



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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NEWS UPDATE:



The Ethiopian parliament confirmed Abiy Ahmed as the Prime Minister of Ethiopia on October 4th. The new five year term came after the general election landslide victory held on June 21st indicated the overwhelming support for a second term for the Prime Minister. Our prayers are needed for Mr. Ahmed to continue to seek God's oversight of his life and his great country.

Our Schools for the Deaf have opened for the 2021-2022 school year. Covid protective strategies there are the same as here in America. Because of our limited classroom space the schools have separated 50% of the students in each school into morning classes and 50% in the afternoon. The policy is the same for our Kindergartens.



All our evangelism ministries, including church assemblies, seminars, and gospel meetings, are operating on a normal schedule with the exception of the Schools of Preaching. Having just one large dorm at each school with all the students sleeping in the same room has prevented their re-opening because of the

Covid fear. We believe and pray this will soon change and the schools can resume their normal 2 terms each year with 80-90 students enrolled.

The monsoon rains are slowing and by the first week of November we believe the water well drilling can resume. There are nine remaining wells to be completed on the present agreement with the Southern Region Water Bureau and with our prayers and God's help we believe those wells will be operational by the end of November. At that time we will be seeking a new agreement to drill 20 more wells in the Sidama Region.



A new year started in Ethiopia on September 11th. Their calendar is seven years behind ours. If you would like to be seven years younger, move to Ethiopia! Pictured is Brother Abebe Bezu and his wife dressed in their Ethiopian cultural dress clothes on Sunday, September 12th following the morning church assembly. The year in Ethiopia at this time is 2014.

WBS REPORT FROM BELAY KEBEDE:



Brother Belay lives in Dire Dawa in the eastern part of Ethiopia. Gambella is on the western border of Ethiopia and a few miles from South Sudan. It is 800 miles between them and it takes two long days on a bus to make the journey. Belay recently went to Gambella to follow up on two World Bible School students who indicated they wanted to be baptized

into Christ. His report follows:

“Today I am at Gambella and baptized two Ethiopians. One is an Amharic speaking student and the other is an Oromo speaking student. Both are former ministers for denominational churches. Their names are Etanso Ayele (Amhara) and Amanuel Dabala (Oromo). They don’t speak one another’s language. I baptized them at the Gambella Church of Christ where Bro. James preaches and brethren from Sudan attend. We need to pray for these new Christians. Both plan to establish new congregations in that area that will reach out to those in Gambella who speak their respective languages. I hope to baptize two other WBS students before I leave to return to my home within a week. The two new Christians will use WBS materials in their own language to help teach others. I am thankful to the Lord as he gives us such kind of grace.”



Brother Demissie Roma is an instructor at the Santariea School of Preaching in Sidama. His late father was also a preacher and was killed by a former government because he refused to deny his faith. Demissie vowed to give his life to ministry shortly after the death of his father. He was the first gospel preacher to take the message of Jesus to the people in a distant area near the Kenyan border called Borena. There is

a thriving work in the Borena area until this day. At this time Habtu reports that Demissie may be sent to Gambella to answer the need of helping establish the two congregations that Brother Belay mentioned in his report. Demissie will be a great selection to take this assignment. Please pray for the plans being considered and for the success of those plans.

THE TESTING OF CHURCHES TODAY:

It has been a difficult time for many congregations in America because of the 21 months of dealing with Covid. Many of you who read this report will understand. God had blessed my life with 60 years of ministry and I have never see times like these. We have been encouraged during these difficult times by the faithfulness of so many of you who help and pray for this ministry. God is always with us and we are thankful to Him and for all of you.

Kevin and John Ed Clark