



Paul meeting with Dr Lalissa (Director of EECMY BT Department) and Dr. Bruk (President of MYS)

Settling into a new Role

As we settle into a new house, the kids get used to a new school, and we start language learning, Paul has also been getting up to speed on his new role. As the Program Director for Lutheran Bible Translator's work in Ethiopia, that has meant learning the details about what is going on while also providing direction for the future.

There are two key areas in which we work in Ethiopia. First, we are partnered with the Mekane Yesus Seminary (MYS) in training theology students as translators. The first class of twenty-four students graduated in May of this year. Most are currently assigned to projects throughout the country gaining practical experience. In June a new six-story building was also finished on the MYS campus. Most of the floors in the building will be rented out to provide a sustainable stream of income

which will then fund the Bible translation training program. The goal is to eventually invite students from other parts of Africa to join the program here in Ethiopia.

We are also partnered with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) in Bible translation. The church has current translation programs in twenty different languages. Along with providing financial support for a few of the translation projects, LBT also walks alongside the central office as it directs work throughout the country. At the beginning of October, the LBT Ethiopia and EECMY Bible Translation department moved into office space on the fourth floor of the new building. It is exciting to have a floor dedicated to Bible translation that brings LBT personnel, translation staff, and students together in one place.

Paul has enjoyed getting to know the leadership and staff of both organizations as well as the LBT missionaries who have already been serving in Ethiopia. There is a lot going on and we feel blessed to be a part of it.

Settling into a new Home

Since leaving Ghana at the end of May, our family had been in temporary housing situations until moving into our home in Ethiopia in mid-September. We knew that our house would not be ready for us to live in when we first arrived in the country at the beginning of August, therefore we made arrangements to stay in guest housing for the first few weeks. Although we were mentally prepared for it, living out of and among suitcases for 6 weeks took its toll on us. We were all very ready to have a place to call our own and to hide the suitcases away for a long time.



The seminary took the responsibility to renovate the kitchen and the main bathroom to make them both functional and beautiful. We are grateful for the people who worked very quickly on these major projects. The kitchen is a bright and beautiful place to be, especially since Ali spends a good deal of time in there these days!

This house is truly a blessing for our family. Our kids are thrilled that they each get to have their own

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Hannah, Levi & Eden

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bedrooms, a first for them! The living room and dining room are spacious, and we have already been able to include guests into our family game time on Sunday afternoons. Our large front porch is a perfect place to chat with others while enjoying a cup of coffee. We hope to have more gatherings in our home and build new memories in this lovely place. Praise God along with us for the provision of a home that suits all of our needs.

Settling into a new Language

We began Amharic language learning lessons on September 1. Our teacher, Jalalie, comes to our house 4 mornings a week and spends 3 hours with us each day. In the afternoons, we are supposed to have 3 listening sessions for the recordings from that morning's lesson as well as review vocabulary from previous lessons. This, as you can imagine, is both time-consuming and tiring. There have been days where we don't feel like we are making much progress and other days we are



encouraged to realize we can recognize words in the conversations going on around us. As our lives have gotten into a comfortable routine and work responsibilities have become more pressing, it is more and more difficult to find time and focus for learning this new language. We would appreciate your prayers for us in this endeavor.

Settling into a new School

The kids started school about two weeks after we arrived in Ethiopia. For Levi and Eden, this is their first year in traditional school as they have previously been educated at home. Hannah had attended an American school in Ghana for the past 3 years. It is never easy being the new kid in school, but Bingham Academy has been a welcoming place for our kids so far. The student body is made up of a large number of missionary kids who are used to people coming and going from year to year. This made it easier for our kids to fit into their classes at school. At the recent teacher-parent meet and greet night, we were glad to hear encouraging reports about our kids from their teachers.

Hannah decided to try her hand at volleyball. She has not previously played a team sport and finds it challenging and exhausting, but it has been a positive experience. Levi and Eden are tapping into their hobbies and have joined an after-school robotics club. An added bonus is that the kids get to see Dee, who was with us for our final months in Ghana, several days a week at school. Dee teaches at the elementary level at Bingham and our kids sometimes go to visit her during their free time.

There are 9 other missionary children from the seminary campus that attend Bingham. The parents have worked together to hire a large van to drive the kids to and from school each day, our own little school bus! The 30-minute ride to and from school each way continues to be our kids' favorite part of the day. They thoroughly enjoy interacting with these kids, who come from several different countries, and learning from them. Thank God along with us that Bingham has been a positive place for our kids. Pray for them as the academic load for the Cambridge curriculum is quite challenging.

