



HEAR MICHAEL AND RACHEL WELLER

Ethiopian Missionaries supported by FPC

Sunday Morning, April 3

10:30 Worship
11:45 Covered Dish Lunch

Michael was born in Durham, NC. After graduating from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, he went to Cairo, Egypt, with the PC(USA)'s Volunteer in Mission program and taught English at Ramses College for Girls. He received his MDiv from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

Michael works with Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. From 1994 to 2001, he taught at the Gidada Bible School, which trains adults for various positions of leadership within the church. From 2002 to 2004, he worked with the



Majangir people, nomads who were settling on the outskirts of Dembi Doolo. Through this work, he gained experience in community development and church planting. Michael has been the PC(USA) Regional Liaison for the Horn of Africa since 2004. As regional liaison he works with PC (USA)'s global partners and mission co-workers in Ethiopia, Sudan, and South Sudan to facilitate strong relationships with the PC(USA) and our African brothers and sisters.



Rachel has a bachelors degree in nursing and serves as health coordinator for the Bethel Synods of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. She supports the work of health clinics and facilitates Community Health Evangelism projects and training in the Fambella region of Ethiopia. Community Health Evangelism programs seek to transform individuals and communities by integrating community-based development, evangelism, and discipleship.



Rachel's work with three medical clinics in one of the most remote parts of Ethiopia offers her many challenges, the largest of which is finding well-trained medical staff willing to live and work there. She is encouraged by the commitment of the East and West Gambellow Bethel Synods to overcoming these obstacles so that the people of the area may have access to health care.



Her work with women from Western Wollega Bethel Synod teaching about healthy practices has resulted in some churches now having community vegetable gardens, more people maintaining clean drinking water, and a greater awareness of how HIV spreads.

