

# Ethiopia Gospel Outreach

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## A BEAUTIFUL OCCASION AT THE ADDIS ABABA CONGREGATION:





# OUR DEAF MEMBERS WEDDING:

On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brother Yohannes Tekabe and Sister Behailua Getachew were wed at the Addis church building. Both are faithful members of the Lord's church. Yohannes attended the Makanissa School for the Deaf from the Beginner A class and graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Then he completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade at a government school and was an outstanding student. He was

given a scholarship to the Addis Ababa University and recently graduated with a B.A. Degree. His bride, Behailua, attended the Teacher Training University following her high school graduation. She is currently a school teacher in the city of Shashemanie, 168 miles south of Addis Ababa. She obeyed the gospel two years ago following a series of bible studies with Bros. Nebeyu Mussie, our deaf minister, and Abebe Haile Michael, the minister of the Addis congregation.



The Maids of Honor and the Groomsmen were all former students in our school. This was an outstanding demonstration of what the deaf ministry is about. Watching the children grow, graduate and move on to be successful in life is a blessing and a tribute to all of you

involved in lifting up the deaf children and others who benefit because of your help.

## BEHAILU AND ALEM TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA:



Bro. Behailu and Alem have returned to Ethiopia. After several medical tests, he was released by his doctor and given the ok to travel. Of course, there are some assignments; he must watch his stress level, his blood sugar level and his blood pressure. Alem has promised to watch over him very carefully. Pictured on the left, Behailu greets Solomon, one of our well drilling crew with his wife Edelawit following the morning

assembly on February 10<sup>th</sup>. On the right, Behailu is standing beside Bro. Demere as they are led in prayer during the assembly. Alem is on the left in the second row. It has been reported that the city of Addis Ababa has been taking land and property that isn't being used because of the scarcity of vacant land in the city. Behailu knew they were watching his property; therefore he has no choice but to sell it before it is taken. He has started the process and hopefully that task will be completed quickly. The members of the Addis congregation were thrilled to have them return as they are deeply loved by all who know them throughout the country. They are scheduled to leave Ethiopia in early April. In the meantime, Behailu will stay busy preaching and teaching in Addis and other nearby congregations. Please pray for them every day.

#### UPDATE ON THE MINISTRY OF MITIKU MOKENNEN AND AREB HASSAN:



In the September 2018 newsletter we included an article on the new ministry of these two young preachers in the Jimma area. They were recent graduates of the Nekemte Preacher Training School (PTS) and had returned to their homes in the Jimma area. We received this report from Bro. Habtu regarding the progress of the plan of evangelism these two young Christian preachers had started: "They have enrolled 176 students now studying the World Bible School correspondence lessons. They have conducted 41 personal bible studies resulting in 25 obeying the gospel. Three of those converted have been sent to the Nekemte PTS and are now studying and preparing to return and serve at new congregations in their home areas in Jimma. They have visited in 51 homes and

are discussing with those families concerning their needs to study God's word and to pay close attention to what it says." Ministry in the Jimma area is very difficult and challenging because of the dominate influence of Islam. Their story is an example of success among many as God blesses the work throughout the area.

### WATER WELL PROJECT UPDATE:



Twenty new wells are now in service and providing pure clean water to thousands of people who had no source of good water. This life saving ministry continues moving forward. We are waiting for final approval to add 10 more wells to the completed agreement before our crew leaves the drilling areas.

Thanks to all of you who had a part in this great ministry our evangelists are reaching out to the people in the water well areas.

Kevin and John Ed Clark