



Did you know . . . ?

Population of Ethiopia - about 99,000,000

Addis Ababa - the capital city where we will be living.

EECMY: the Lutheran Seminary where we will be living and teaching

We are on Facebook!

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The Evangel in Ethiopia

EECMY Students and Seminary

Ethiopia - Amazing news keeps flowing in from the Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). They are now at 8.1 million members, up from 7.4 million earlier this year. They have also identified the need for 10,000 new pastors. Thanks be to God!



Left: EECMY classroom, Right: Students at EECMY Photos: Erik M. Lunsford

When are the Stinnetts Going to Ethiopia?

Support Raising
(Predeployment)

Language &
Culture Training
(in Ethiopia)

Teaching at
Mekane Yesus

"When will you go?" is our most commonly asked question. Our answer usually is, "We don't know exactly, but it depends on many variables."

What are these variables? We are still in the process of Support Raising. To send a missionary to the field, the Office of International Mission figures out a financial profile. This profile takes into account all the expenses necessary to deploy and keep a missionary family on the field. Every missionary, along with Missionary Advancement, is responsible for raising the funding necessary to keep them on the field. This amount is in the vicinity of \$150,000 to \$200,000. With our family of five living in the urban city of Addis Ababa, our profile amount is near \$200,000 for the first year.

This amount seems huge, but takes into account the costs of visas, work permits, housing, vaccinations, moving there, language school (learning Amharic), airfare, healthcare, etc. Thanks be to God, who is working through you, we are steadily moving towards meeting this seemingly huge goal. We are currently between 35-40 percent of the way there.

Amharic—this is the language we will be learning. In this language, there are 126 letters. To say "Pleased to meet you!" you would say, ሰለተዋወቅን ደስ ብሎኛል (səlätäwawäqən däs bəloññall)





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Mekane Yesus Seminary faculty and students
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 pastors in the EECMY
- a smooth transition to Ethiopia
- Eric's work permits/and our family's official paperwork
- to be able to learn what we need to with humility and wisdom
- needed catechisms in Amharic
- that individuals and congregations would be moved to give regular ongoing support so we can be sent to Ethiopia

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- the many churches, schools and pastors we recently visited in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska & Kansas
- the Rabe family
- safe travels during network and support building

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- the many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and partner with us

What Does a Missionary Do During the Week? Part IV

Vaccinations are a necessary part of living overseas. In addition to the vaccines that are routine to the U.S., there are six other vaccines that are recommended or required. Typhoid and Hepatitis A are recommended for protection in case of food or water contamination. Hepatitis B, Meningitis, Rabies and Yellow Fever are all needed as well. In addition, anti-malarial medications are recommended in low-altitude areas. Since Addis Ababa is 7,700 feet above sea level, we will be above the malaria line and will probably not have to take this preventative medication regularly unless we are visiting low-altitude areas. We have started the process of receiving these vaccinations, but still have more to go.



Thank You Churches & Mission Central

Thank you to Mission Central run by Gary Thies for hosting and supporting us so generously. We thank God for the privilege of meeting so many of you.



Eric presenting at Mission Central on October 31, 2015 - Mapleton, Iowa (top and left) Naomi, Luke & Rachael enjoying fall festivities after a presentation in New Orleans



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

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. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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