

THE MEEHAN FAMILY

OUR JOURNEY TO ETHIOPIA

December 2013

Our Process

It is hard to believe that 2013 is almost over. We have been here for almost a year. Some days it seems like that year has flown by, other days it seems like we've been here so much longer. We have been involved in many projects and have been put to work in so many areas. We pray that we have been a blessing to this field and to the other missionaries we serve with through everything we've been involved with.

This past month, Chris had the opportunity to do some basic hygiene and nutrition trainings with various groups of women that are receiving life assistance from the NGO that we work through here (the ADA). He was also able to purchase a bar of soap for each attendee and hand them out. (pictured) Hand washing with soap is not a common practice in Ethiopia, but such a simple thing could prevent so many illnesses. The women were truly blessed by Chris' teaching and he hopes to do more trainings like it in the future. Chris also visited and assisted with a feeding project that provides lunch and basic health & nutrition training to 400 kids (also pictured). It's great to see your missions dollars at work with some of the most needy people in Addis.

I have been teaching here, there and everywhere! I finished up a course on report writing with the staff at the NGO and have also been working with the children in the local school there. Additionally, I have been working with kids at an orphanage. While teaching them English, I also get to love on them and be a consistent person in their chaotic lives. All of the children I work with there are waiting to be adopted, so this tugs on my heartstrings especially. I am so glad God opened the door there for me to do ministry with the kids I come into contact with. I have also been asked to serve on a board that is developing lay counseling for Ethiopians and expats here in Addis. What a privilege it is for me to serve in that capacity! My interest has always been to work as a counselor, I am seeing God's hand in all of this and while our future is very unclear, I am certain that God is weaving all of this together to make it more clear when the time is right.



Our Family

The boys are still loving school and really loving all their new missionary family members. Our mission has the kids call the other adults aunts and uncles, which makes the kids their cousins. Being so far removed from actual family, this is a wonderful thing. The boys have great fun confusing all their classmates by telling them their teacher is also their aunt and their best friends are also their cousins. It's become a fun joke for our whole team. We all play along.

Kayla is doing well. She is finally four, but this has led to some frustration for her. We told her she could go to school when she was four, she thought that we meant immediately. She is dying to go to school, but will have to wait until the start of the next school year. She's working hard on her letters and numbers so she'll be ready. It is almost all she talks about.

Chris and I are uncertain about our future right now. We would like to ask for prayer for this area most of all. God has a great plan, we are assured of this. We know that our future needs to involve further education for both of us—without it, a work permit here is not a guarantee. We also know where our hearts are. Truly, we just need to hear from God. Please pray that His path would be made clear to us. Thanks!

Prayer Requests:

*Please pray for direction for our future, we definitely want to hear from God

*Please pray for the Aid and Development Association (ADA) and the work that they are doing among some of the most impoverished people in Ethiopia

*Please pray that we would be a blessing to the ADA and that doors would continue to open for our ministry through the work they are already doing

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We'd love to hear from you. Please let us know if there is anything we can pray about for you.