

Hannah is Graduating from High School!

Hannah will graduate from Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on June 8, 2024. Moving schools, let alone countries, in the middle of the high school years is a big challenge. Hannah did well to settle in and find friends quickly here in Ethiopia.

After living her entire life in Africa, she will attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. She plans to major in behavioral sciences with the hopes of someday working with third culture kids just like her. Hannah was accepted into the Paul's Scholars Program which provides work and leadership experience during her 4 years and allows her to earn a minor in servant leadership. She is also the recipient of LBT's Missionary Kid Scholarship for 2024.

Many of you have been supporting our ministry from the beginning and have known Hannah since she was an infant. One of her love languages is words of encouragement and she has such a poetic heart. If you would like to send a note of encouragement, prayer, Bible verse, or poem to Hannah, please do so via email (messydesk365@gmail.com) or snail mail (c/o LBT, P.O. Box 789, Concordia, MO 64020).



Time for Another International Move

We have said that we will go where the Lord calls (with a strong preference for Africa!). Over the years we have been blessed to be able to serve in northern Ghana, southern Ghana, and Ethiopia. It is now time for us to serve in our passport country, the United States.

When we moved to Ethiopia in 2022, we knew that it would be for a short time, up to four years. After being here for only 5 months, Paul's job changed from being Country Director for Ethiopia Programs to Director for Field Programs, responsible for LBT's work internationally. It has meant much adjustment for our entire family as the workload has increased. For Paul, although he is physically present in Ethiopia, the demands for his time, energy, and attention come from many parts of the



2007 - Paul, Ali and 10 month old Hannah arrive in Tamale to work with the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation. Paul served as the IT Manager and Ali in children's education support.

globe. Living and working in Ethiopia has given Paul a front row seat to many aspects of the work that LBT is involved in and a different perspective than our time in West Africa. But there has also been a cost in needing to have many late evening meetings due to time zone differences and Paul trying to have high quality interactions with colleagues throughout the organization.

With these things in mind, we will move to the United States this summer to be near Lutheran Bible Translators international offices in Concordia, Missouri. Hannah's graduation from high school provides good timing for us to transition as a family. Moving is never easy and international moves add their own layers of complexity, but we think this is the right decision and we are at peace with it. This brings up many questions. We will do our best to answer some of the most common ones below. We invite you to contact us directly with any other questions or concerns you may have.

What will you be doing? Are you still missionaries? Although our location will change, our jobs will remain the same. Ali will continue to provide support and resources for our missionaries on the field in her role as member care

Paul & Ali FEDERWITZ

Hannah, Levi & Eden

ABOUT US

Paul's role is two-fold: He provides strategic leadership internationally as LBT's Director for Field Programs while serving locally as Director of Programs in Ethiopia.

Ali is the Member Care Facilitator for LBT.

Paul and Ali's ministry is funded solely through donations from individuals and groups.

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2015 - Now with three kids, we moved to the capital city, Accra, for Ali to work with the Mobile Member Care Team and Paul to support IT for LBT internationally.

coordinator. Paul will still have a role specifically with Ethiopia but also more generally with providing direction for LBT's International work. This will include travel to meet with our partner organizations. We are still considered missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators.

Will you still need financial support? YES! As we mentioned above, our

address is changing but our jobs are the same. As missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators, we raise all our funding through donations from you, our supporters. Many of you have stayed with us through all the years of our ministry and our move from Ghana to Ethiopia. We hope you'll continue to be part of our support team through yet another international move. Please continue to pray for us as well. There are so many things that will be new and challenging for us with our new location.

Where will you live? We will live near the offices of Lutheran Bible Translators in Concordia, Missouri. Although many may see our move to the United States as "coming home," our kids have not lived in the US for longer than our visits. We adults have not lived in the US for over 17 years, and, in many ways, we will be foreigners in our own land as we settle in and adjust to a new way of life. If you would like to learn more about what it is like for missionaries to return to their passport country, we recommend reading this short, 3-article series: <https://www.alifeoverseas.com/beyond-reverse-culture-shock-part-1-trauma-informed-care-for-the-re-entry-journey/>

Will you return overseas? For now, beyond Paul's traveling for meetings and visits, we plan to settle in the US. We truly feel this is where God is directing us for this next stage in our lives. So far we have called several countries home, who knows where God will lead us in the future!

Will we get to see you? If you are traveling, please let us know and we would be happy to meet up with you! We will be living near Interstate 70, between Saint Louis and Kansas



2022 - We moved to Ethiopia for Paul to serve as country director and Ali to continue in her member care role.

City, and we may be along your way to somewhere. We are planning to do some speaking at churches once we are unpacked and in a good routine. We will keep you posted.

We will continue to write prayer letters and stay in touch as we always have. We hope that you will remain as part of our support team. Please do not let the conversation end here. Send us an email.



2024 - Move to the US for Paul to more effectively serve as Director for Field Programs, Ali continues serving in member care and Hannah is off to college.