



# ETHIOPIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

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## GOSPEL MEETING AT MOLOTO, SORO



The church in Ethiopia is growing and spreading as never before according to a report received from Bro. Behailu. The church in Moloto was established in the 70's and has hundreds of members. Tesfaye Ashamo, left, has been the minister there since it was established. He is shown speaking during the conference. In the upper picture, the elders at Moloto are shown.



Three of the Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute students also attended and were speakers. Left to right: Abayenhe Abraham, Behailu Yoseph, and Temesgen Tumebo. Two of these brethren live in the Soro area. Behailu Yoseph lives and serves in the Dawro area in southern Ethiopia now but lived in Soro most of his life. He and his father moved to Dawro when the government resettled thousands of the Soro people to that remote area. Hundreds

of church members were resettled, and they knew the members would need to be organized into new congregations during the dispersion. These are exciting times for all the churches and brethren throughout rural Ethiopia!

## ALL OUR DEAF SCHOOLS ARE OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY:



Left: School in Addis Ababa right before early morning chapel. Right: The students and staff of the Mazoria School for the Deaf.

## **BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE STUDENT VISITS KATCHA BIRRA:**



Chernet Desalegn, red vest, made a visit to the brethren at the Katcha Birra congregation in Kambatta. Left, he is pictured with those who came to see him. Right, they spent time talking about the church and

then had Ethiopian bread and coffee together. The church in Katcha Birra was established in 1969 by an evangelist named Belete Melsebo. Another brother named Zecharias worked with him in those early days. The church building was constructed on land given to the church by the father of Zecharias. This congregation now has five trained gospel preachers working with the church. Over the years it has faced many attacks. In the mid 70's the Pentecostal movement led many of their young people away. Later the Anti-institutional brethren infiltrated them and divided the church. With the passing of Brother Belete, the new strong leaders stood firmly. One of them is Brother Paulos (upper left picture second from left in grey coat). Paulos and others are still there. This church is also referred to as the "Masafe Church" because of the area where it is located. There is a very rich history of the church all over Kambatta, Hydia, Wolljeta and Badewatcho. Hundreds of congregations are located in these areas.

## **WATER PROJECT UPDATE:**



The water well drilling project is a very important ministry. We can know that by the number of obstacles Satan puts in our way! Three months ago the clutch drive on the Schramm rig engine broke. We immediately started looking for a new clutch assembly and finally located one at a company in Wausau, WS. After a few more delays it arrived in Ethiopia and Monte Hininger left on March 20<sup>th</sup> for Ethiopia to do the repairs, which are extensive. The rig was moved to Hawassa and is on the Deaf School compound. If things went well the work should have been completed in three or four days and the rig was returned to the drilling area by the time you receive this report. The new rig had a fuel supply problem and a factory mechanic came from India to locate the problem and repair it. We will report in our next month's newsletter if these efforts were successful. We must always "Press On!" (Philippians 3:14) Please pray!

## **CLOTHING GIFT FOR THE DEAF CHILDREN IN ADDIS ABABA:**



The Ministry of Women and Social Affairs and other government officials brought a gift of clothing for the students of our school in Addis Ababa. The value of this gift was \$5400. It is good to be honored

by the government in this way. Muse, our school director, is shown receiving this gift. You can see the boxes of clothing in the background on the left.

Thank all of you who pray for and support the great ministries in Ethiopia.

Kevin and John Ed Clark