

ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN KEBRI MANGEST, BORANA, ETHIOPIA



Borana is a region in southern Ethiopia. You can see it circled on the map. It is a primitive area where few changes have been made over the years. Improved roads, electricity, good water, medical care and other things that lift up a people are almost non-existent there. Twenty-five years ago, a young preacher named Demise Roma traveled to that area and preached the gospel for the first time. Most of the population follow different forms of the Islam faith

mingled with local Animist practices. He was able to reach a few people and a church was planted in the Kebri Mangest area. A convert named Paulous attended and graduated from the Santariea School of Preaching and has promoted the growth of the church in that area over the years. There are less than 10 known congregations in the entire region. Unrest, drought, and famine have plagued the area. The members of the church there never complain about their condition or their needs. Several years ago, Brother Paulous' brother died from health conditions caused by malnutrition. Currently there is a great need for food in the Borana region. We have set up a system with merchants in that area to transport and house food and our brethren can go to those centers and pick up a ration for their families. Below are some pictures of Brother Paulous distributing food to 200 members on a scheduled distribution in early July.









Left to right: Some of the grain and flour that was distributed. Paulous (with the cap) organizes the people to come receive their rations. Every family must be registered, and the amounts given are noted. Right, a young lady signs for the food she has received. More food will be needed as the situation worsens.

NEW WATER WELLS SERVE THOUSANDS IN THE SIDAMA REGION:







Forty water wells were completed in the Sidama region during the last drilling season. These are making a big difference in the lives of the people as they use the pure clean water for their families instead of the polluted water from the rain collection ponds, seasonal springs, or small rivers. The people are impressed by the love shown to them for this wonderful gift.

PREACHERS FROM WATER WELL AREAS INVITED TO SEMINAR:







Brother Seyum from the School of Preaching in Santariea made a visit to several of the new well sites and he spoke with these three men about the church and the training school. All of them are preachers and have been for several years. They accepted Bro. Seyum's

invitation to attend the Bible Seminar that brothers Joe Boe, Alemayehu, and Moges taught at the school recently. Because of what they heard they have decided to attend the next term at the Santariea School of Preaching.

Left is Ketema Kebede. He is 35 years old and has three children. A water well was completed on his property. Center is Meng Mulugeta. He is 42 years old and has four children. His family obtains water from a well 10 minutes away. Right is Bekele Berasa. He is 40 years old and has four children. A well was drilled in front of his home. Please pray for these men as they make the changes in their lives. The pure clean water can't save their souls, but it is the tool God used to open their hearts. Only God knows how many will be in heaven because these three men will teach the truth to hundreds of people in their home areas. May God's blessing be upon you all. Thank you for your faithfulness.