

# NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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## Fun facts about Ethiopia...

*Ethiopia is also thought to be the world's first Christian state. For a long time, Armenia was thought to hold this prestige, however, this claim has recently been challenged by scholars.*

*The scholars don't assert that Ethiopia was the first country to adopt Christianity as it's state religion, but rather the possibility that Abyssinia (modern-day Ethiopia and Eritrea) was the first Christian nation.*



*Come learn Amharic with me...*

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Welcome

“enkwan denhna mta”



The Choir singing at Bole Mekane Yesus Congregation

One of the joys of serving in Ethiopia is worshipping in the local context. It is a joy to hear the expressive music, the passionate preaching, and the fellowship that comes with worshipping alongside those whom you serve.

We were blessed to worship at the Bole Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Congregation this last month. It is the home congregation of my colleague who works with the Youth Department for the EECMY. This congregation is one of the smaller congregations of which averages around 150 people on a Sunday.

Yet there are many young children, youth, and adults in this congregation. It is a vibrant congregation with many involved in choir and work among the youth and community. While it is on the smaller side for congregations in the area, they have a newer building and continue to grow. It was a blessing to worship with them and be welcomed into their community.

Please continue to pray for the EECMY, their congregations, pastors, and churches as they proclaim the Gospel to their fellow Ethiopians and beyond.



The Pastor proclaiming God's Word at the Bole EECMY congregation

*"I will cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me" —Psalm 77:1*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Our family as it has been a rough month
- Peace and reconciliation in many of the African countries
- Stefanie's father John DeLaitre

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- God's continued provision
- The Blessing of Field Day and sports at Bingham
- Prime Minister Abiy's Nobel Peace Prize

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Every year the Rabe Kids look forward to Field Day at Bingham Academy. As part of the homeschool program, we are able to be a part of the Bingham community and participate in sports. The two day event leads to the citywide international school track meet.

Matthias at the long jump



Noah throwing at the shot put

Noah also ran the 100 and the 4X100 relay.



Gabriella running in the 100 meter sprint. She also ran the 200 and 400 meter, relay events and the discus.



Julianna throwing the javelin; she did very well. She also ran the 1500, 800, and 400 meter races along with relay events and the high jump.

*"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

