

Did you know . . . ?

Ethiopians measure time from when the sun rises. When the sun rises at 6 o'clock it is said



to be 12 o'clock. So then 7:00am is actually one o'clock.

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The Evangel in Ethiopia

Mekane Yesus Seminary Graduation



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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia— Saturday, June 18th was a huge day for many of the seminarians on our campus. The MYS School of Theology graduated 33 Masters students as well as 249 Bachelors students. These students come from the far reaches of Ethiopia and are now going out to serve the Lord in a church that is growing in leaps and bounds.

The Masters students will become teachers in the outlying Bible colleges or taking more of a leadership role in their various districts (or synods as they refer to them). Most of the Bachelors students go directly into parish ministry, usually returning to their home regions. Some of the top Bachelors students may return to the Seminary at some point,

but not until they have served a number of years as a parish pastor gaining field experience first. Please pray for all of these new willing church workers as they receive and go to their called churches. Thanks be to God!

Engaging Ethiopia—Women's Workshop Cohosted



Gudina Tumsa Holistic Training Center— The EECMY and LCMS hosted a Women's Workshop in June covering topics such as "The Role of Women in the Church", "Womanhood", "Service in the Church", "Feminist Movements and the Bible" as well as many other topics. It was attended by at least three representatives from each of the 25 synods (or districts) of the Mekane Yesus Church in Ethiopia. Deaconess Faith Swenson, Dr. Albert Collver and Dr. Naomichi Masaki were the chief presenters. Wonderful presentations were made to encourage the women in their service to the Lord.

Amharic—this is the language we are learning. To tell someone that you are sorry for their trouble you would say: አዝናሁ (azənaḥw)- *I am sorrowful.*





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- all the MYS new grad/pastors who are going out to serve in their parishes
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 pastors in the EECMY
- for the Youngs who will be joining our team in Ethiopia
- Eric and Dr. Rabe as they start preparing to teach
- needed Amharic catechisms
- for our continued study of Amharic (part/fulltime)
- Ethiopian hymnal project
- for good health: ongoing

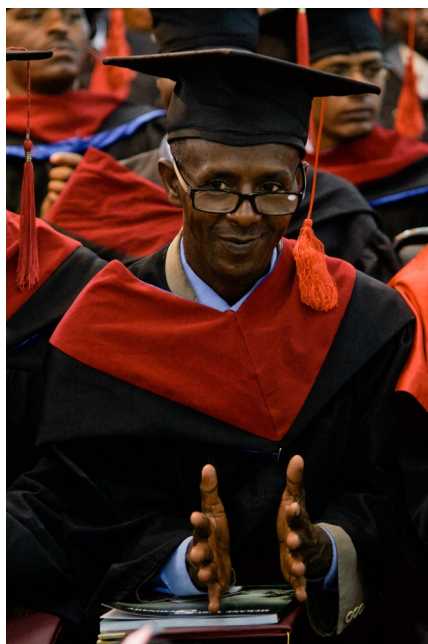
GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Johanna's knee healing
- all the MYS new pastors
- God's faithful people here

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 have a vision for this church that is amazing
- the women's workshop
- for Beza Tefera who helps us in so many ways
- Deaconess Faith Swenson

Mekane Yesus Seminary (MYS) Graduation



Clockwise from top left: Graduation Day at MYS—Eric, Rachael and Deaconess Faith Swenson at the MYS cafeteria before the event; Rev. Dr. Yacob Godebo, Dean of Theology, gives an encouraging speech; the graduates waiting to process in with mighty rains threatening—it is the rainy season or “k'remt”; one of the graduates expressing his appreciation during the proceedings. God's blessings to them all! (Photos courtesy of Carlotta Tiewes-LCMS)



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?” ³¹ 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

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