



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## **NEWS UPDATES:**

Covid19 Update: The total number of infections continues to rise. However the rate of increase has dropped considerably. The government recommends only essential travel to and from Ethiopia and test results must be presented on arrival. The number of infections are over 100,000. Our preachers indicate it is spreading among the rural populations and that has been our greatest fear. As of this date, there have been no reported cases among our brethren. Please continue to pray for our brethren and the people of Ethiopia.

Schools are opening: As of this writing the government has asked that all schools re-open with the same requirements we have in America of social distancing, masks, and daily room spraying.

Water Well Drilling Mobilized: Our water well crew has mobilized the equipment to the deaf school area in the Sidama Region and is preparing to drill 20 new water wells.

Churches can legally meet, but only if the social distancing guidelines are followed.

## **SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF PREPARING TO OPEN FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR:**



Makanissa School for the Deaf Director Muse Alemayehu is pictured testing the hearing of a student enrolling for the new school term. Every student must have this test performed each year. The new school year will be a challenge with the daily spraying and cleaning required by the government, social

distancing, and the new construction underway on the campus. Deaf students consider school their home away from home because they are able to communicate with everyone and enjoy their fellowship with other students and friends.



These are three of our deaf orphans that live on the school compound. They are very concerned about the Coronavirus all around them and protective of their dorm. Here they are standing in front of the entrance. The sign on the front door tells all who enter they must wear a mask and practice social distancing. They keep a rope tied between the front metal posts to hinder entry.

## **BAPTISM OF HAYATU ZEIAD**



Hayatu Zeiad grew up in the home of Brother Habtu's parents in Addis Ababa. Like Habtu, he grew up as a Muslim. The following report is from Habtu describing the process of converting Hayatu to Christ:

**“Hayatu is one of many children that my mom brought to our family and raised like her own. When he**

**came to join our family he was about 5 years old and my mom, like she did with the other children upon bringing him to the family asked me to put him in school. After graduating high school, he was assigned by the government to attend Science and Technology University in Adama (Nazareth). However, due to the unrest when universities were closed he came back home to Addis. He is a smart young man and I didn't want him to wait until the school situation was better for him to go back so, I helped him enroll the Nursing college in Addis Ababa, where he currently is on his second year of study. During my trips to Ethiopia, while he was practicing his Muslim religion, I have been encouraging him to read one of my Bibles and he was slowly starting to ask questions. On my last trip I spent more time than usual talking to him about the gospel and before I came back I connected him with Abebe to study with him. Hayatu was converted by the power of the Gospel of Christ. (Romans 1:16-17) I am grateful to God that he had the courage to do the right thing to save his soul.”**

The pictures above show Hayatu as he was being baptized into Christ by Brother Abebe.

## **THE BAPTISM OF BETLEHEM TEKA:**



On the left is pictured Brother Nigussie Abebe, Betlehem Teka, and her father Teka Abebe. Brother Nigussie is the preacher of the Sebata congregation located south of Addis Ababa. Teka is his brother and Behlehem is his niece. Nigussie was led to the gospel through the World Bible School Correspondence

Courses. He has been faithful over the years leading his family and his neighbors to the truth of God's Word and maturing the small congregation that meets in a church building located in front of his home in Sebata. He baptized his brother several years ago and is pictured baptizing his niece Betlehem. We look at the world and we ask, “How can we reach this world with the gospel”? The answer is simple; we do it one soul at a time! In a distant place called Sebata, this precious soul was added to the kingdom. The old equation is still true. If each member of the Lord's church would teach one person or bring someone to be taught each year, it could be done in one generation! God help us to do that!

Pray for Ethiopia. Pray for America. These are trying times and our faith is being tested. People of faith seem to be united on one important fact: God is the only answer for this world. All people must be faithful and submit completely to His Way. (Acts 17:27-31) We are a blessed people and we should be thankful. (Colossians 3:15.)

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