

# Stinnetts in Ethiopia

December, 2022



## Please pray for:

- peace and stability in Ethiopia – a new treaty has been signed
- our new mission partners from Brazil and Kenya as they transition and settle
- for work permits and residence I.D.'s to be processed and for patience in the process
- traumatized/displaced persons from the war
- students studying in the Master's program
- students' families in war-torn areas

# Ethiopia Update

## Fruits of the Labor



(above) Eric's former student teaching seminars in his synod as an educator

In our last newsletter, I spoke of the hope and excitement I have for the future fruits of our current mission work. We won't really know what that will be until it happens. We can have very realistic expectations and make sound educated guesses, but we still have to wait to see the final results.

One thing that makes the waiting easier is seeing the early results of our teaching here. Recently, I was blessed to see the work of one of my students who just graduated this past spring. He was called back to his home synod (district) and given the role of Synod Educator. Since graduation, he has been travelling throughout his synod teaching seminars for the pastors, evangelists and other church leaders of the area. He emailed me pictures...different conferences filled with attendees as he is teaching them about the role of the church and office of the ministry. When he has finished travelling throughout his synod teaching on that topic, he will choose another topic and start again. The purpose of his call is to take the things he learned from us in his MA program and teach them throughout his area. Through this one student, our teaching is already being passed on to hundreds of more people in the church. This is truly exciting to see. Our Lord has certainly called us to the right place to have a large impact on the EECMY.

## Did you know...?

Ethiopian is now in the year 2014 as of their new year on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Compared to the Gregorian calendar, the Ethiopian calendar is 8 years behind. They also have 13 months each with 30 days, the last month has 5 days except in a leap year when there are 6 days. On this calendar you see the numeric script used in Ethiopia.

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-Eric's teaching and classes

-how we can best assist the people here

**Give thanks for:**

-some work permits being completed

-family, friends and supporters from around the world

-new alliance missionary partners teaching with us here

**Praise God for:**

-our LCMS team who are faithfully teaching sound theology

-for the great faculty here

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# What Have We Been Doing Lately



(top left) Rev. Hoffman and Dr. Fuhrmann and, our colleagues in Ethiopia from Brazil and their families at our continuing education in Tanzania. (top middle) Dr. Kevin Golden from St. Louis teaching about the Old Testament prophets at our continuing education (top right) visiting our friend who just had a baby (bottom left) the baby's baptism (bottom right) listening to an Ethiopian Christmas choir (very bottom left) Levi found a little puppy to play with while we were getting our car serviced (very bottom right) Johanna teaching a health class to students



**Closing Thoughts:** The 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?" And he said, "How can I unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:30ff) Thank you in Jesus' Name for your support of the work God has laid before us – Eric, Johanna, Rachael, Naomi, Luke & Levi Stinnett

**In Amharic, to say, "Blessed Christmas and may we have a peaceful New Year!" you would say ... የተባረከ ገና እና ሰላም አዲስ ዓመት ይሁንልን። (yetebarek gena enuh salaam addis amet**