

NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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Fun facts about Ethiopia

* The Great Rift Valley cuts through Ethiopia from Northeast to south and is the only physical feature in Africa visible from space.

* The name “Ethiopia” comes from the Greek words *aitho* and *ops*, which together mean “burnt face.” This was how the ancient Greeks referred to the dark-skinned people of eastern Africa.



*Come learn Amharic
with me...*

Melkam Qen

means

“Have a good day!”

Seeing the Fruits

It has been a real joy to work with the Masters students these past two years at Mekane Yesus Seminary.

But what brings a lot of joy is to see the fruit of your labors among your students. This past month brought to completion the students’ studies and their Master Thesis defense in the MA II class. These are the students that my colleague, Rev. Eric Stinnett, and myself have been teaching for the last two years.

Yet, over the course of the last month it has been a busy time for student and teachers alike. After having helped to put the final touches on their student’s papers teachers were given a new set of thesis papers to mark for their final grade. Then came the culmination of their work...the thesis oral defense. Thanks be to God they all did well!

But, you might ask, “What has this to do with the Gospel?”

Well, as Christians, we are to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have in Christ Jesus, although we don’t need degrees to do so. But the Bible says that pastors are to be those who are “able to teach” and “defend the faith.”

These students, many who are already seasoned pastors, have spent the last two years equipping themselves to be better pastors to care for, disciple and equip their flocks. Others are church leaders who want to grow in their capacity as leaders for the church and still others are teachers at the other regional seminaries who will equip more pastors, teachers and leaders for the future of the church. Such a labor has indeed brought fruit and it is all for Christ’s church.



Pr. Girma MA II and Pr. Mark



Pr. Mark and Pr. Takele an MA II
Student at MYS

Not only was it a joy to see our students succeed and know they will have an impact for the church we also saw their thankfulness and generosity as servants of the church. Both of the photos on this page were taken during the luncheon that the students hosted for the Master’s Program Faculty. At the student’s invitation we had the joy of eating a meal together, encouraging one another and also praying for each other. It was truly a time of thanksgiving that we had together one last time as they prepare to graduate and serve Christ’s church.

"Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Safe travels during home service
- Stefanie's father's health
- The spread of the Gospel in Ethiopia to Muslims and other non-believers
- For our children: friendships, education and activities
- The blessing of sports at Bingham Academy

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe travels for the Rabe family to the US
- The completion of another school year serving MYS

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Home Service

Every two years missionaries return back to the United States to visit with their supporting congregations and new congregations that are interested in the work God is doing in their respective country of service. Over the course of the next two and a half months the Rabe family will travel on each coast and a little in the middle to share with our supporting congregations the joy of God's work in Ethiopia. We will also have the opportunity to share about and how the Gospel continues to spread through our walking alongside the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in theological education. Below are the dates and places we will be this Summer to share about the work that happens through your prayers and support. Please keep all the missionaries who are on home service in your prayers



Where will the Rabe Family be this summer? We may be at a congregation near you!

- June 10 Redeemer Lutheran, Chico, California
- June 12 Holy Cross Lutheran, Cypress, California
- June 17 Holy Cross, Albany, Oregon
- June 21-23 Northwest District Convention (Booth)
- June 24 Living Savior, Tualatin, Oregon 8:30am/10:15am
- June 25 Faith Lutheran, Monmouth, Oregon 10:30 am
- July 1 Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, Oregon 10 am
- July 8 Skype with Cordova Lutheran, Rancho Cordova, California
- July 8 Faith Parrish, Florida (Installation of Rev. Patrick Pooock)
- July 13 Messiah Lutheran VBS, Valdosta, Georgia 9am
- July 15 Trinity Lutheran, Albany, Georgia 9am
- July 18 Hanover Lutheran, Cape Girardeau 10am
- July 21 Mission Central, 1pm
- July 22 Our Savior, Denison, Iowa 9am
- July 29 Immanuel Lutheran, Hamilton, Ohio 8am/10:45am
- July 29 Messiah Middleton, Ohio, 3pm
- August 5 Good Shepherd Lutheran, Greenville, SC Mission Festival
- August 7 Savior of All, Lutheran, Cartersville, Georgia 9:30 am
- August 8 Living Faith Lutheran, Cumming, Georgia 9am
- August 8 Christ Lutheran, Perry, Georgia 6:30pm
- August 12 Rivercliff Lutheran, Sandy Springs, Georgia 8:30/11am

We still have more days available to visit your congregation or home!



Left: A coffee field in Ethiopia

