

Gulale Compound Report:

BSCO Coordinator is now Ojud, President of EGBS. He looks very handsome behind Solomon's desk. Asnaketch is the one who knows everything, as always!

Wall, gate, widened driveway all look very nice, but we endured weeks of red dirt dumped where we park, tracked into our homes and FINALLY distributed about the grassy areas. This provided level areas where trees left indentures, etc. in the past. Seed was sown last week and I can now report seeing grass shoots coming through the red dirt. John Haspels observed that this was not top soil being brought in so we wondered if grass would grow?!

The flower bed in front of the Upper Guest House is graced by bright marigolds that are soaking up the sunshine they receive (unfortunately not every morning during rainy season) since the big tree was removed and the others trimmed.

Council meeting of Bethel Synods Presidents decisions:

1. Ato Alemu and his wife, Ganet, moved into their house on the compound (next to Ato Joseph), having waited a year (since Solomon died). He is a happy man – working about the compound more and always available in the middle of the night for airport runs.
2. Dorothy Hanson was officially asked to carry out the duties formerly performed by Rachel in connection with Guest House hospitality, “but only until Rahel returns”.

Lower Guest House now has one page of all information copied, inserted into plastic sleeve and placed in each room. Lines for drying in the basement yet to be installed!

Next week the Girls' School starts up with some special summer classes, “required” for certain levels. July 8 was kindergarten graduation – how sweetly they sang and all these little girls in graduation gowns, caps and carrying flowers!

Lower Guest House will bulge next week with McCarteys + Trinity's 9 guests. Dr. Mammo and another Ethiopian guest continue to reside. Dorothy will take Colleen, the volunteer teacher from Dembi Dollo into her guest room to help with the overflow.

June 11 a small wedding and reception were held in Dorothy's home. The appearance of one of the guests (hair) and the music, provided “concern” which was reported back to Dorothy later. The groom was Tsegaab, the resident of my Guest Room since February. He has since departed for Dubai and will not be returning to my guest room.

Lap Top requests which have been going out for at least a year, will be met with Trinity arrives with four. Ato Getachew's son and Gilo Goro will be the beneficiaries and the other two will go to SWBS (partner of Trinity).

Three Anuaks from America and two American women (all from Spokane, WA) returned safely from their two weeks in Gambella, building an orphanage. Ojud is very happy that “someone is finally doing something for Gambella.”

Menlo Park group is coming at the end of July. After talking to Frank Marsh, who rates our guest house very high, they want meals also. Diane Dittmar is the leader (ddittmar@mppc.org)

No promises for future Gulale Compound reports, but hope you enjoyed these newsy bits.

Dorothy Hanson, Missionary in Residence