



Update from

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After nearly two years away, the path finally opened up for me to return to Ethiopia, which I did just over a week ago. It also opened up the opportunity to focus all of my attention and energy on the primary reason I accepted this call—to revitalize the Christian/Muslim Relations (CMR) program at the Mekane Yesus Seminary.

Already, I have had encouraging and productive meetings with the seminary president, my colleagues in the program, and all of the students currently enrolled in the BTh and MA programs. Meeting them made me aware again of the high level of commitment these students have (many of them already serving as pastors and evangelists) to acquiring the knowledge and sensitivity needed to serve as vital Christian witnesses among their Muslim neighbors. This is not just an interesting subject for curious minds, this is the heartbeat of their ministries, particularly for the students who are themselves Muslim converts.

Most exciting are the plans being put in place to create a new Center for Christian/Muslim Relations that will broaden the reach of the program by making resources available to frontline ministries, as well as allow the seminary to establish a more vital connection with the global Christian community. The Center is envisioned to be a resource for visiting scholars and church leaders. I hope that there will be groups of RCA church leaders who will come here to learn about Christian/Muslim relations and the church in this fascinating country, as we have much to learn from them.

The two tasks I am working on in this six-week trip are, thus, setting in motion plans for the Center and doing a thorough assessment of the CMR program with recommendations for ways to strengthen it. I cherish your prayers for both.



CMR students with Dr. Hubers and Dr. Abdi Tadesse, director of CMR program.



Seminary President, Dr. Bruk Asale

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I also treasure your prayers for Lynne who is struggling right now with a knee problem and me not being there to give her support. Pray that the physical therapy she is receiving will continue to help her improve. This is when being apart becomes the most difficult.

Blessings in Christ with heartfelt thanks for your support!

John Hubers