

## The Evangel in Ethiopia

### Family Life Update

Our family is doing well here in Addis. Some people have been asking for a little more information about our family life and so we'll give an update on us this month. Eric, of course, continues to teach the Masters students who will hand in their final theses this week. The school year is drawing to a close and graduation and final exams start by the end of May. We continue to homeschool the girls who are finishing the 6th and 3rd grades. It was a blessing to find a homeschool group here that allows the children to participate in orchestra, sports, track & field, and many other extracurricular activities. Rachael and Naomi both got a first place in hurdles and the 4x100 relay race respectively. They are thankful for the friends and activities that have come from this group. Also, on our compound, Luke has found friends his age, 3, that he plays with most days. The kids have found plenty of happiness playing in an abandoned guard house just behind our house. It has become their "clubhouse". Eric and I are still attending language school weekdays and are making progress.



This last month was pretty healthy for us, except that while on our retreat in Kenya, Eric stepped into a covered hole and tore the ligaments in his ankle and is in a cast and on crutches. Pictured above, is our East Africa mission team meeting together in Watamu and it was a blessing to visit again with them. Last month, we were able to visit Hawassa and a monkey stole a banana right out of Naomi's hand and bit her! It didn't break the skin, but she was rattled. The countryside is beautiful with gorgeous lakes, mountains and people along the Rift Valley. There were many traditional grass Gojos (huts) as well. The people live a more traditional life using horse or donkey drawn carts as their transportation and depending on agriculture. It was good to get more connected with this facet of Ethiopian life.

### Engaging Ethiopia at Easter



**Amharic**—this is our language. To say: how do you say . . . in Amharic? You would say :

በአማርኛ ምን ይባላል?



### Did you know . . . ?

The Mountain Nyala is endemic to Ethiopia. It is an antelope that is found in a small part of central Ethiopia. The males weigh from 400-660lbs. They live about 15-20 years.



**FACEBOOK:** We are on Facebook, although consistent internet is a struggle. See our archived newsletters and feel free to share the work God is doing here with others. God is good!





### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- the people who continue to be affected by the dump landslide and the families of those still missing
- the Masters students turning in their theses this week
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 new pastors for MYS
- Eric's ankle to heal
- peace and safety in northern Ethiopia
- the Young family as they transition from Ethiopia to the Nairobi team
- the end of our homeschool year approaching

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Rev. Trump & McMiller's successful visit to Ethiopia
- a beautiful retreat in Kenya
- freedom to proclaim the Gospel & biblical teachings

### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- all who uphold the Lord's work here with prayer and support
- Professor Richard Nuffer and Rev. Matt Heise from Lutheran Heritage Foundation visiting and bringing Amharic books
- the Rabe family with us here in Ethiopia

## What Have We Been Doing & Seeing Lately?



*Clockwise from top left: An Oromo Gojo(hut); our family on Easter Day; some beautiful Oromo women carrying their little ones along the road; a camel & donkey drawn cart; Luke finding little treasures at our Easter chocolate hunt—there are no chocolate eggs or any mention of the Easter Bunny at all here — people could not understand this “Western” idea— “A bunny does what??!” Only Christ in Easter here.*



**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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