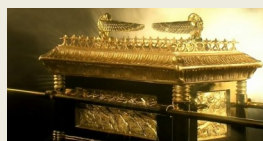




### Did you know . . . ?

The Ark of the Covenant, holding the 10 commandments, is claimed to be housed in a church in Ethiopia. Only one man, a guardian priest, is allowed to see it.



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## The Evangel in Ethiopia

### Summer Graduates & New School Year

**Mekane Yesus Seminary**—Yesterday was my first day in the classroom. Fall Semester for the 2016/2017 school year has officially begun. Technically, yesterday was still considered part of registration week and formal instruction wasn't expected to start until next week, but this was a second-year Masters class so the students were all familiar with the routine and didn't need any more time to get registered or oriented. They were all anxious to begin the school year and eager to learn, so they all came to class ready to learn and I came prepared to teach. I taught for four hours straight, with only one brief coffee/tea break in the middle. The class stayed tuned in the whole time and asked good questions. The time flew by.

On August 20th, we had a special graduation for men graduating from the summer Bachelors of Theology program. That program is scheduled so that men

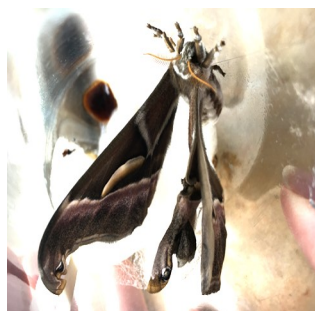
who are unable to enroll full-time for the normal school year can still take classes through the summers and complete the BTh program to become ordained pastors. We had fourteen summer BTh graduates. God's blessings to all of them.



#### Other events that happened this month:

- Krista & Joel Young and their two daughters arrived on the field and are our neighbors. Krista will work to coordinate LCMS mission teams and projects in Ethiopia.
- our Area Director Shauen Trump, along with his family and missionary Julie McManus, came for the Young's orientation.
- Rev. Dan McMiller visited from the Office of International Mission in St. Louis; also Sarah Kanoy (missionary RN from Kenya) came for a week

### Engaging Ethiopia



**Mekanisa**—Only about 5 minutes from our house, we visited a local shop that raises silk moths in order to harvest the silk that they use to make their cocoons. They then spin the silk into thread and make beautiful scarves, rugs, towels and more. While visiting there, our girls were given two caterpillars which then spun cocoons at our house and eventually metamorphosed into silk moths. They have now laid more than 30 eggs—we're waiting to see if they'll hatch. God's creations are amazingly complex and beautiful.

**Amharic**—this is our language. After first meeting someone, you might say **ጤና ይስጥልኝ።** (tenaistəlləñ) *May he (God) give you health on my behalf.*





### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- all the new and continuing students here at Mekane Yesus Seminary
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 pastors in the EECMY
- for the Youngs who have arrived and are adjusting
- Eric and Dr. Rabe as they started teaching this past week
- needed Amharic catechisms
- for our continued study of Amharic
- Ethiopian hymnal project
- for good health: ongoing

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- our continued adjustment as our team grows
- Rev. Trump and McMiller visiting and assessing our mission field
- 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 work together to achieve goals that are God-pleasing

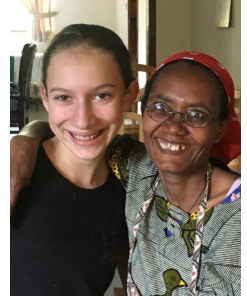
## Daily Life Around Addis Ababa



*Clockwise from top left:* Out and about in Addis with Julianna Rabe, Rachael, Gabriella Rabe, Sarah Kanoy (from Kenya) and Stefanie Rabe; Ethiopian cultural dancing at Yod Abyssina;



Rachael and Addis at home; Krista Trump, Stef, Julie McManus and Johanna at Alem Bunna a renowned coffee shop in Ethiopia; Naomi's 8th birthday party



**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?

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