

NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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Fun facts about Ethiopia

- * Donkeys and camels were first domesticated in Ethiopia.
- * Ethiopian emperor Menelik II was the first African to drive a car in 1907.
- * The Abyssinian cat breed, with originated in Ethiopia, ranks as the 5th most popular cat breed in the United States.



*Come learn Amharic
with me...*
“Hamle”

The month of early July to
early August that is 30 days

The Blessings of Home Service

During the last month we have had the opportunity to visit with many of our supporting congregations and individuals to share with them about the joys of service in Ethiopia. This is one of the blessings of Home Service as we get to reconnect with the folks that pray for and support us while we serve in Ethiopia.

In addition to visiting with supporters I had the opportunity to have a booth at the Northwest District Convention. I was able to visit with people about the work we are doing as we walk alongside the EECMY in theological education, share about the work of the Office of International Mission in East Africa and meet new people who are interested in our work in Ethiopia. One of the added blessings of being at the convention was to meet with Pastor Gemedo, a pastor in the Northwest District LCMS, who also works sharing the Gospel in Ethiopia. It was a great opportunity to connect with him and to hear about his work in southern Ethiopia sharing the Gospel with the Muslims of that area. God knows where our paths will cross in Ethiopia as well as how we can work together in the future.

Finally, one of the congregations we were able to visit was the church where I was confirmed, Living Savior in Tualatin, Oregon. After many years it was wonderful to have my whole family meet with the folks who support us in the work in Ethiopia and for my children to even meet one of my Sunday school teachers! In the photo to the right is a special crochet wall hanging that my mother had made for the congregation and still hangs in the back of the sanctuary. It was a real joy to worship with God’s people and share the Good News of Jesus!



Pastor. Gemedo and Pastor. Mark



The Rabe family at Living Savior, Tualatin, Oregon

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Safe travels during home service*
- *Stefanie's father's health and transition to a new apartment*
- *The spread of the Gospel in Ethiopia to Muslims and other non-believers*
- *For our children: friendships, education and activities*
- *The blessing of sports at Bingham Academy*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Safe travels for the Rabe family to and in the US*
- *The opportunity to visit with so many of our supporters*

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Reconnecting and Celebrating!

While visiting one of our supporting congregations we were able to reconnect with dear friends from Oregon who have visited us in three of the last places we have served: California, Kenya and Georgia. They also support our work in Ethiopia. It was a wonderful blessing to see them as we visited with God's people at Redeemer in Gresham, Oregon.

Another wonderful blessing was for Gabby to celebrate her birthday in the US with family and friends and have a birthday breakfast with dad at *Cracker Barrel!*



Gene and Deanna White with the Rabe family



**Where will the Rabe Family be this month?
We may be at a congregation near you!
Come and say: "Hey!"**

- July 8 Cordova Lutheran, (Skype) Rancho Cordova, CA
- July 8 Faith Parrish, Florida
(Installation of Rev. Patrick Pooock)
- July 13 Messiah VBS, Valdosta, Georgia 9am
- July 15 Trinity, Albany, Georgia 9am
- July 18 Hanover, Cape Girardeau 10am
- July 21 Mission Central, 1pm
- July 22 Our Savior, Denison, Iowa, 9am
- July 29 Immanuel, Hamilton, Ohio 8am/10:45am
- July 29 Messiah Middleton, Ohio, 3pm
- August 1 LWML Zone Rally, Tallahassee, Florida
- August 5 Good Shepherd, Greenville, SC Mission Festival
- August 7 Savior of All, Cartersville, Georgia 9:30 am
- August 8 Living Faith, Cumming, Georgia 9am
- August 8 Christ, Perry, Georgia 6:30pm
- August 12 Rivercliff, Sandy Springs, Georgia 8:30/11am

We still have more days available to visit you or your congregation!



Pastor Brandt from Living Savior with Pr. Mark



Pastor Jordan at Redeemer in Chico, CA with Pr. Mark



Left: A coffee field in Ethiopia

