

Addis Ababa Bible Training Institute Report

“Digging Deeper”



“Digging Deeper” can have multiple meanings. The picture above gives one a sense of just one of those meanings. That is, physically digging a deep hole and making it deeper. The hole above represents the first steps for a new multipurpose building on the campus of the Makanisa School for the Deaf (which is the building just behind the deepening hole). More will be said about the plans for this new building in future releases and via other communication channels.

For the AABTI and its’ students, we are in the final months of a 2-year journey of Biblical exploration. For each of our 20 students, this has involved a deeper dive into the Text of Scripture than they have had in the past. This is not to say that these brothers have not been exploring God’s word deeply in the past. As a group, they amaze me with their already existing knowledge of God’s word. They are a very capable group with some true “stars” in their midst. As in all student cohorts, there is a “Bell-Curve” of intrinsic capabilities. But I have been surprised at the depths that those on the upper end of the Bell-Curve are capable of. I have had and will have more time with this class in this final year of their studies.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to dig deeper into God's word with them. It has been a blessing to me, and I believe to and for them as well. We are fast approaching the end of this 2-year journey of study together with these men. We are excited for their futures in ministry and evangelism as they approach the "next stage" in their lives. Do pray for this whole class of men and their families. Pray that God will bless them with a clear vision for the future that He desires for them. Also pray that their families and the communities they will be working with will encourage and bless them with great opportunities for success. Also pray that each one of them will dig deeply into the depths of God's word throughout their lives for the direction and encouragement they will need to be successful in ministry.

Pray for the overall work in Ethiopia. I am so excited that a group of national brothers from Addis are going to be able to travel down-country again during the next 2 week break from the AABTI program. I look forward to the day when we "farenjis" (foreigners in Ethiopia) will be able to travel and minister more freely outside of Addis Ababa.

Many thanks to the 11 different men that have taught and will teach this group of students. This diversity of backgrounds in our teachers is a special blessing to this group of men. Each brings special strengths and insights to the men. It helps them dig not just "deeper" but also "wider" into the encouraging depths of God's word.

Blessings,

Jim Wilson and the Students of the AABTI