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Graduation Day 2016



The Flag of Ethiopia

Kremt

We have entered into the rainy season (kremt) in Addis Ababa. This means the nights are cool (50's F) and afternoon showers. Often the days remind us of the weather in Portland, Oregon where we grew up. With all the rain it keeps Addis green which is why they call grass here "lemlem sar" that is "evergreen grass."



Graduates of the Mekane Yesus School of Theology processing for graduation



Rev. Dr. Collver, Rev. Stinnett and Rev. Rabe at Graduation



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It was a great day of celebration at Mekane Yesus Seminary to see so many graduates of the class of 2016. MYS is the mother seminary that feeds the other seminary and colleges of the EECMY. Many of the graduates will go on to teach at these institutions or continue in the parish serving as pastors.

The MYS School of Theology graduated 90 this year; 34 MA and 56 in the BTh program. Truly it was a joy to see the many graduates at the BTh and Masters Levels in Theology.

Beginning in the fall of this year I will be teaching at both

levels at MYS along with continuing with language courses part time. It is exciting to see the many graduates and the fruit of the partnership with the LCMS.



Dr. Belay, Mekane Yesus Seminary President, Rev. Dr. Berhanu, EECMY General Secretary and Dr. Yacob Godebo, Dean of MYS School of Theology

Snapshots in the life of the Rabe family...

The weeks are filled with language learning, homeschool (Stefanie homeschools the children), and life on campus. We often have time to interact with some of the students and staff when we go for lunch at the school cafe. The Ethiopian food is tasty and inexpensive.



Language school: Badeg (Language instructor), Rev. Rabe, Rev. Stinnett (above); Stefanie and Matthias (Left); Julianna doing her school work (Below left), Birds eating termites on the road by our house (Below right). (Photos by Carlotta Tiewes).



JUDO AND WALL CLIMBING



The Rabe kids have been able to begin Judo while here in Addis Ababa. Every Friday and Monday they go with their fellow missionary kids, Rachael and Naomi Stinnett, to the Juventes Judo Academy.

While Noah, Gabriella and Julianna are in Judo, Matthias and Dad go to the gym and enjoy the rock climbing and bouncy house —well, Matthias enjoys them and Dad has a soda.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The new graduates from Mekane Yesus Seminary.
- The Young family as they prepare to deploy the end of this month (July)
- The Mekane Yesus Church, Seminary, staff, and students
- Language acquisition

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Adapting to our life in Addis Ababa
- New supporters!
- New relationships with other missionaries on the MYS campus

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Supporting congregations and individuals
- All the Graduates of the MYS School of Theology

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Rabe Family

THE BIG 12!

Gabriella turned 12 on June 28th and we were able to celebrate her big day with the Stinnett family!

The photo to the right is of the second attempt at blowing out the candles. On Gabby's first attempt Luke Stinnett (below) snuck in and blew them out for her—it was a great laugh!



“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 our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead...”

—1 Peter 1:3

We are so grateful for your continued prayers and support!

—Mark, Stefanie, Noah, Gabriella, Julianna, & Matthias Rabe



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