



# GOSPEL OUTREACH TO ETHIOPIA

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Dear Brethren and Friends of the Gospel Outreach to Ethiopia,

Encouraged by the faithful brethren and their accomplishments, we would like to share some of the experiences we were privileged to enjoy on our recent trip:

## THE CHURCH IN SHANO, SORO:



In 1985 a preacher named Titus Terore went to this remote place to preach. The area is called Shano, Soro. Traveling to new areas for any reason was difficult during that period because of government restrictions. However, Titus was determined to preach the gospel to the people in Shano even if his own safety was threatened. Some religious organizations had already been closed and their foreign missionaries had been sent back to their homelands. Members of those “illegal” religious groups scattered and soon they started to surface in other established churches, bringing their faith system with them. Such was the case at the new church in Shano that Titus had worked so hard to plant and build up. After a short while the “strange doctrine” (Galatians 1:6-7, 5:7-9) brought into the Shano church had its effect dividing the people until only a few members remained committed to the “faith that was once delivered....” (Jude 3). Years passed, but Titus never gave up and continued praying that God would provide a way to open the door once again in this area.

Three years ago, without knowing the history in the Shano area, we started drilling wells in this district. The gift of good water touched the hearts of the people and an evangelist named Bizuneh Kebabu was sent to the area to preach. The door which for so many years had been closed was reopened. People responded to the gospel message and the church in Shano was established once again. The prayers of Titus had been heard and answered. Now they have a new building only a few yards away from where the original building was located in 1983. It is full and overflowing with more than 200 new members. The son in law of Titus, Petros Erbe, attended and graduated from the School of Preaching in Jajura and is now serving with Brother Titus at the Shano church.

## **BROTHER EROMO KELBISOW:**



Left to Right: Brothers Moges Wolde, Eromo Kelbisow, Alemayehu Desalegn and Kevin Clark

When my family and I arrived in Addis Ababa in May, 1968, the first Ethiopian preacher I met was Brother Eromo Kelbisow. Three days before I arrived, Eromo, along with Behailu and eleven other brethren had graduated from a new School of Preaching in Addis Ababa. For the next three years Eromo and I worked together. We traveled together all over

the districts of Kambatta, Badewatcho, Wollieta, Soro and several other smaller districts. From 1968 to 1970 more than 100 congregations were established in those areas. In 1971 Eromo was brought to America to attend Pepperdine University when it was in downtown Los Angeles. After several years he completed his doctorate. He made trips back to Ethiopia and we saw each other on two or three occasions, but we hadn't seen each other for more than 25 years. This trip we happened to be in Ethiopia at the same time and were able to meet and discuss our ministries and pledge to work more closely together. His love for the Lord, His Church and the gospel have never wavered. We believe our association with Eromo will bring blessings to the church.

## **THE AWASA WORLD ENGLISH INSTITUTE COMPUTER SCHOOL:**



Hope is a beautiful word. Perhaps this word is not often used in connection with a computer training school. But, in this school, hope is what these sixteen women now have. The Women's Association Department of the government asked if they could send this group of ladies to our school. These women are single moms. They had few skills that enabled them to find jobs to support themselves and their families. But with computer skills, they will be employed. Two years ago a group of ladies like these graduated

from this school. None had jobs when they came. The day after they graduated all of them reported to new jobs and are now gainfully employed. In addition, all students are required to complete the World English Institute Bible (WEI) Courses. Brother Dinku is their teacher. He was converted to Christ as he studied God's word using the WEI bible courses. He knows the value of this ministry. It offers hope for a better life and it offers hope for eternity. Yes, hope is a beautiful word.

In the coming News Letters we will share other good experiences with you. Your faithful prayers and financial support continues to lift up the lives of people and to give them hope. The deaf, the thirsty, the hungry, the children and the lost have hope because you care. We pray that God will continue to use us all to bring glory to His Name in every possible way.

John Ed and Kevin Clark