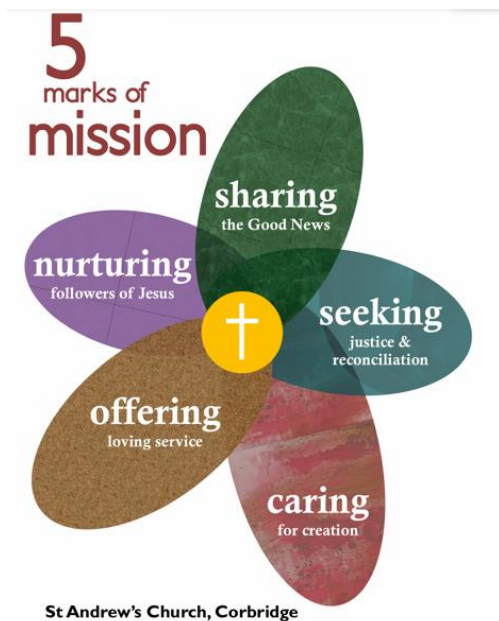


MARK OF MISSION 2

Nurturing new believers...

through supporting Getatchew and Gezashingn Yohannes, working in the ministry of Bible translation in Ethiopia and beyond.

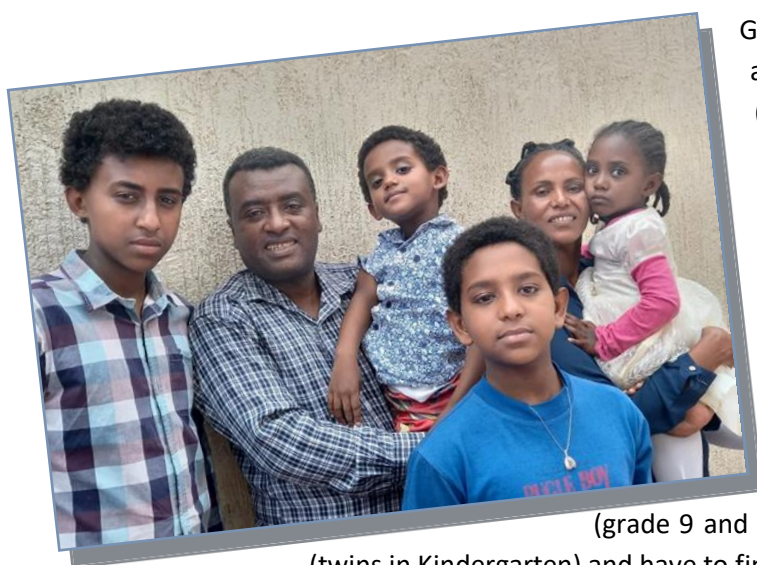


We live in a rapidly changing world where the work of mission is being undertaken by people from all sorts of cultures and backgrounds. With the recent huge growth in the church in what is generally now known as the 'Global South', much new mission work is being done by people from countries that were traditionally recipients of Western mission. If you want to read more about this change then why not follow this link to an article that explains it well?

<https://missionexus.org/moving-from-dependence-to-independence-a-global-south-view-of-church-mission-relationship/>

This shift requires us in the West to learn to partner on an equal footing with those working and leading mission from non-Western contexts. Thus, we have decided to support an **Ethiopian** family who are engaged in the work of **Bible translation** along with the promotion of local language scriptures in churches across Ethiopia and wider across Africa.

Let us introduce **Getachew and Gezashingn Yohannes** and their 4 children.



Getachew has in the last few months been formally appointed by **Wycliffe Ethiopia** (www.wycliffeethiopia.org) as a translation consultant for Bible translation across East Africa. This has come after years of working as a Bible translator combined with a long and comprehensive process of training. His wife, Gezashingn is also highly qualified and leads a team who are involved in the promotion of the use of mother tongue scriptures in indigenous churches throughout Ethiopia. Whilst they do both get paid modest salaries, they have four children **Enku and Yonathan** (grade 9 and 6 in RICE Christian school) and **Mihret and Cherinet** (twins in Kindergarten) and have to find the school fees, which is a constant challenge.

By supporting this family we as a church hope to achieve several things:

1. We will be able to build long term personal links with people who exemplify the changes in the move of leadership of Christian mission to the 'global south' by getting to know a highly educated and yet sacrificial

missionary family from another culture. This will open our eyes to what God is doing in a situation that is very different to our own.

2. By supporting the educational needs we will take a load of worry off a highly talented couple and release them to focus upon the important work of Bible translation. They in turn will provide us with up-to-date information about the successes and challenges they are facing. Thus, we will be able to be involved in a dynamic story of mission in a fascinating part of the Christian world.

3. There would be possibilities to get to know the impact the RICE Christian school is having on mission in Ethiopia and beyond, as many church leaders' and mission partners' children are being educated here. We could even foresee some of the retired teachers (and any interested in education) in Corbridge, getting involved in other ways in this school.