

Meet the Gebreyesus Family

Upon meeting the Gebreyesus family you instantly notice their smiles. This family is filled with love, determination to make a better life, persistence, and a passion for learning. Dereje (DJ) and his wife Tizita met in their native land of Ethiopia while riding in the same multi-person taxi, the Ethiopian equivalent of our bus. They dated for about three years and eventually married.



They are members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian church and are very involved in their church. Everyone in the family speaks both English and Amarich, the native language of Ethiopia. DJ is currently working part time as a sales associate at 7 Eleven. He arranges his schedule so that he can take care of the kids while Tizita works and goes to school.

Both DJ and Tizita were determined to make a better life for their family, and hoped to do that in the United States. DJ and Tizita have now been married for approximately twelve years and have three adorable boys Sawiros, Barok, and Kidus. Their oldest, Sawiros, a fourth grader at a Math, Science and Technology magnet school. His favorite subject is mathematics. After school, he enjoys reading and soccer. Barok is a first grader at the same magnet school and his favorite subject is reading. He also likes to play soccer and wants to be a scientist when he grows up. The baby, Kidus, is a bright, bouncy, friendly, mischievous, healthy toddler who enjoys playing at soccer with his brothers. He has already learned his ABCs and his numbers through 10. The kids are all happy, smiling, and playful.

Tizita has been and is currently employed as a Certified Nurse's Assistant at a large progressive living retirement and rehabilitation center for the last six years. She takes one or two classes per semester and is considering going to nursing school in the future.

This is a family very much dedicated to hard work and making a better life for themselves and their children.

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