



RCA Missionary Update

from the Tadesse

Abdi Tadesse Mulat began ministry as a volunteer leader in his home church. Soon after, a communist revolution swept through Ethiopia. Abdi was arrested and tortured repeatedly. Though no Bibles or prayer were allowed in prison, he witnessed to his fellow prisoners, confirming and refining his faith and his gifts as an evangelist. After his release from prison the government assigned him to Bale, a predominantly Muslim area. Initially resistant to moving to an area with no churches and few Christians, Abdi came to see this placement as an opportunity to share the news of God's love for all people. Abdi now teaches in the Christian-Muslim Relations program at Mekane Yesus Seminary. He is married to Sumaye and they have three children.

Ethiopia facts:

- Population: 65 million
- Size: 704,000 square miles (about twice the size of Texas)
- Major religions: 48 percent Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity; 35-40 percent Islam; 12 percent Evangelical Christianity



MINISTRY

Christian-Muslim Relations

LOCATION

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Ethiopian Evangelical Church
Mekane Yesus

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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We started 2009 with thanks and praise as our church celebrated its 110th anniversary and the 50th year Jubilee of constitution at the



Jubilee celebration

national level. When our church was constituted 50 years ago she church had only 20,000 members and several congregations. But after fifty years of service, we celebrated with 5 million members and more that 5000 congregations all over the country. Our church passed through many challenges during these fifty years and has been able to bear fruit with the protection and strength from the Almighty God. During the communist regime from 1974-1991, the church was under severe persecution and lost church buildings and properties. Her members and ministers were imprisoned and tortured. Even her General Secretary was killed in prison by the communist security agents. Passing through such hardship God brought us to the time when we celebrated God's blessing and successful ministry. During the celebration many guests from different countries came to Ethiopia to celebrate with us.

The second celebration was one with our family. In February we celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary. Our relatives and friends came to congratulate us. It was a time of praise and thanksgiving for what God has done in these ten years. He blessed us with three children. Our ministry was also a successful ministry during these years. We praise God for what he has done for us. In February we also celebrated the birthdays of our children, Ebassa (7), and Sidise (2). Sena and Ebassa are doing well at school whereas Sidise has started learning new words. We love how she is pronouncing new words every day. We thank God for our children's growth.



Our ministry is going well here. This year, I teach Christian-Muslim Relations and do public relations work for the seminary. For this semester I also teach a theology course, "Pastoral Care with Young People." I like teaching this course. In addition, the Seminary assigned me as acting campus pastor for this academic year because our campus pastor retired and the seminary is still looking for one to employ. Even though I enjoy doing the ministry I

am struggling with such burden these days. Please, keep me in your prayers so that I can be successful in my ministry.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support and prayers which enabled us to be successful in our ministries. May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Abdi, Sumaye, Sena, Ebassa, and Sidise

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