Michael and Rachel Weller
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ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)

Michael and Rachel Weller were appointed as PC(USA) mission co-workers to serve the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) in 1994. At that time Michael served as a teacher and advisor at the Gidada Bible School in Dembi Dollo while Rachel was responsible for family life and home-schooling their four children. For ten years Michael served the PC(USA) as the Regional Liaison for the Horn of Africa, coordinating with partners in Sudan, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. In February 2017 Michael returned to the work he loves: training future church leaders. He teaches in Gambella, Ethiopia at the Don McClure Bible School and the Manpiny Theological College. The schools are ministries of the East Gambella Bethel Synod and the West Gambella Bethel Synod, respectively. Rachel facilitates the work of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in both synods. CHE is a program that gathers people together to identify and use available resources to improve their health situation and to learn truths from the Bible leading to the life abundant that Jesus Christ promised. The program also teaches and encourages individuals and families to reach out in discipleship to neighbors and friends.

THE IMPACT

Rachel was born and raised in Ethiopia where her parents were Presbyterian missionaries. Returning to the U.S. after high school she completed a diploma in nursing at West Penn Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rachel served as a Volunteer in Mission in Tanta, Egypt at the Tanta American Hospital. She and Michael met while on a retreat for the volunteers at Mt. Sinai. Long-term PC(USA) mission co-workers and long-time partners of The Outreach Foundation, Michael and Rachel help Outreach and church partners think strategically and work effectively in God’s mission in Ethiopia.

THE NEED

The Outreach Foundation is seeking gifts totaling $20,000 for support funds.