Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Ethiopia. Eric teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other church workers to serve in Ethiopia.

Eric was born in Great Falls, Mont. He earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Montana, Missoula. He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Prior to becoming a missionary, Eric worked as a hospital clinical staff pharmacist and as a triple parish pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stanford, Mont., Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denton, Mont., and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lewistown, Mont. In his free time, Eric enjoys woodworking, reading and bow hunting.

Johanna was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She earned bachelor's degrees in biology and nursing from the University of Windsor and is a registered nurse. Before heading to Ethiopia, Johanna served as an obstetrics nurse at Hutzel Women's Hospital, Detroit, and with Benefis Health Systems, Great Falls, Mont. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, reading, playing the piano, being an organist and teaching choir. Eric and Johanna have four beautiful children – Rachael, Naomi, Luke and Levi – who join them on the mission field.

Pray for Eric, Johanna and their children as they serve in Ethiopia. Pray God gives their entire family strength and peace as they continue to adjust to life overseas, learning the culture and the language. Pray for the church in Ethiopia and for the students attending Mekane Yesus Seminary. Ask God to give Eric His wisdom and guidance as he teaches these students and helps them prepare to become faithful Lutheran pastors, lay evangelists and other professional church workers. Let us give thanks to God that Eric, Johanna and their family have answered the call to serve His people in Ethiopia.

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