

a 'DAY' in Addis Ababa

July 2010

Greetings to family, friends and faithful supporters. Many thanks again for your ongoing support. We have now begun the rainy season here. Most days it rains, generally in the afternoon and at times with spectacular thunderstorms. Life continues on here pretty much as routine. I'm beginning to see, and feel the ups and downs of missionary life. Our God is faithful in all situations. He is taking me on a huge learning curve in many areas. Thank you for being part of the team. *In Christ's Service, Cheryl*

5FS project producing first fruits of pears Praise God! The farmers connected to the project this season have their first major harvest of pears. The trees bore enough fruit for the farmers' co-op to sell. They are a good size and very tasty. I have been able to try them personally. Another praise point is at the Injibara market, apples have begun to appear for sale. This means there is sufficient to sell beyond the farmers co-op. Wow! This is only the beginning of impacting local people's lives.



Language, Language and more language learning Yes that is right - still most of my time is taken up with language learning. But what a benefit in laying down a solid foundation before I head out to Injibara. For English speakers, Amharic is in the top 4 hardest languages for us to learn. The Amharic script has its own beauty. I now can say that I have learnt the 260+ Fidel characters and of course I have them down pat - well not quite, but well on the way. The structure of sentences is quite different to English. Words in Amharic are continuously being modified with prefixes and suffixes depending on the context and person you are talking to.

Amahric Bloopers With Amharic, there are the slightest differences which can give you a totally different word. Here are some examples that I hope put a smile to your face. Some of these I have personally made, but I'm not telling which ones. First is what was meant to be said and second is what was said. See if you can pick the difference in the letters (fidel) on some of these.

- Fry the potatoes Fry the cat ድንች ~ dnc (*potato*) ድመት ~ dmät (*cat*)
- Feed the baby Eat the baby አበላ ~ abäla (*feed*) በላ ~ bäla (*eat*)
- Be quiet Eat flies ዝም አለ ~ zm alä (*be quiet*) ዝምብ ~ zmb (*fly*) በላ ~ bäla (*eat*)
- The man has a wife The man has a termite ሚስት ~ mist (*wife*) ምስጥ ~ msT' (*termite*)
- I have a cold I have some porridge ጉንፋን ~ gunfan (*common cold*) ገንፎ ~ porridge (*gänfo*)
- Play the drum Play the fox ክብሮ ~ käbäro (*drum*) ቀበሮ ~ qäbäro (*fox*)
- I'm happy you came I'm happy to hit you መጣ ~ mäT'a (*come*) መታ ~ mäta (*hit*)
- Can we have 4 makiyatos (*coffee with milk*) Can we have 4 Makartos (which is a large market in Addis Ababa) ማኪያት ~ makiyato
- On the mini taxis to get off you say wräj ውረጅ ~ get off, instead it was said "I'm giving birth" ወለጅ ~ wäläj (*birth*)

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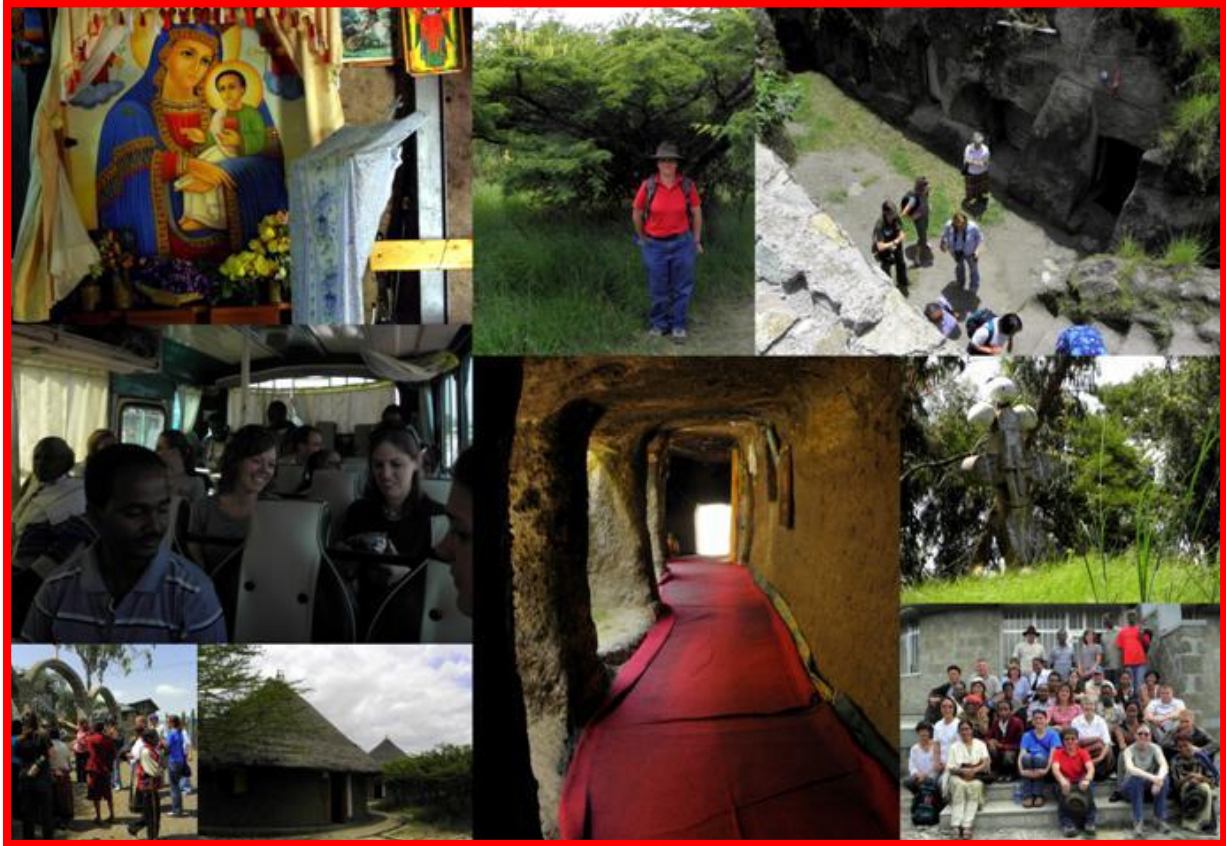
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Trip to Adadi Maryam, Melka Kunture & Balchit (Upper Awash Area) All from the language school piled into a bus and headed south for the day. It was something different to look forward to than sitting in a class room. We visited a small underground Orthodox church carved out of the rock. Shoes were taken off before entering the church and there were different entrances for men and women. Our other stop was an Archaeological Park with little huts set up showing past to the present archaeology and geology of Ethiopia. Here we had a wonderful Ethiopian injjera/wot lunch organised and pre-prepared by our teachers. It was a great day spending time together and seeing some sites not too far out of Addis. Each class was given some new words to learn from this trip.

What lies ahead

At the end of July there will be a 3 week term break from language. I hope to head down country, maybe to Langanu for a time of R & R. Then upon returning back to Addis, depending, if my accommodation is ready in Injibara I will pack up and shift there. If the accommodation is not ready I will do one more six week block of language school and move to Injibara in October. Whether in August or October I am certainly looking forward to joining the MacLachlens in Injibara. It will be a time of further adjustment, yet one of beginning life amongst the Awi people.

Praise God for -

- ◆ His abundant supply, His great love and strength that can be found in Him
- ◆ The first fruits of the pear harvest
- ◆ This period of language learning and building relationships

Prayer Points -

- ◆ For the MacLachlan family, Mark and Debbie are back in the US for 3 weeks spending time with family and Mark's very sick mum.
- ◆ For the preparation of my accommodation in Injibara and still the purchase of a 4WD.
- ◆ For the continual advancement of the farmers crops and agricultural skills through the project. And open doors to share the gospel.
- ◆ For expansion of growing of native plants to improve the environment.
- ◆ For my final weeks of formal language school and the opportunity to have a good restful break before moving to Injibara