

## International Blessings!

Pastor Nathaniel became acquainted with Edom Abebe when she visited worship at *FirstChurch*. He had described Edom as a beautiful and delightful new friend. Little did he know what a blessing his new friend would become! Edom is an international student from Ethiopia attending Angelo State University. The International Students' Host Parents program was started by Barbara Rallo, First UMC member and wife of ASU president, Joe Rallo.

Recently, Nathaniel and Mary were in Lewisville to attend their granddaughter's graduation from 5th grade. While there, they were invited to meet and visit with Edom's parents, Abraham and LemLem who are moving to the Dallas area from

Ethiopia.

The Hankins were treated to an

authentic Ethiopian Lunch. Pastor Nathaniel declared, "It was quite an experience, and we truly had a great visit, and now they've invited us to Ethiopia next year! We had already begun plans to visit Zimbabwe next year, so now it looks like we can include Ethiopia, God willing. Meeting and being involved in the life of this young International Student has truly been a blessing!"



*LemLem, Edom, and Abraham Abebe*

## Golf Tournament Proceeds Presented

A check for \$16,699.17 was presented to representatives of Wesley United Methodist Soup Kitchen. The proceeds were raised as a result of the annual Soup Kitchen Golf Tournament held May 12th.

Pictured left to right are the following: (seated) Sarah Holbert & Ola McCorkle Board Members; standing, Rev. Michael Bell Chairman of the Board for Wesley UMC Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Program, Jetty Davis Board member, Mary Hankins Executive Director, and Treasurer Belva Harrison. Presenting the check are Jim Von Gonten & Buddy Beck, Co-

chairs for the 6th Annual Soup Kitchen Open Benefit Golf Tournament, and member Nathaniel "Hank" Hankins. Planning members not pictured are Nelda Von Gonten, Joe McClure, Chuck Weedon, and Ernest Aguirre.

