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We would love to hear from you. Please write us with your comments, suggestions or just words of encouragement to share with our readers.

*"I want to take this opportunity and congratulate you for the superb job you are doing with your team in Borana, to recruit evangelists, support and sustain them so that they could proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*May the Lord bless you richly even as you try to discharge your responsibility of the Great Commission.*

*Thank you for keeping me in the loop by sending me your news letter regularly.*

*Yours in His service,  
Francis Stephanos*

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**PRAISE & PRAYER**

**PRAISE GOD FOR....**



- ◆ His continued protection over the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ The souls that continue to come to Christ.
- ◆ The faithful supporters of Gospel For All who support this ministry both financially and through prayer.
- ◆ Tsega-ab agreeing to take over responsibilities previously held by Darara Timotewos (currently studying in the USA) to compile and provide regular updates from the field to us on a regular basis.
- ◆ Fikadu Haile stepping in to assist with the financial end of the ministry in Ethiopia (this was previously handled by Dawit Yohannes who is now studying in Norway).

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ◆ Pray that educational materials will be made available to the evangelists. This includes material for literacy programs that have been implemented as well as health related materials in the areas of family health and hygiene and HIV/AIDS prevention.
- ◆ Pray for the *Hand of Hope* project that is reaching out to children orphaned — some of which are a direct result of HIV/Aids.
- ◆ Pray for the physical safety of the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ Pray that places of worship would be made available.
- ◆ Pray for the leadership team of Gospel For All that they would have wisdom as they lead this ministry for the Glory of God.
- ◆ Pray for the necessary finances to continue to come in to carry out this ministry.
- ◆ Pray for us as we work on developing a plan to provide on-going training for our evangelists in order for them to be fully equipped to spread the Good News.



**Special Requests Regarding the  
Borana Outreach Project  
Leadership Team**

- The leadership team in Ethiopia is currently in a transition phase. One of the leaders, Dawit Yohannes has received a 2-year scholarship to attend school in Norway. He left for Norway in July. In addition, our key point of contact, Darara Timotewos was blessed with the opportunity to attend St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida. He arrived in the USA the middle of August. Please pray for both Dawit and Darara as they enter into this phase of their lives.
- Pray that they would diligently work at obtaining a license for this ministry in Ethiopia
- Pray that God would provide volunteers who are willing to assist with the administrative needs of this ministry.
- Pray that we would run the ministry wisely and according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**THANK YOU**

*To all of you who faithfully pray for the evangelists by name.*

*We encourage you to adopt an evangelist and pray for him daily.*

*Let us know who you are praying for and we will pass this on to the evangelist. This will be a great encouragement to know that his name is being lifted up every day to our Father.*

**SPREADING THE  
LOVE OF JESUS  
CHRIST TO  
UNREACHED PEOPLE  
GROUPS AROUND THE  
WORLD.**

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**A Glimpse at Borana Culture—The *Gorfa***

God continues to weave the Gospel For All family tightly together in ways that only He could orchestrate. Year by year supporters have joined with us and shared the vision for reaching the lost for Christ. In the future, as God weaves additional strands into our ministry, we hope to be able to expand in to other areas and hire additional evangelists from different backgrounds.

Until God leads us in another direction, we are committed to the area where we are currently working — among the Borana Oromo.

The Borana Oromo live mainly in southern Ethiopia and northern Kenya. There are more than half a million Borana Oromo living throughout southern Ethiopia. The Borana are a tribe of nomadic pastoralists with a unique culture. Before the introduction of Islam and Christianity, the Borana prac-

ticed their own religion. They believe in one Waaqayoo (or God). Many Borana continue to practice their traditional religious beliefs alongside Islam or Christianity once they convert.

Along with their own religion, there are also many items unique to the Borana Oromo. One of these is the *gorfa*. A *gorfa* is one of the many basket like containers made and used by the Borana. The fibers used in making these containers are woven very tightly. The end product is light to carry and extremely durable. It is an ideal container for liquids. A key characteristic of the *gorfa* is the application of cowries. Cowries are small white shells used to decorate the container. They use these on many of their woven items.

All Borana women are expected to learn how to make woven milk containers, such as the *gorfa*. Milk containers are vital objects in the Borana culture where raising cattle is their livelihood. Milk is a symbol of abundance. Fertility is associated with the weaving. The container and the milk together symbolize the ideal combination of abundance and fertility which are the two fundamental requirements for the reproduction and prosperity of the community.

In the Borana society, women make woven containers and men carve wood containers. Even though both types of containers can serve the same basic function, they are used in different social settings. Some containers have both wood and basketry components and therefore require the work of both a man and



a woman, usually a husband and wife or at least members of the family living in the same household. These containers reflect a key element of Borana culture, a healthy interdependence between man and woman manifest in the complementary roles men and women perform in their families and communities.

I have a *gorfa* in my home. It was given to me on my first trip to Ethiopia and is one of my most cherished mementos. To me it has always been a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. Just recently, I learned the significance of the *gorfa* and now that I understand the importance of this item in everyday Borana life, I look at it in an entirely different light.

Just as the fibers of the *gorfa* are tightly woven together to form a sturdy, durable container, my prayer is that Gospel For All will be able to reach out to the Borana people and have the love of Christ woven tightly into their lives and communities.

by: Vivian H. Dersu

### Desta Tadesse Shares with the Gospel For All Family (Amharic on the top/English translation on the bottom)

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Desta Tadesse served as the coordinator of the evangelists in Ethiopia for about one year. He received the opportunity to come to the USA and arrived here in July 2005. He currently resides in Nashville, TN.

"I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome." Romans 1:14-15

To the beloved and chosen people of Christ reading this Gospel For All newsletter, Greetings and Kingdom blessings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is written in the Bible, GO TO THE END OF THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MANKIND. God bless all of you in America, Ethiopia and Norway for your commitment and support of Gospel For All through your prayers, finances and in whatever way you are able.

The Gospel is the most necessary thing for our world. At this moment, how many people die due to accidents, sickness and HIV/Aids with out hearing the gospel? Brothers, the Gospel protects from accidents, the Gospel heals from diseases, the Gospel will protect from HIV/AIDS and the Gospel will bring peace to the world we live in. In addition, the Gospel brings blessings. Children of God, as it is written in Romans 1:14-15 we have an obligation to preach the Gospel. Let us be strong and preach the Gospel.

Let me say a little about the evangelists — The evangelists are committed to Christ and preaching the Gospel. I know many places they travel there is no water and it is extremely hot, but the evangelists are able to endure these difficult conditions and continue preaching the Gospel. All of this is because, as the word of God said, we have an obligation to reach others. Brothers, let us not be quiet, let us be strong in our prayers, finances and in our encouragement to the evangelists. There is a price in preaching the Gospel. The work of the Gospel will continue to reach more beyond our endeavors.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10 Brother Desta Tadesse

### Get to Know Our Evangelists on a More Personal Level! — continued



**Dimtu Guyo** is married with 6 children ranging from 16 to 35 years old. Dimtu ministers in the Deeda Jaarsa area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Genesis 12:1~9

**What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?**

I thank God for His blessings and for rescuing me from the power of darkness and sin from my childhood. I am an illiterate woman in the midst of an ungodly society living in a very remote region. It is only by the grace of God that I have been living with Christ for more than three decades. I thank God for His faithfulness through the many trials and life challenges I have faced through my life. God is faithful to those who trust in Him!

I am old and losing my physical strength. Now is the time to send a young, capable, passionate evangelist to Deeda Jaarsa. I shared this burden with Samuel when he was here and I am waiting for a positive response. My other heart burden and daily prayer is to see a permanent church building in Deeda Jaarsa.

Samuel and Fayo, thank you for your prayer, help and the letter you sent us. We are thrilled and our spirits lifted from hearing that you have a plan to visit us in 2 years with other friends. We are praying for you and all of those who are faithfully standing with us in prayer and sacrificially supporting Gospel For All.

Thank you!

**Taadi Bonaya** is married with 2 young children, ages 2 and 6. Taadi is currently ministering in the Dubluk area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Joshua 24:15

**What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?**

Thank you for your willingness to know about me and my family. I believe I need to better myself in every direction in order to do more for the advancement of the Kingdom. I am currently preparing to continue my education through correspondence courses. I only completed the 9th grade and I want to further my education. In addition, I want to be able to send my children to school. I want to send my first born son, Ebisa to a good school in Yavello (about 100km from Mega). Lastly, I want to make a base for my family in Yavello which I believe will make for a better future for my children. I am praying that we would be able to find a house in Yavello and that God would provide financially for me to carry out the above plans for my family. Please pray with me regarding the above.



**Teshome Tadesse** is currently single, but has plans to marry in December 2006. He currently ministers in the city of Mega and the surrounding areas.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Proverbs 1:7

**What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?**

Greetings and thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As you know, God willing, I will be getting married in December. Please pray for me and my upcoming marriage. It will be one of the historical days in my life.

Always, I thank God for the great vision He has given you to reach the lost for Jesus — press on. We are praying for you and all the partners of Gospel For All. May God bless you.

**Get to Know Our Evangelists on a More Personal Level! — continued**

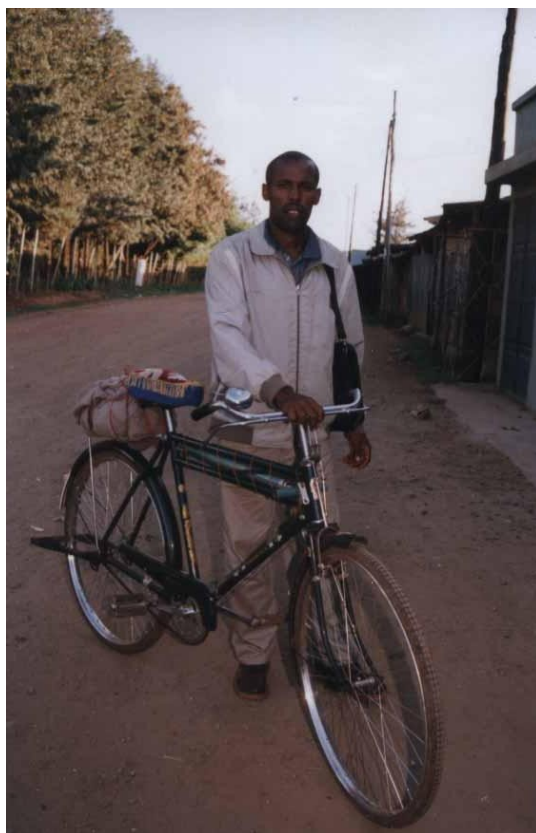
**Guyo Buke** is single and ministers in the Dembi area (close to the Ethiopian/Kenyan border).

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Romans 8:31

**What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?**

I only have a 7th grade education, but would like to continue with my education if I am given the opportunity. I thank God that I am able to be a part of carrying the message of the gospel to those who are lost., but I lack adequate Bible training. It is difficult to preach the word of God without understanding the entire message. Our team members have zeal and passion for lost souls, but we are lacking good training. Please, find a way to provide us with training in order for us to be better equipped to carry out our calling.

There are 18 children in my family, 12 of these have accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Please pray with me for the salvation of the rest of my family, including my parents. I believe that God will change the dark history of my family. He has already started and He will finish it according to His will. Finally, if at all possible, I need a bicycle for my ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support. We are all so encouraged and set on fire to do our best for Jesus!



**Malicha Kotola** is married with 7 children ranging in age from 1 to 13 years old. He ministers in the Bululle area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Genesis 15:1~5

**What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?**

I thank God for His protection and abundant grace. Always, when I think about you and remember you and your ministry in my prayers, my heart is full of joy and thanks to God. By His grace, I am doing well with my family, but I need more education and training. Please, if you have the means or idea about training, please find a way to provide more of this for us. It is very difficult to establish churches, develop leaders and make a difference with our limited knowledge.

Think about the vast area in which we are ministering and send more native missionaries to serve in other villages. Pray for my family and ministry. Thank you for your prayer and support, as well as your letter of encouragement.

*"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers."*

*Ephesians 4:11*

**Gospel For Unreached Nations — Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele**

God continues to use Tsega-ab as he carries out God's calling on His life. In May he went down to Mega to conduct a 2-day training seminar for all of the evangelists affiliated with Gospel For All. The training centered around spiritual warfare — something that these evangelists face every day. God used Tsega-ab to provide them with necessary tools from the Word of God to equip them for facing this warfare on a daily basis. Much time was spent in prayer and encouragement. The evangelists left Mega to return to their places of service with a better understanding of the reality of the spiritual warfare they are facing. In addition, they all realized the importance of getting on-going solid Biblical training so that they can more effectively reach the lost for Christ.

During June and July, Tsega-ab traveled extensively conducting conferences and ministry

schools. Tsega-ab had the privilege of participating in a soul winning convention in the city of Dilla. The attendees were young college students from the area. Tsega-ab was impressed by the openness, eagerness and yearning in these students for God himself. God worked in the lives of these young people in a truly remarkable way. Tsega-ab hopes that many of these students will one day serve as native missionaries in Ethiopia.

Following the soul winning convention Tsega-ab conducted a seminar in Awassa with Youth Leaders from various churches in the area. God used Tsega-ab to give these Youth leaders a renewed vision for reaching the youth of Ethiopia for Christ.

Please continue to keep Tsega-ab in your prayers as he continues to allow God to use Him to train native ministers, youth leaders and evangelists.

*We are pleased to announce that Evangelist Tsega-ab has agreed to join hands with Gospel For All and provide on-going Biblical training for our evangelists! Please pray for him as he works this into his already busy schedule.*



Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele

*Gospel For All partially supports Tsega-ab's ministry. Please pray for additional supporters to join his team. Continue to pray for Evangelist Tsega-ab as he continues to minister full-time. Pray for God's continued protection over him and his family.*

# Hand of Hope

## Reaching out to orphans...many left behind due to HIV/Aids

Hand of Hope continues sponsor Kabale and Kaliti, 2 sisters who lost both of their parents within a five year period. Both of them will be enrolled in school in September. Evangelist Teshome is responsible for checking in on the girls and providing spiritual guidance as well as making sure they stay in school. There are many more children like Kabale and Kaliti who need our help. Please pray that additional funds would be made available so that we can reach out to more children who are in desperate need of assistance. Currently Hand of Hope has enough funds to support Kabale and Kaliti for two years. We will not make a commitment to help a child unless funds are available.

**HIV/Aids Facts:** There are an estimated 1.2 million AIDS orphans in Ethiopia today. 30% of the deaths of 15~49 year olds in Ethiopia is from AIDS

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child... please send a gift to Gospel For All and specify that it should be used for the Hand of Hope project!

## Get to Know Our Evangelists on a More Personal Level!!

During a recent 3-day training seminar for our evangelists, we wrote them a letter of encouragement and asked them to share with us a little bit about themselves — including their favorite Bible verse as well as anything else they wanted to share with the Gospel For All family. Following is what they shared — we hope this will help you get to know them better.

**Wario Galgallo** is married with one child. He serves as the coordinator of our evangelists and in addition he ministers in the Moyale area (along the Ethiopian/Kenyan border)..

**Favorite Bible Verse:** John 10:10

### What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?

Greetings and thanks for your prayer, help and encouragement. We were very happy to receive your letter and hear of your future plans to visit our land with other Christian friends from PLCF. We are praying for your preparations and all activities to see what God is doing here in the wilderness. On behalf of all those ministering with me, I want to say thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for all the partners of Gospel For All and their sacrificial help. God is doing many miracles through your help and prayer. Please, remember your reward will be precious and eternal. Do not give up working with us in the vineyard of God. We believe that together we will make a difference in millions of lives. Thank you. Please continue to pray for my family and ministry.



And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:15



**Yaikob Dima** is married with 5 children ranging from 1 to 16 years old. He currently ministers in the Adisa area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Genesis 12:1

### What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?

I thank God for his mercy and guidance upon my life and ministry. Always, I remember you and all the partners of Gospel For All in my prayers.

The area I work in is a large area and it is difficult for one person to handle this large area. I recommend that another evangelist be sent to this region. Recently, I have come to the realization that I need additional training in order to effectively carry out my calling. I am preaching only the salvation message, but Jesus Christ called us not only to preach, but also to teach His Word. Passion is wonderful, but adequate preparation through the Word is vital for an effective ministry.

Please find the way for me and others to get some solid Biblical training. Thank you for your prayers for my family and ministry.

## Get to Know Our Evangelists on a More Personal Level! — continued



**Dida Barako** is married with 4 children, ages 2, 4, 6 and 8. He ministers in the Gandelle area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Joshua 1:1~9

### What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?

May God bless you all for your prayers, help and encouragement. I always thank God for you and the great burden He has laid on your hearts.

Islam is one of the greatest challenges I face in my ministry. Sometimes, we are confronted and attempts are made to assassinate our character by false testimonies. People are bound by a heathen culture, ignorance and Satan. The spiritual warfare is very real in our area. We need more prayer and strong training to abolish the influence of the power of darkness in our area and the entire surrounding areas.

My crucial need at this time is to find time to study the Word of God in depth in order to face the challenges I encounter every day. Please pray for the future of my family and ministry. Thank you very much for your letter. We are praying for Gospel For All and all the partners of this ministry.

"The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor."

1 Corinthians 3:8

**Boba Guyo** is single and ministers in the Gandelle area.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** Hebrews 10:19

### What do you want to share with the Gospel For All family?

In my ministry, I face a lot of challenges and there is real spiritual battle taking place every day. Please pray for me to reach more souls for the Kingdom of God. Thank you very much for your prayers and help. Also, thank you for the letter you sent to us. It was a source of great encouragement and refreshment for all of us. It encourages me to continue on with the next step of ministry ahead of me. I always remember you and all the partners of Gospel For All in my prayers.

I live with my elderly mother and three brothers. All of them depend on me. Please pray with me for God to send me a Godly wife of His choosing.

