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FAMILY TO ETHIOPIA

ETHIOPIA SHALL SOON STRETCH OUT HER HANDS UNTO GOD. PSALM 68:31



Ethiopian Christmas

Which comes first? Christmas or the New Year? In Ethiopia, our new year comes before not after Christmas! That's right! Ethiopian Christmas is celebrated on January 7.

A typical Christmas here involves buying a sheep, goat, or ox then killing it and enjoying the meat together with family.

This is a special treat, especially for those in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church here. They fast from all dairy and meat for a month before Christmas.

Pray for the 40-50% Orthodox population to understand that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ" not through their good works.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)." What a precious and incredible promise!

November and December were filled with many blessings and opportunities from the Lord! Ruth had her last two monthly medical trips to Dubai for her TMJ. We praise God for a great report and the relief from pain that Ruth has received! We will not have to return for more doctor's appointments for 6 months!

We were able to host two American friends for a week. We had a wonderful time with Taelyn and Sharilyn. They were such a blessing to us!

As soon as they left, we were busy packing up our stuff to make the big move across town at the end of November to be right next to our future church! December was very busy unpacking and getting our new home setup.

NEW HOMES!!!

I finished a 10 week series through Ecclesiastes entitled "The Emptiness of Life without God at the Center." I learned so much and heard that the Lord used His Word many lives! I was also able to preach and teach a number of other times!

We had a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas! The highlight was getting to sponsor over 80 children being fed and getting to teach them the first Christmas and seeing **26 of them walk forward to trust Jesus alone as their Savior!!!** Now they each have a new eternal home!



Kids Christmas feeding/teaching ministry

Because of your faithful prayers and support in 2018, we praise God He allowed us to see **over 50 people trust Jesus as their Savior including at least 2 Muslims** whom we were personally able to share the Gospel with!!! Please continue to pray for God to use us as we enter into 2019!

For His Harvest in Ethiopia,
Joshua, Ruth, Jeremiah, Joel, and Jonan