

# THE MEEHAN FAMILY

## OUR JOURNEY TO ETHIOPIA

October 2013

### Our Process

Summer is definitely over! Rainy season is coming to a close and we are seeing the sun so much more. We had almost forgotten how green, warm and beautiful Ethiopia truly is.

We are working more and more. Currently, I (Betsy) am teaching adults and children at the Aid and Development Association—ADA (kids pictured on the far right). Chris is working on the hygiene and nutrition training for the school feeding project through the ADA. He is hoping to start that project next week. Once that starts, I promise to get a picture of him working with all those kids in our newsletter. 2000 kids attend this government school, around 1/3 of them are from Muslim homes and around 400 participate in the feeding program. I have been asked by the school administration to teach English to the kids at this school, we are still trying to determine if that is possible. What a great opportunity for outreach, but 2000 kids...yikes!

Recently, I had the opportunity to preach during the Bible College chapel service (picture on the left). We are still involved with the Bible College, but are not teaching any courses this semester. Over the rainy season, I did have the opportunity to teach English to the incoming students. It was really great to connect with them and to hear their stories about why they are studying at the Bible College. The future is bright for these students and we have so much hope in them. They are able and willing to go places we cannot to spread the Gospel. It is such a blessing to be a part of training them. We will resume teaching at Addis Ababa Bible College next semester—I will be teaching psychology and Chris will be teaching physical science.

Over the rainy season, we helped 3 new families from our team get settled. I am happy to report that all three are doing well and are great additions to our team. Everyone is finally back and we are really enjoying having this full team to share our lives and ministry with. 13 adults and 12 kids. God is good!



### Our Family

The boys have started back at school. They are loving it and doing so well. Gavin is now in 2nd grade and Reily is in 1st. Kayla is three, so she is mostly home with the nanny. We are still amazed at how quickly all three kids adjusted to life here and how well they are all doing.

At the end of September, we were able to celebrate the Meskel holiday with all of our neighbors. This is an Ethiopian holiday where they celebrate having found, what they believe is, a piece of Jesus' cross. We enjoyed a bonfire and a wonderful meal with about 120 of our neighbors. We were the only foreigners, of course, but it was a great evening. You can read more about it on our blog—link below.

We have really been blessed recently with care packages and visiting families (through our adoption connections). We don't know what we have done to deserve all the kindness and generosity, but we are so appreciative for it. We do miss "home", but each care package is packed with such love. They always arrive on just the right day, too. God has a way of working that out.

### **Prayer Requests:**

\*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

\*Please pray for direction for our future, we are still not certain if we will return to Ethiopia after these two years or not, we are praying for clear direction from God on this

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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.**