

# NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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## Fun facts about Ethiopia...

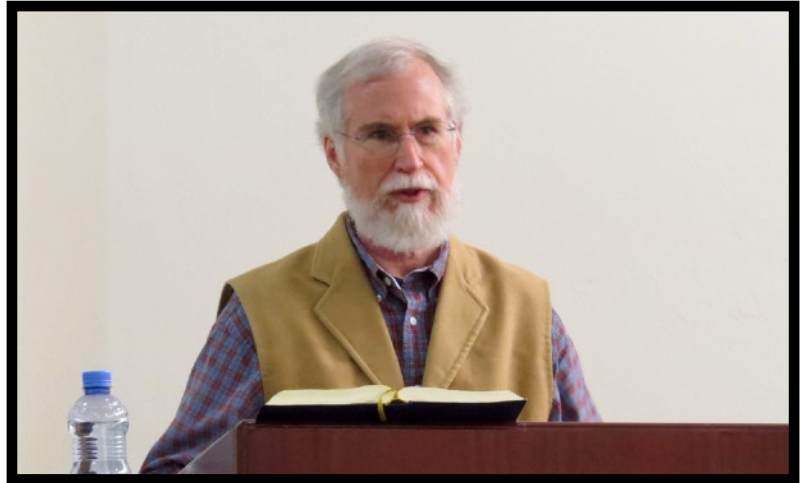
*According to legend, the True Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified, was found by St. Helena—the mother of Constantine the Great, the Roman Emperor who converted to Christianity—in the 4th century. A relic of that cross was later given to Ethiopia's kings for protecting Coptic Christians in their country. Meskel celebrates the arrival of the True Cross in Ethiopia and has been celebrated there for more than 1,600 years.*



*Come learn Amharic with me...*

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“Acts of the Apostles”



Dr. Jeffrey Oshwald teaching the book of Acts to the missionaries at our annual continuing education program in Ethiopia (Photo by Shara Osiro)

Each year the missionaries enjoy the blessing of gathering for a continuing education opportunity. Just as pastors are to regularly take the opportunity for continuing education in the United States, we missionaries are provided the time to do so too. This year we were blessed to have Dr. Jeffrey Oshwald from Concordia Seminary St. Louis to teach on, *Reading Acts as Scripture*. Over the course of three days, we traveled through the entire book of Acts reading it as Scripture, not just history, and learned about its application for the church, our individual missionary contexts, and for our personal lives. It was a great joy to have Dr. Oshwald with us to take us deeper into God's Word.

During our continuing education time we are blessed to enjoy one of the two times a year that our entire east Africa missionary team is together. During the three days together, we are able to visit with each other, pray and worship together and enjoy the community of fellow missionaries. For the kids, it is a wonderful time for them to be with friends. Many of the kids have been friends since missionary orientation almost five years ago. It was truly a time of refreshment in God's word and in community.



The east Africa Missionaries, staff and their families

(Photo by Shara Osiro)

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Our missionaries in East and West Africa
- Peace and reconciliation in many of the African countries
- Stefanie’s father John DeLaittre and his recovery

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- God’s continued provision
- New Missionaries preparing to come to East Africa
- A wonderful time of refreshment at the Continuing Education program

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**Left:** A coffee field in Ethiopia



Rev. Jon Clausing preaching at our Sunday morning worship service. We were blessed to worship together with our fellow east Africa Missionary team and their families.

Gabriella Rabe and Johanna Stinnett playing during the Sunday worship.

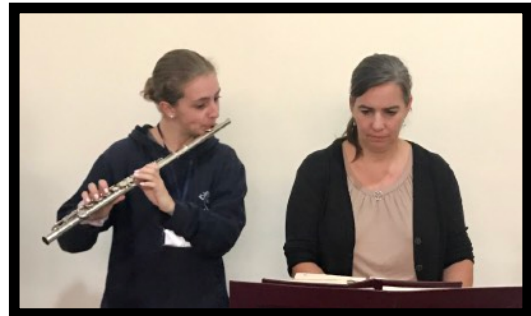


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We continue to thank God for the blessing of serving in Ethiopia knowing that your prayers and support enable us to serve on your behalf.

*“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*

