



Did you know . . . ?

Ethiopian birr is currently at 23 birr to \$1.00 USD. The word “birr” in Amharic means silver or money.



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!

The Evangel in Ethiopia

Conversational Connections



Addis Ababa—A few weeks ago, Dr Rabe and I had an informal Saturday afternoon get-together with our students, as we do from time to time. It provides an opportunity for us to get to know the students better, and for them to get to know us on a more personal level than the classroom allows. More than 25 students were there and we all had a good time visiting over coffee, tea and light snacks.

Our time together also provided the chance to discuss many different topics, some related directly to our classroom teaching, some on other subjects.

To give you an idea of the range of our discussions, here are a few of the topics. One student mentioned how grateful he is for the teaching he is getting from the LCMS professors. He then explained that our teaching reaches more than just the students in the classroom and gave the example of how the entire second year MA class had asked for copies of his notes and handouts from a first-year class I taught him last semester. A couple students added the fact that leadership from every single synod in the EECMY is represented in the MA student body, which means by teaching here at MYS, we are reaching the leaders of every area of the entire church body.

At another point in the afternoon, the conversation shifted to persecution of Christians as one student told about being imprisoned for his faith by the previous government. Another spoke about fleeing for his life in the middle of the night from a Muslim area.

As you can see, the conversations ranged from light and joyful to very serious, but all of it was very good, both for the students and for us. These talks continue in small groups or one-on-one over coffee or on our front porch, and God willing will carry on for many years.



The Rains are Coming . . . Kerempt (the rainy season)



The rains came a little early this year in May and this picture was snapped in downtown Addis Ababa. The rainy season typically runs from June to August, with heavy rains and up to 11 inches of rain per month. It is mostly dry again now, but *Kerempt* should be starting in the next few weeks. Combined with the elevation, it is a time to bundle up and keep warm and dry. The farmers love this time of year!

Amharic—this is our language. To say: “Have a good journey or trip!”, you would say: መልካም ጉዞ። (mälkam guzo)





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- the return of our internet today after two weeks without and our fixed line after a power pole went down
- the final week of the school year
- that the Lord will meet the need to train 10,000 new pastors for MYS
- peace and safety in northern Ethiopia
- the Young family as they transition from Ethiopia to the Nairobi team
- the end of our homeschool year (we finish Friday!)
- continued good health and spirits

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Eric's cast off and his ankle healing wonderfully
- the Masters students who will graduate this week and will go forth to serve
- Luke's 4th birthday

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- all who uphold the Lord's work here with prayer and support
- a visit from Johanna's brother
- the Rabe family with us here in Ethiopia

What Have We Been Doing & Seeing Lately?



Clockwise from top left: Johanna's brother, Ted, visiting us—we were at Yod Abyssinia, a cultural restaurant; Naomi and Tigist (her Amharic tutor) sporting the same head-dress; on Luke's birthday, we had a book of masks and Luke (in the red), Naomi (standing in the back) and two friends had a great time; Eric and one of his students discussing thesis proposals; Rachael with a beautiful Ethiopian scarf that was gifted to her



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?

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