



### Big Events

We have had a lot of events and activities over the past few months. Here are some highlights!

#### Graduation

The second cohort of Bible Translation students graduated at the end of June with Bachelor’s degrees. Seven of them have been hired to various translation projects. Along with the graduates from the 2022 cohort, your support of our work has helped provide trained workers for translation projects across Ethiopia, allowing them to help bring the Bible accurately, beautifully, and clearly into more than ten new languages. Thank you!

#### “Year of the Bible”

2024 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Protestant Bible Translation in Ethiopia. Onesimos Nesib was a freed slave who worked with other Oromos and Lutheran missionaries from Sweden to translate Scripture into the Oromo language. From this translation grew a Christian community that became the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), now the largest Lutheran church



*Chris supervised Ephrem and Gelet’s Masters Theses in Bible Translation*

body in the world. Like Luther 375 years before, Onesimos’ translation standardized his language and allowed people to hear the Gospel of Jesus in the language they understand best. We are so blessed to be following in his footsteps.



*Graduates of the 2024 Bible Translation Cohort (with teachers)*

## Special Visit

A huge highlight of 2024 was a visit from Sean for Easter. Sean hasn't been back to Africa since our family left Zambia in 2016 — back when he was only 14 years old.

Sean got to visit us here in Addis Ababa for about a week. He met our missionary friends and national colleagues, saw some touristy sites around Addis, ate at our favorite restaurants, and met our new kitten Cooper. He also got to play a couple of games of chess with his dad.

Then we enjoyed a quick trip back to Zambia. We visited our favorite safari lodge, saw lots of changes and development, and celebrated Easter with a nice gathering at a friends' farmstead out in the bush.

Of course, the visit was way too short and Sean was soon on his way back to South Dakota. But it was nice for him to see our new context in urban Addis Ababa — so different from the rural Zambia he knew as a kid. Hurry back, Sean!



## Goodbye!

One challenge of missionary life is the constant turnover of people in the field. Having new people come is fun and exciting, but often stressful as we help them get settled, find the things they need, adjust to the ins and outs of the new country, and just navigate life.



Having people leave can be even harder. The logistics of packing and selling household items is nothing compared to the emotions that come from saying goodbye to people who are not only our daily work colleagues, but also our support network, our Sunday afternoon gaming buddies, our drop-by-for-coffee confidants, and our dear friends. Goodbye to the Federwitz family! See you in November on our next visit to the US!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thanks that Sean's Easter visit was splendid
- For the new Bible Translation workers who are growing into their new roles with projects
- For the summer cohort of BT students that Chris is teaching right now
- For the Federwitz family in transition

*Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to **proclaim** to those who live on the earth—to **every nation, tribe, language and people.***

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