



ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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CHURCH NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA AUGUST 2021:



The church in Ethiopia is doing well despite the difficulties we read in news reports. The unrest in the northern and eastern regions of the country seems to be spreading and reports of food shortages and refugees fleeing to safer areas come from many different sources. Our prayers are with the victims living in those areas. The ministries of the church are in the southern and western areas of the country. Please join in praying the hostilities will soon be solved and that people can return to their homes.

The picture on the left came from the congregation in Chuko located in the Sidama area. Some of the members are pictured standing on the porch of their building. They have made this their “logo” and we thought you would be interested in seeing it. This church has been meeting for over 45 years and was first planted by Brother Tesfaye Bogale and other trained preachers from the area. It is a strong congregation and an example of faithfulness to others.



Brother Tesfaye and his wife Ruth lived at Chuko and raised their family there. He has served as the Director of the Santariera School of Preaching since its beginning. A few years ago, he was transferred to Hawassa and accepted the additional ministry of serving as the director of our School for the Deaf there. Recently Tesfaye and Ruth became victims of the Covid 19 virus and have since recovered. It is interesting that until they became infected, he was a “nay-sayer” about the virus! However, he now understands it is real. We are very thankful for their recovery.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL USING “WHATS APP”:

Report from Brother Behailu: “Bro. Roger Talanyi, and I have a platform on WhatsApp phone service teaching, encouraging, and equipping African Church leaders every evening. The platform is called, “African Christian Forum”. There is no cost for this service. Many of the participants are graduates of the Preacher Training Schools in Addis Ababa, Nekemete, and Gambella. They are Ethiopians, South Sudanese and Ugandans and reside in America, Ethiopia, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Australia and different countries in Europe and Africa. The evening lessons last about 25 minutes. We receive many questions, and we give Bible answers. Many of them have planted home churches and they worship according to the New Testament. Every Sunday evening, we have 30 minutes of prayer service led by each and everyone around the world. It has become an inspiring and stirring tool. The platform is conducted in the English language.” (We live in an amazing world! JEC)

CHRISTIAN FORUM WHAT'S APP RESPONSES IN JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN:



The church in Juba, South Sudan had a seminar and Brother Daniel Chudi, one of the preachers there, sent Behailu these pictures. There are several participants living in Juba who listen to the Christian Forum broadcasts. Using the African Christian Forum bible lessons

taught by Behailu and other lessons taught at the Seminar, a total of eight people were convicted by the power of the gospel message and were baptized into Jesus. Three of them are pictured here.

AREA WIDE MEETING HELD AT SANTARIEA: A report from Moges Wolde



“Preachers, church leaders and members from 23 congregations gathered recently at the Santariewa School of Preaching facility for a two-day seminar. The total attendance was 10 brethren. This number included 80 preachers. The program started on Friday evening. Lessons were brought by the preachers until 9:00 PM. From 9:30 to midnight a prayer service was conducted. It



focused on the difficulties being faced at this time all over Ethiopia and the need for the church to concentrate on reaching out to the lost and the need to remain strong during the Covid pandemic, the ongoing unrest and war in the northern areas that is making its way to new areas and the increasing problem of inflation. The visiting preachers and church leaders rested for the balance of the night on the floors of the church building and classrooms. On Saturday morning preachers again brought lessons until noon time. The ladies from Santariewa and neighboring congregations brought lunch for all the participants. It was a great time of fellowship and much needed strengthening from sharing God's word and of

spending time on their knees before His throne.” Reading this report from Moges tells us how much we need to follow their example in reaching out to our Lord as we try to rise above our own Covid experience and the conflict and division in our nation as well as in our churches! We can all be encouraged by our Ethiopian brethren!

THOSE WE NEVER FORGET:



When the Preaching School was opened in Nekemte Zelalem Dunfa was one of the instructors for several years. Five years ago, he obtained a job with the Electric Power Company and moved to a town called Kamesh in the Benishangule Region. He planted churches wherever he went. Recently when the tribal unrest invaded that area, he and his family had to move back to Nekemte. They attend and serve at the Nekemte church once again. It is a blessing to have them back. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and faithful support. May God bless you all! John Ed and Kevin