



GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,



Brother Dagnatchew Olana, a Christian brother and leader, evangelist of the Gospel of Christ, husband, father, director of the Nekemte School of Preaching, the Nekemte School for the Deaf, the Nekemte Kindergarten and a mentor to hundreds of Christian men and women passed from this life on Monday, March 14, 2011. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. He had struggled with diabetes for several years which may have caused the stroke that took his life.



Left: Brother Dagnatchew stands with his wife Abaynesh and their two children in front of their home in Nekemte. Center: He is pictured with the students and instructors of the Nekemte School of Preaching. This school was at the heart of his ministry and service in the Kingdom. Right: The Church of Christ compound in Nekemte showing some of the fruits of his ministry. From left to right in the picture, the Deaf School Basket Weaving building, the School for the Deaf, the auditorium of the Nekemte Church of Christ, the Nekemte Kindergarten and the Nekemte School of Preaching. Dagnatchew spent the last several years of his life working with the government to obtain the gift of this land, building the buildings and watched as these ministries lifted up the lives of his people and provided the opportunity for the salvation of the souls for all who came to be touched because of his life of service. “.....Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on! “Yes,” says the Spirit, “so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.” Revelation 14:13



UPDATE ON BROTHER DEMERE: Demere is recovering well from his medical procedures. He had two stents put in the arteries around his heart and then three weeks ago had prostate surgery. He is at his son's home in Atlanta and is anxious for the time to come when he will be able to return back to Ethiopia and his ministry there. Please continue to pray for him.

INTERNET REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN:

International Christian Concern (ICC) is an organization that watches for and reports on persecution of Christians all over the world. On March 14th they reported that the number of Evangelical Christian churches burned by radical Muslims in the Jimma area of Southwest Ethiopia had grown to 69 and that more than 10,000 members of those churches have been displaced because of the violence, leaving their farms, homes and possessions behind. According to their report, several Christians, have been attacked and beaten and a large number have died from their injuries. We have a thriving congregation in



Jimma that meets in the auditorium of our Kindergarten. This picture was taken looking out of a side window of that auditorium. It shows a Mosque that is located about 100 yards away. We have several children from Muslim families that attend our kindergarten and are taught the bible every day, which many times include lessons about Jesus. I have been in meetings with parents of our students and have listened to Muslim fathers and mothers express their sincere appreciation for the opportunity to send their children to our school. We are concerned about the circumstances around the school, the church and our brethren who worship in the congregation. We ask that you remember this situation in your prayers.

Khor Wal Dor



Brother Khor graduated from the Nekemte School of Preaching in 2003. He was a refugee from Sudan and was a member of the church in the Dimma Refugee Camp, located in Western Ethiopia. Later, Khor attended and graduated from the Level Two School of Preaching in Addis Ababa. In 2009, Khor and his family moved back to Malakal, South Sudan. Brother James, another Level Two graduate returned home with him. They established the church in that city and have been preaching and building up a strong congregation. Recently the people of South Sudan voted to divide the country of Sudan into two nations; North Sudan and South Sudan. The division is

scheduled to become permanent in July this year. A few days ago we received the following email from Khor:

“Dear Brothers in Christ, the church is planted in Malakal. But there are big challenges facing us. The Malakal area has become the only war zone in Southern Sudan. I strongly encourage you by the name of Christ Jesus to pray for us here in Malakal that peace will be restored quickly. Our desire is only to preach the Gospel to the lost souls of South Sudan. Yours faithfully, Khor Wal Dor”

Remember to pray for Kor and James and for the church in South Sudan.

On March 29th, my son Kevin and I will travel to Ethiopia. The purpose of our trip will be to visit the Schools of Preaching, the Schools for the Deaf and many local churches. We will travel to as many of the 64 new water well sites as possible and speak to and encourage the new churches that have been established in those areas. We will return home on April 24th. We ask for your prayers.

Thank you for your faithfulness. Sometimes taking the gospel to our world is difficult. We must remember God is in control and has promised to go with us. (Matt. 28:19-20)

John Ed Clark