



The Evangel in Ethiopia

Home-service in the USA



*Naomi & Johanna
in the back seat of
the car*

In the last newsletter I explained what our Home Service time in the US was for and why. It is now done. We had a very rewarding time visiting many of you and greatly enjoyed the chance to spend time with you, catching up with old friends (in some cases finally getting to put a face to friends we only new through email) and making new friends as well...and having the chance in person to update you on the work our Lord is doing in Ethiopia with the EECMY. We are truly grateful for the many of you that we were able to see, and for those of you that we were not able to connect with this time, I pray that we will see you on our next Home Service. Please do know that we did our best to see as many of you as we could. We ended up driving over 14,000 miles (that's not a typo... we also did a little flying) visiting around fifteen states to make about 55 different presentations. In the middle of all of that, Levi Philip Stinnett was born on August 9th. The birth went smoothly (even if not to our expected schedule) and both Johanna and Levi are doing well. Not surprisingly, he is a good little traveler, flying from Great Falls, MT with Jo and Naomi to join us in Missouri, driving on from there to West Virginia and making an additional flight to Arizona. Levi did very well on all of those trips with very little complaint (he fits right in with his brother and sisters). He is truly a wonderful blessing from God.

Our time in the US is finished for now, I am once again writing from our home in Ethiopia. I started teaching this week and will tell you about that next month.

Johanna and the family are scheduled to fly home on Saturday. They are flying out of Wash. DC. Hopefully, the hurricane will stay far enough south that they are able to leave safely. I ask for your prayers for them as they prepare to come home.

Thank you all, again, for your hospitality, friendship and support. We would not be able to be here doing the Lord's work if you did not send us and keep us here. May our Lord bless you always.

Did you know . . . ?

It is once again the New Year in Ethiopia. September 11th on the western calendar is Meskerem 1st on the Ethiopian calendar. Young girls traditionally go around singing songs and receiving a gift of money. This celebration is also known as Enkutatash.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

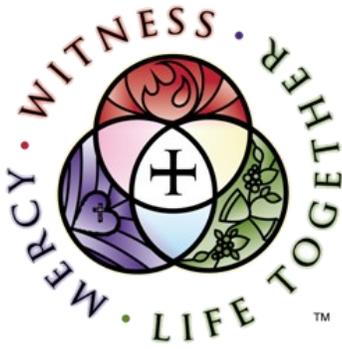
Things to see during support raising .



After our last presentation, the children attended Sunday School at Johanna's mom's church. A lady there allowed them to release Monarch butterflies that she had raised from eggs at her own home. The kids were absolutely delighted to see God's creations in their hands and just let them go outside the front of the church. It was a very special experience!

Amharic—To say: "Happy New Year!" you would say, መልካም አዲስ ዓመት (mel-come ah-dees ah-met).





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- the seminarians who have restarted classes
- for peace in Ethiopia as it has become a little more volatile again
- Eric as he starts teaching again and for the rest of the family who are travelling home to Ethiopia this week
- restarting our language training after having the summer off
- the Rabe family (the other LCMS family with us in Addis Ababa)
- the training up of additional pastors to shepherd the Ethiopian churches

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- the birth of our newborn son—Levi Philip Stinnett
- a healthy and happy delivery
- that the Lord has sent men to be trained at the Seminaries in Ethiopia

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- safe travels
- each of you for your prayers and concern and kindnesses
- for the returning and new students who serve the Lord

What Have We Been Doing & Seeing Lately?



Clockwise from top left: Pat & Creig Solomon from Payson, AZ who hosted us when we visited Shepherd of the Pines;



an Indian Powwow we saw in Montana while waiting for Levi to be born; Rachael meets Levi for the first time at the St. Louis airport; presenting at Shaker Heights, Ohio; Levi is baptized at Trinity, Jefferson City, MO;



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

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