



Abraham T. Desta

PHARES INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC CHURCH (ETHIOPAN)

About the Family

I live with my dear wife, Martha B. Demisse, and my three wonderful children, Eueal (21), Surafel (19) and Salem (13).

My wife and I have served the Lord for more than 15 years. We were pastors in the ministry we founded back home in Ethiopia. We had more than 1,000 people gathering in a single service.

I came to the U.S. in 2009 as a seminary student. My children love and serve the Lord with me, and my wife is a pastor, preacher, counselor and prayer leader. Eueal is a keyboardist. He studied pre-med at Rutgers University. My second son monitors our sound system and plays guitar. He also was enrolled at Rutgers to study biomedical engineering. My youngest is an eighth-grader and supports the Sunday school.

They are excellent students, but we have financial issues because of our status in this country (R1, R2). They do not qualify for student loans, which has presented a great challenge. They have been forced to delay their education. We are waiting for our green cards.

About the Church Plant

I planted the Ethiopian church three years ago. We have a passion to reach out to Ethiopian immigrants living in the area. To achieve this, we planted a church that offers a service in the language and culture that best addresses their spiritual and physical needs.

We have a wonderful youth group in our church that was coordinated by our church plant. This group meets after the worship service. We give due attention to the young ones in our church because we believe they will be taking the gospel to their generation. We also have children's ministry in Sunday school, which is another area of focus. We have organized eight home cell Bible study groups to back up our church.

Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

–For us to reach out to the lost and the needy Ethiopians living in and around NYC.

–For our orphanage ministry back home in Ethiopia.

–For us as we plan to plant a new church in New Brunswick, N.J.

PARTICIPATE.

–Participate through prayer, training.

–We need a Sunday school teacher.

PROVIDE.

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit sendnetwork.com/planterfunding for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

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