

NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY SERVING IN ETHIOPIA

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Fun facts about Ethiopia

Tewahedo, or the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, is one of the oldest forms of [Christianity](#) in the world. It came to Ethiopia from [Egypt](#), where Egyptians belonged to the Coptic Church. Around A.D. 330, Frumentius, the Apostle of Ethiopia, converted the Axumite king Ezana, who made Christianity the empire's official religion. Today, 40% of Ethiopians practice Christianity.

(Heinrichs, Ann. Ethiopia (Enchantment of the World), 2nd ed. New York, NY:



Come learn Amharic with me...

ሰኔ —The month of June (pronounced “sunny”) The irony is that June is the beginning of rainy season...

Pressing on toward the goal...

June is upon us and while there will not be a physical graduation this year the students at Mekane Yesus Seminary are still working hard to complete their thesis

papers and exams. The students and staff have had to adjust, just like many institutions in the United States and around the world, to classes being conducted in new ways. Unlike the US where Zoom meetings and classroom instruction has been the favored medium, here in Africa the students have relied on their local internet cafe to download and upload their take home exams, book reviews and thesis papers.

It is indeed commendable that our students are so diligent in sending in their papers, revising their theses and completing their courses even though they face many challenges. For example, Tesfanish (above) is a Masters of Art student and has to travel into town, which is quite far, just get access to internet and then to send in her thesis revisions along with the rest of her final course work.

While many of the students at MYS have to go the extra kilometer to complete their work and send it to the seminary it is amazing to see their resilience through these challenging times so that they can complete their studies and continue in ministry.

Please keep these students and their families in prayer as they complete their courses and begin or continue ministry in service to the Church.



Tesfanish Markos, second year MA Student and Mark during one of their thesis revision conferences.

BUT YOU, O LORD, ARE A
SHIELD ABOUT ME, MY GLORY,
AND THE LIFTER OF MY HEAD.

—PSALM 3:3

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Stefanie's father's health
- The spread of the Gospel in Ethiopia to Muslims and other non-believers
- The kids as the finish up school
- Ethiopia the COVID-19 cases rise and how it affects those in poverty and need.
- Those overcome by fear and in need of Jesus' peace
- Upcoming Ethiopian Elections

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Left: A view of Lalibela, Ethiopia

Hear us on KUFO

In May we were able to share a brief update on the current situation in Ethiopia. You can hear us on KFUE. The whole link is below or you can go to www.kfuo.org website and look under the Archives Tab, Current Programs and then Coffee Hour. Or you can type in "Rabe" in the search bar on the KFUE website.

<https://www.kfuo.org/2020/05/19/coffee-hour-051920-missionary-update-from-the-rabes-in-ethiopia-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

Now that there are no dogs at the Rabe house the monkeys feel free to roam our yard and make themselves feel home wherever is comfortable.



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:1-2

