomination in Addis Ababa for more than 30 years and each time he and Moges meet, they discuss scripture; but the man has held firmly to his faith system. Recently, they were talking and Moges told him about the player and he was very interested in knowing more about it. After

Moges showed him how to use it, he asked if it would be possible for him to have one to use as a resource in his ministry. Moges gave him the one he is holding, believing this might be the answer on how to reach him with the truth of God's word. In addition, Mekonnen will no doubt use this tool when he conducts his studies with those around him and in his congregation. Can you imagine the effect of its use in the future? We add this use to other unusual ways it has been used; a member plays it in her coffee house for all the customers to hear. A member of the church who isn't a preacher takes it to the open market and plays it and a crowd always gathers to listen. It is played regularly at funerals for several days where hundreds of people congregate. These are just a few ways that we never envisioned; how many more will come in the future?

REPORTS FROM PREACHERS WORKING IN DISTANT PLACES:

Bro. Tesfaye Ashamo is a preacher for Moloto church in the Soro area. He informed us that he and Bro. Teketel Mathewos (assistant preacher) have reached several people in their respective area by the gospel of Christ and was able to baptize 17 of them the last three months. They have also been using the solar Radio as a tool to reach out to people.

Several men from the Moloto church have attended and graduated from the Jajura School of Preaching. They have been mentored all their life by Brother Tesfaye. He continues to serve as a great example to them; demonstrating how a real evangelist serves.



BREIF REPORTS FROM EVANGELISTS IN THE SORO AREA:

The gospel was first taken into the Soro District of the Hydia Region in 1965. In three years a few congregations had been established. After the first School of Preaching (PTS) was opened in 1968, men were sent from that area to the school and when the trained preachers went back to their home areas, many new congregations were established. In the Soro District today, along with surrounding districts, there are hundreds of churches and tens of thousands members in them. Each month reports are received from evangelists in those areas informing others about the good work they are involved with. Lately, telephone pictures are sometimes sent with the reports. Two things: I want to share some of the reports with a picture of the preaching brethren. Secondly, this will serve to renew our understanding of just how important the PTS program was in 1968 and how important it still is today.



Left to Right: Brothers Meseganu Anulo and Desta Achiko. Meseganu is holding a Solar Player to remind everyone how important this tool is in his ministry outreach. In January he and Desta conducted gospel meetings in the Ginbichu area and baptized ten people who were convicted by the truth of God's word and were baptized and added to the Lord's church.

Third from left: Brother Beyene Cadena, evangelist at the Areda congregation. In the last two months ten people have responded to the gospel and baptized.

Forth from left: Brother Getachew Bukelo. He is the evangelist serving at the church in Hosana, the capital city of the Hydian District. In the past two months, eight souls were convicted by the gospel of Jesus and obeyed the gospel and added to the Hosana congregation. Like all cities, outreach is much more difficult than in the countryside. We commend Bro. Getachew for his untiring ministry faithfully serving the Lord.

Right: Bro. Desta Achiko is shown teaching at the Jajura School of Preaching where he serves as one of the instructors. When the Schools of Preaching are not in session, all the instructors are busy going from place to place strengthening members and preaching the gospel of Christ.

These few examples demonstrate what you who read this report, pray for the workers and faithfully support the work are accomplishing. It doesn't matter if you support the Preacher Training Schools, the Children's Ministry Outreach, helping provide lifesaving clean water, helping educating and lifting up the lives of deaf children, feeding those who are hungry or any other area of ministry in Ethiopia; each of the hundreds that come to Christ every month are possible because of your ministry. Good works demonstrate our love for people and touch their hearts and they want to listen to what motivates us to help them, especially their children. You are making a difference! (Matt. 5:16, John 10:25, John 14:11, Philipians. 4: 15-20) We pray that God will continue to use and bless you all.

Kevin and John Ed Clark

PS: We are close to signing an agreement for 20 more water wells. Please pray!