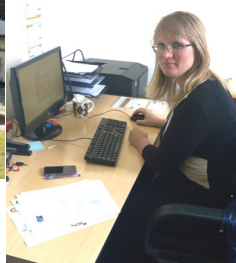


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## ***Gail GORFE At Bingham Academy in ETHIOPIA***

Zoya and I have made it back safely to Addis Ababa, and getting back into a routine, after several days of jet lag. Thanks for your prayers for safe travels!

*Gail Garfe*

### **Rainy Season in Ethiopia**

Zoya, Zack and I were blessed to be able to travel to Canada for one month this summer, leaving the rainy season in Addis Ababa behind. The rainy season here lasts from around June until the end of September. The schools all close during the start of this season, giving us the same break time as family and friends in Canada and Europe. Many, if not most, foreigners leave Ethiopia during the rainy season break to take holidays back home. Our family has generally made a trip out of the country every second rainy season, a common practice among many mission families.

The rainy season means rain several times per day, and not just a light drizzle, but heavy downpours that can last for a few minutes or for an hour or more. While it does not rain all day long, the rains come quickly with little warning, making it hard to do a lot of activity outdoors. The ground becomes soggy and muddy and by the end of September the water pools easily over the ground. Between the downpours the sun comes out and people go about their day as usual. Other than schools and the courts, all other business are open during the rainy season. When you are out and about, you do whatever you can to avoid being caught in the next rains. You will be soaked to the bone simply running to and from your car or a bus. Those who are out and about on foot try to time their walks or plan them along routes where there are lots of places to stop and get shelter. Addis Ababa has many coffee shops and little stores along most roads with sidewalks, and so stopping to get out of the rain is possible, if it is not too strong.

For those of us who have the opportunity to get away from the rain, we gladly take it to travel and visit in our home countries. Our Ethiopian colleagues, friends and family whose children also have free time from school, and who may also have holidays from work, generally spend their time catching up on chores at home and visiting with relatives who live in Addis Ababa or in cities close by.



For us, this trip to Canada was a working visit for all of us. Zack got a job picking strawberries and vegetables and Zoya was able to work for a few weeks with a friend in her shop. In Ethiopia there are generally no part time jobs for students during the school break. With unemployment above 30% it is not possible to provide our kids with the opportunity of a job here. For me the trip provided time to spend with family and to connect with friends and congregations who support the work that I do. Yonas stayed behind in Ethiopia as the local company he is working for is very new and he did not have the opportunity to take any time off. As a family we look forward to taking a trip outside the city here later this year for some family time in the sun!

***Pray for:***

Zack as he stays in Thunder Bay for another 3 weeks with his Oma (grandmother) and works from 8am-2pm each weekday. Pray that he will have an enjoyable and productive time and safe travel on his own back to Addis Ababa.



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## News from Bingham Academy

I was back at my desk at Bingham Academy the middle of last week. One of my jobs is to ensure that all of our missionary teaching staff have valid work permits for the school year. As the majority of our staff arrive every year in early August, the end of July and the month of August are very busy for me, with new permits and renewals.

Bingham recruits qualified Christian teachers from within the mission organizations that are represented in the school, as well as through Christian Universities and church connections. The mission organizations are from around the world and so the teaching staff also come from different countries. The quality of the education Bingham provides, by having western educated teachers, helps to ensure that the graduates will be accepted university of their choice. Other missionary families who leave Ethiopia, returning either to their home countries or to a new assignment in another country, also need to be able to enter their children into the school system into the country where they are going.

This year, as we enter into the new school year, Bingham is short an English teacher, music teacher and a geography teacher. This means that all of the teaching staff, as well as some of the administrative staff, will take on a heavier load in order to ensure that the students can take the classes that they need. Please pray for the Bingham teachers as they begin the new school year, and pray that qualified teachers can be found to fill these vacant positions soon and into the future. If you, or someone you know, would be interested to join the mission community as a teacher at Bingham Academy, please visit the school website at [www.binghamacademy.net](http://www.binghamacademy.net) or contact me.



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### *Praise for:*

- ⇒ the generosity we experienced, and the many people we enjoyed talking to during our visits in Winnipeg and Hamilton and for the many good visits with supporters, family and friends in Thunder Bay.
- ⇒ the safe travels in Canada between Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and Hamilton (around 2400km all by car)

- ⇒ We also praise God for the reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea that took place during this month. This, and the change in leadership in the country, are both answers to prayer.

The following article talks about how change is coming to Ethiopia.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/08/abiy-ahmed-upending-ethiopian-politics>

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