



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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ESTABLISHING THE CHURCH IN A NEW CULTURE:

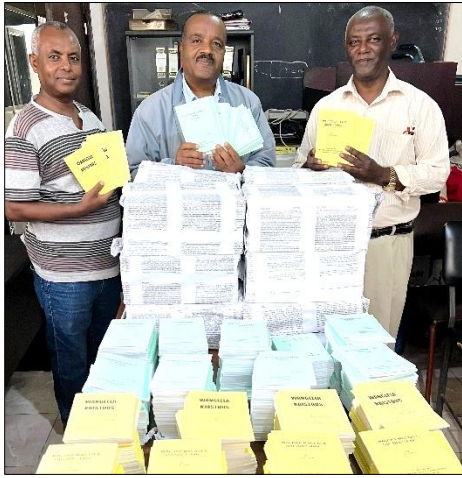


Bro. Belay Kebede has been working with the people living in the eastern regions of Ethiopia. We received these pictures and a report from Belay following his recent trip to the home area where some new Christians live.

Belay's Report: "I have returned from a trip to the Chelengo area to meet with and provide more instructions for the new Christians living there. I taught them about the worship of the church in the New Testament (N.T.). I also took with me some written materials about the work of the N.T. church, miracles in the N.T., the Holy Spirit and the role of women in the N.T. We were able to rent a place to worship for the next 6 months. We prepared a banner to attach to the front of the building that shows the name of the church and included some scriptures that teach man's response to the Gospel of Jesus. We were able to meet with the area officials and obtain legal recognition for the Church of Christ at the chosen location. I appeal to you to accept Anuar and Suleman into the next Preacher Training School in Nekemte to further ground them in their understanding and knowledge of scripture. Our time together was blessed by God and very important for our new brethren as they face the difficulties of their newly found faith in a different and difficult cultural area. Please pray for them."

In the center picture above Belay is helping them understand the Lord's Supper during worship. You will notice there are no seats in the assembly as that was the culture they came from. Also note they don't wear shoes in the assembled worship. Teaching them to sing is a new experience. Helping them learn to pray to a God that loves them and asks them to love even their enemies is strange to everything they have known in their former faith. This area of Ethiopia is hostile to any teaching of the gospel. These new brethren will face many difficulties as they come to understand the eternal blessings of the choices they have made to follow Jesus.

PRINTED MATERIAL FOR NEW CHRISTIANS IN NEW OROMO AREAS:



A total of 3300 booklets have been printed to use in the Oromo outreaches in various areas of Ethiopia. The Oromo tribe (people) make up 36% of the population in Ethiopia. It is the largest ethnic group in the country. Through the World Bible School (WBS) outreach, especially in Eastern Ethiopia, the Oromo people are being reached and converted by the gospel. It is not possible to go to every area to teach and ground the new Christians in basic New Testament doctrine. Therefore, the need for printed material is vital. Belay Kebede took the time to translate three of the late Brother J.C. Choate's booklets

from his "Voice of Truth International" series into the Oromo language. With a generous contribution from a brother and his wife in America, we were able to print 1100 copies of each of these booklets. They are, New Testament Worship, The Church of the Bible, and The Gospel of Christ. These booklets will be very valuable in Belay's ministry and for all the WBS students who respond to the gospel message. If there are any American WBS teachers studying with students in the Oromo areas of Ethiopia who feel their students will benefit from these materials, please contact us and we will answer the requests. The cost of printing these booklets has doubled due to the 35% inflation in Ethiopia, but since the printing company has the booklet set up work completed this should lower the price in the future. Each booklet was about \$1.50 each for this first printing.

NEW TWO-YEAR SCHOOL OF PREACHING IN ADDIS ABABA (AABTS):

The Addis Ababa Bible Training School (AABTS) is ready to open in October. Twenty students have been selected as the first student body of the two-year school. They are all well-educated and the school will be taught using English. Teachers will be from our experienced Ethiopian brethren and recognized bible teachers from America. The curriculum used will be taken from the Sunset International Bible Institute two-year program. The purpose of the school will be to provide future trained leaders and teachers for the Gospel Outreach in Ethiopia. The present leaders in Ethiopia were trained in the last two-year session held in the 1980's. This school will be focused on the same results.



The classroom is located at the back side of the new School for the Deaf building. It is at the top of the stairs and is large and spacious. The dorm is pictured. This building formerly served as the Level Two School of Preaching. It has been remodeled and fitted with twenty new beds. We will have more information in the next newsletter as school should be underway at that time. Please pray for this great addition to the Ethiopia Gospel Outreach.

Thanks to all of you who serve our Lord in this ministry. Kevin and John Ed Clark