



### Did you know . . . ?

The word for turkey doesn't exist in Amharic. It is called an "American chicken". We did find a turkey for Thanksgiving. It weighed 7 lbs. and cost \$100 US dollars! We ate chicken.



**FACEBOOK:** We are on Facebook! However, it is unavailable to us right now in Ethiopia. We'll start posting again when we are able to do so. Thank you for your continued prayers.

## The Evangel in Ethiopia

### Strengthening Students and Studies



*Left: Masters I class attending a lecture; (below) the same class attending an informal gathering with Eric and Dr. Rabe to continue to strengthen relationships and theology*



**Mekane Yesus Seminary**—As the mission team here in Ethiopia, we are constantly trying to find ways to strengthen the impact we can have on our students, the Mekane Yesus Seminary and the EECMY as a whole. This month, we took another step to help build our relationships with the students. Rev. Rabe and I invited the first-year MA students to meet with us on a Saturday for an afternoon of informal fellowship time. We met at the Rabe's house. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the students better and for them to get to know us along with our families on a more personal note. It also gave the students a chance to ask any theological questions they may have that don't fit into our regular class discussions. It was a great success. We did not take a formal attendance count, but I do believe every single year-one MA student was there. The students were all talkative as we broke into two main groups, along with some smaller discussions on the side. We talked about our families, life in Ethiopia, etc...but it didn't take the students long to turn the conversation to theological matters. They were very eager to hear our opinions about many of the areas that don't fit into the formal topics of our respective classes. We have decided to continue with these fellowship gatherings a couple times per month from now on and to expand it to the second year MA students as well. It is my hope that by the time these students graduate, we have a close enough personal relationship with each one that they will feel comfortable continuing to contact us and use us as resources to help them when they are back in fulltime ministry. I pray these weekend gatherings will help bring that to pass.

### Engaging Ethiopia



*Right: Naomi is holding a glow worm that we found on the way home from Bible Class. The close-up on the left, shows the greenish glow that it emits. We find them around our compound or "gebi" from time to time and it always makes the kids really excited. God is truly amazing to build these tiny creatures with bioluminescence!*



**Amharic**—this is our language. If you haven't seen a friend for a while you might say, ረጅም ጊዜ ከተለዩን። (rāḡḡim gize kätäläyayän) which means, "Long time no see!"





### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- our country of Ethiopia
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 new pastors for MYS
- all of our world missionaries away from home during Thanksgiving and the Christmas seasons
- Eric and Dr. Rabe as they start to wrap up their classes for this first semester
- that God will continue to uphold our team in Addis
- needed Amharic catechisms from LHF
- steady improvement and understanding Amharic
- Ethiopian hymnal project
- good health & spirits
- Naomi—asthma/allergies? Time will tell.

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Dr. Alexei from Russia who is teaching an intensive
- a wonderful Thanksgiving
- the beginning of Advent

### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- the many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and partner with us
- the leaders of the EECMY and LCMS who work together to the glory of God

## What Have We Been Doing Lately?



(Right):  
Most of  
the crazy  
joining-of  
-words  
distills  
down to  
this one  
word!

November was a great month for us. Here are a few snapshots from our month. (Clockwise from bottom left): Choir members at Debre Zeyt, an EECMY church where we attended service this last month. We followed that with traditional coffee ceremony at Tadelech's house (the first LCMS trained Deaconess in Ethiopia) and her nephew Binyam, who enjoyed Luke immensely and vice versa. (top right corner) Ethiopian women dressed in traditional dresses for a formal occasion in Addis Ababa. Lastly, a grammar lesson from our language school class. There has been a noticeable jump from our previous level 2C to 3A in the difficulty of the lessons and expectations.

**Closing Thoughts . . .** Our Lord is always working through His people. We remember the Ethiopian eunuch: "So Philip ran to him (the eunuch) and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (*Acts 8:30ff*) Thank you in Jesus' Name for your support of the work which God has laid before us.

*In Service to Christ— Eric, Johanna, Rachael, Naomi & Luke*

### Missions Anyone?

There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](http://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

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