

NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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Fun facts about Ethiopia...

Ethiopian emperor Menelik II was the first African to drive a car, in 1907.

(Source: Briggs, Philip. Ethiopia (Bradt Travel Guide), 6th ed. Chalfont St. Peter, UK: Bradt Travel Guides, 2012)



Come learn Amharic with me...

Butterfly:

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Dr. Brahanu cutting cake and dabo for the MYS Seminary Celebration

It was a day of celebration at Mekane Yesus Seminary. With the cutting of cake and dabo (bread) the seminary gave thanks to God for the many blessings the seminary has received over the past year. Some of those blessings included giving thanks for the visiting professors from both St. Louis and Ft. Wayne, a visit by Presidents Dr. Meyer (Concordia Seminary St. Louis) and Dr. Rast (Ft. Wayne) and for the LBT Bible Translation Program that has almost completed its first year of the pilot program.

In addition to thanking God for the blessings of partnership, programs and people, the seminary completed its day of celebration by cutting the ribbon on the new seminary print shop. This print shop replaces the outdated building that was also much smaller. The new facility will be able to handle the demand of the additional programs that have been added to the seminary's theology department and business and management schools. It was a wonderful day to thank God for what He has done at Mekane Yesus Seminary now and will do in the future! Please continue to pray for the seminary as the students prepare for finals and graduation which closes the academic year—June 15, 2019 .



Dr. Bruk, President of Mekane Yesus Seminary at the ribbon cutting of the new seminary print shop.

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Mekane Yesus Seminary students and staff*
- *Peace in Africa*
- *Our missionaries in East and West Africa*
- *Safe travels on the roads in the city*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Easter*
- *God’s continued provision*
- *Deployment of Mike and Karen Schempf in Uganda*
- *A time of rest during the Easter break.*
- *The rains that have begun in Ethiopia*

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We would like to wish you all a Blessed Easter and Easter Season! In Ethiopia we were able to celebrate Easter/Fasika twice since Ethiopian Easter was celebrated the week after western Easter.

For many in Ethiopia it is a time of great feasting after fasting during the Lenten season. So the Saturday before Easter many were buying goats and cows to roast and feast upon with family and friends to celebrate Easter.

MELKAM FASIKA!



Julianna playing volleyball for Bingham Academy U-14

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”—1 Peter 1:3

Your missionaries, Mark, Stefanie, Noah, Gabriella, Julianna and Matthias



Left: A coffee field in Ethiopia

