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EAC Welcomes Paul Mission Delegates from South Korea

Nola Tudu, MA



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, Paul Mission CEO (center) and the Korean delegates were welcomed at the airport by Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC (extreme right) on September 23, 2025.

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) was delighted to welcome a delegation of 15 representatives from South Korea on September 23, 2025, at the Bole International Airport, Addis Ababa, and subsequently on the EAC campus on September 24, 2025. The visit to EAC commenced with a warm and colorful reception organized by the EAC Church Pathfinder Club, who greeted the guests outside Toppenberg Hall with their distinctive marching formation and the presentation of elegant pink roses to each delegate. Following the heartfelt welcome, the delegation proceeded to the Conference Room for a formal reception program organized in their honor.

Mr. Pradeep Tudu, the Vice-President for Financial Affairs welcomed Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, the CEO of Paul Mission, his grandson, Choi, Do-Young (Joshua), and 13 other South Korean delegates to Ethiopia Adventist College who came primarily for site visit and the inauguration of the Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm Project.

Next, Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, presented a brief but concise progress report of the Ethio-Korean Cattle Farm Project. Dr. Dalu began with a brief history of the College from its establishment in 1947 by American/Danish missionary V.E. Toppenberg to the present where EAC is in transition to a university status. He stated, "The College desires to generate funds for

the construction of the university project—Kuyera Adventist University.”

Describing the establishment of EAC/KAU Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm in Ethiopia, Dr. Abraham Dalu stated, “The initiators and developers of the project are Dr. Chunsik Park and Dr. Sang Jin Lee, professors of Sahmyook University. The Cattle Farm Project is sponsored by Paul Mission, Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, the CEO, who has generously provided the seed money in the amount of 3.1 million Ethiopian Birr for cattle barn and fence construction.

The Paul Mission team has agreed to sacrificially and generously sponsor 200–300 cattle to strengthen the historic friendship between South Korea and Ethiopia with a goal to raise 10,000 cattle in five years and establish Kuyera Adventist University. Dr. Dalu further added that a lot of planning and groundwork had been

done by the EAC Administrative team before starting the Cattle Farm Project. From Zoom meetings and assessment of the recommendations by Dr Lee and Dr. Park for the construction of the barns and fences to visitations to multiple successful local and distant cattle farms and selection of strategic sites for large open space with access to water, electricity, food production suitability, and safety for the cattle.

In addition, Dr. Dalu stated the administrators visited several agricultural training and livestock development centers and cattle farms in Oromia and Sidama region. He assured the College will continue to interact and collaborate with several government officials in Ethiopia, community leaders, livestock experts and entrepreneurs from both Korea and Ethiopia.

Dr. Dalu revealed the best location for



Paul Mission delegates in front of Toppenberg Hall with EAC administrators on September 24, 2025



Korean delegates receive a warm welcome in EAC Conference Room on September 24, 2025

the Cattle Farm Project has been identified and a secure barbed-wire fence has been built around 7.5 hectares of land. The College has about 100 hectares of land for cattle feed production, grazing area, and expansion of barn construction as the number of cattle increases. Furthermore, cost effective and safe construction materials are used when possible.

Before the Korean delegates came to Ethiopia, EAC through the help of God, its alumni, and friends purchased 5 second time pregnant and 9 first time pregnant 85% Holstein Friesian cows. The range of pregnancy is between 7-8 months. One second time pregnant cow gave birth to a healthy female calf on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The calf was fondly named Sanbatee, to signify the Sabbath day when it was born. God has already

begun the work of multiplication, Dr. Abraham stated.

After giving a summary of the expenditure from the operating funds and the donations, Dr. Abraham Dalu stated cattle farm professionals were hired as full-time employees or contract employees for regular visits. A certified veterinarian is on contract agreement. Mr. Edao Shanku is the newly appointed Cattle Farm Manager, and additional cattle care givers will be assigned in the near future to support the project.

The welcome program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement.

EAC/KAU and Korean Partners Inaugurate Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm Project

Nola Tudu, MA



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, Paul Mission CEO (left) and Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC (right) at the unveiling of the Inaugural Plaque

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), soon to become Kuyera Adventist University (KAU), celebrated the historic inauguration of the Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm Project on September 25, 2025, in Kuyera, Shashemene. The project, developed in partnership with Paul Mission and scholars from Sahmyook University in South Korea, represents a milestone in advancing education, food security, and community development in Ethiopia.

The idea for the cattle farm was first

proposed by Dr. Chunsik Park, Professor of Old Testament at Sahmyook University, with the vision of generating sustainable revenue to support the construction of Kuyera Adventist University. In April 2025, Dr. Abraham Dalu (President of EAC/KAU) and Pr. Tadesse Adugna (President of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission) visited South Korea for a benchmarking tour of dairy farms, accompanied by Mrs. Aster Giorgis Dalu. They were joined by Dr. Sang Jin Lee, Professor of Animal Reproduction at Sahmyook University, whose expertise

contributed to shaping the project. Together, Dr. Park and Dr. Lee became the initiators and developers of this initiative, with Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission, providing financial support.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by 14 Korean delegates led by Elder Sohn, alongside community members, Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission leaders, representatives from the Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute (Holeta Center), and local government officials.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Dalu outlined four key impacts of the project:

- For EAC/KAU: A living laboratory for teaching, research, and innovation, while generating income to support university development.
- For the community: Job creation, skills training, and improved nutrition through access to dairy and beef products.



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission (R) giving the inaugural remarks and translated by Choi, Do-Young (Joshua) (L), grandson of Elder Tae-Soon Sohn



Dr. Chunsik Park, Professor of Old Testament at Sahmyook University, initiator and developer of EAC Cattle Farm explains the smart farm concept



Dr. Sang Jin Lee, Professor of Animal Reproduction at Sahmyook University, initiator and developer of EAC Cattle Farm explains scientific based cattle feed

... For the nation: A model of sustainable cattle farming that strengthens food security and reduces reliance on imports.

.... For the global Adventist Church: A testimony of faith in action, demonstrating how Adventist institutions can unite mission, education, and development.

Pr. Tadesse Aduana offered dedicatory remarks, emphasizing the project's role in supporting the College's transition to a university and in enhancing community food security. A dedicatory prayer was given by Prof. Abduro Suleman, President of South East Ethiopia Field.

Prof. Safawo Gullo, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke on the overall significance of the cattle project for our institution, the surrounding community, the region and the entire country. He emphasized that EAC would be collaborating with



Meeting with selected South Korean leaders at Sahmyook University interested in EAC cattle farm



Prof. Safawo Gullo, Senior VPAA, (2nd from left) presented about the Cattle Farm Project and introduced three guests from Holeta Livestock Development Institute: Mrs. Bizunesh Magarsa, Fixed Asset Administration & Veterinary Drug Store Head (Retired) (center); Mr. Dagnachew Worku Jiru, BSc, Animal Reproduction, Assistant Researcher in Animal Breeding and Genetics, (4th L-R); and Dr. Ararsa Duguma, DVM, MVSc, Asst. Prof. of Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynecology, Researcher & Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute, Holeta Center (5th L-R) who were instrumental to acquire the cattle. Pr. Babiso Gemechu, VPAA, (extreme left) translated the event



Guests of honor at the Inauguration Ceremony: (left to right) Mr. Teshome Mohammed, Administrator of Melka Sirba Sub-City; Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC; Pr. Tadesse Aduana, President of EEUM; Prof. Safawo Gullo, Senior VPAA of EAC; Choi, Do-Young (Joshua), grandson of Elder Tae-Soon Sohn; Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission; Pr. Abraham Helena, President of South Green Ethiopia Field



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn (center), CEO of Paul Mission, cuts the ribbon accompanied by Dr. Abraham Dalu (Left), President of EAC; and Pr. Tadesse Adugna (Right), President of EEUM

and receiving technical assistance from LDI (Livestock Development Institute). In addition, Prof. Safawo introduced Dr. Ararsa Duguma, Mr. Dagnachew, and Mrs. Bizunesh Magarsa, the individuals, who were instrumental to acquire the 14 pregnant cows without involving middle-men, who charge exorbitant amount of money to facilitate the purchasing of cattle.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the EAC Alumni, friends, and ECD for providing funds for the initial purchase of 14 cows and funds to cover initial incidental expenses.

Dr. Ararsa Duguma, the Director of LDI, Holeta Center delivered a very important message on LDI's commitment to collaborating with EAC/KAU on research and capacity building for the success of the new Cattle Farm Project. He also praised the commitment of the Korean donors and Ethiopian partners, noting that the project

strengthens Ethiopia-Korea relations while advancing education, research, and employment opportunities.

The ceremony featured an inaugural address by Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, followed by the unveiling of a inaugural plaque and ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted jointly by Elder Sohn, Dr. Dalu, Pr. Adugna, and Mr. Teshome Mohammed, Administrator of Melka Sirba Sub-City.

Guests toured the cattle farm, viewing the first 14 Holstein Friesian cows, with additional livestock to be purchased soon. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, while Pr. Babiso Gemechu, Vice President for Student Affairs, served as a translator.

The Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm stands as a symbol of international collaboration and faith-driven

development. It will serve as a catalyst for education, food security, and community transformation—laying a strong foundation

for the future Kuyera Adventist University.



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO Paul Mission, touching one of the Holstein Friesian cows of the Cattle Farm Project



EAC Administrators, EEUM officers, EAC faculty and staff and community representatives standing before the gate of the Cattle Farm after the ribbon cutting ceremony



At the unveiling of the inauguration plaque. (Right-Left) Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC; Choi, Do-Young (Joshua); Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission; Pr. Tadesse Adugna, President of EEUM; and Mr. Teshome Mohammed, Administrator of Melka Sirba Sub-City



EAC Administrators stand in front of the inauguration plaque (Left -Right) Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC; Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, VP for Institutional Advancement; Pr. Babiso Gemechu, VP for Student Affairs; Mr. Pradeep Tudu, VP for Financial Affairs

Elder Tae-Soon Sohn Speaks During Divine Service at EAC

Nola Tudu, MA

The Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) church and community were blessed on September 27, 2025, by a heartfelt message from Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission, along with other Korean guests.

In his sermon, Elder Sohn shared how meaningful encounters with people can transform lives. He recounted three pivotal meetings that have greatly shaped his journey.

The first was meeting his wife, with whom he has been married for 60 years.

She has always supported his mission trips, as have their three daughters and grandchildren. For instance, his grandson Joshua accompanied him to Ethiopia as a translator. Another grandson, inspired by a mission trip to Congo, chose to pursue a career in medicine and is now a practicing dentist in the United States.

The second significant meeting was with people in Africa, which brought him immense happiness. Elder Sohn explained why he came to Africa. He owned land that he couldn't sell for 20 years, but after



Speakers at the Divine Worship (Left -Right) Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission; Choi, Do-Young (Joshua) translates from Korean to English; Pr. Babiso Gemechu, VP for Student Affairs translates from English to Amharic and Afaan Oromo



Korean delegates sing a special song during the divine worship at EAC SDA Church

fasting and praying earnestly, he made a vow to give \$100,000 to Africa if he successfully sold the land. Within three days, the land sold for \$400,000, and he honored his promise to God. Since then, he has visited countries including Kenya, Congo, Tanzania, and Ethiopia, helping communities build schools and initiate projects such as cattle farms, like the one at EAC.

His third and most profound meeting was with God. In 1961, upon entering the military, a cousin gave him a Bible. He read it diligently, along with "The Desire of Ages" by Ellen G. White. This spiritual journey led him to commit his life to God and to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Many church members were deeply touched and inspired by Elder Sohn's testimony and his example of relentless service and selfless living. His story reflects a life dedicated to bringing hope and the promise of eternal life—not only in this world but beyond.

"Meeting People Will Change Your Life" – Elder Tae-Soon Sohn



Elder Tae-Soon Sohn, CEO of Paul Mission speaks during the Divine Worship at EAC SDA Church

Korean Team Presents Gifts to the Women of EAC

Nola Tudu, MA



Mrs. Aster G. Dalu (extreme right) translates for the Korean guests presenting the gifts to the EAC women

On September 29, 2025, the team of 15 visitors from South Korea blessed a total of 89 Campus women and young dormitory students by presenting a thoughtful gift focused on personal hygiene and sanitation.

These gifts were generously donated by many church members from Korea and carefully selected to promote the well-being of the women. Included in the gift package were undergarments and sanitary napkins, aimed at supporting the safety,

comfort, and personal hygiene of young women.

This gesture served as a meaningful reminder to the young women to prioritize self-care. It also exemplified the spirit of sharing and compassion demonstrated by the Korean church members, inspiring the women to extend help and kindness to others in their community.



Korean delegate explain how the churches in Korea prepared the gifts for the women at EAC

Korean Team Extends Support to Five Churches

Pr. Babiso Gemechu, MBA

Our Korean friends, who joined us for the inauguration of the Ethio–Korean Friendship Cattle Farm, have continued their humanitarian work by extending support to local churches. They visited the local church members on September 25 and 26 and purchased cattle for six individuals from five congregations: Kuyera Ilala SDA Church, Kersa

#1 SDA Church, Kersa #2 SDA Church, Dhadhaba SDA Church, and EAC SDA Church.

This act of kindness reflects their strong commitment to uplifting communities and strengthening the bond of friendship through practical support and Christian love.



One of the EAC Community SDA churches the Korean delegates visited

EAC Bids Farewell to the South Korean Team

Nola Tudu, MA



At the farewell of the Korean delegates in the Conference Room

Ethiopia Adventist College bid farewell to the South Korean team on September 29, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, delivered the opening remarks, which were followed by a prayer led by Pastor Bahiru Woldegebreal, EAC Church Pastor.

In his remarks, Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, highlighted that the Ethiopia-Korea Friendship Cattle Farm Project is more than just

a project—it's a means to expand the gospel. He expressed gratitude to the South Korean team for their generous donation of \$50,000 USD for the purchase of cattle. Dr. Dalu emphasized that one of the project's goals is to generate revenue for the College and the soon-to-be-established Kuyera Adventist University. He also encouraged the Korean team to consider sending two Korean cattle farm experts to serve as missionaries at EAC.

Earlier, Elder Tae-Soon Sohn advised Dr. Dalu to pursue self-reliance and

self-sufficiency for the College. One suggested approach was planting fruit trees—such as bananas, mangoes, papayas, and avocados—on campus. Elder Sohn generously provided funds for seedlings to support this initiative.

Dr. Dalu wished good health and long life to each member of the Korean team, especially Elder Tae-Soon Sohn. He remarked, "When people come together, it strengthens relationships and nations."

Elder Tae-Soon Sohn urged EAC to diligently care for the cattle farm, believing



Words of appreciation at the farewell by Elder Tae-Soon Sohn (Right), CEO of Paul Mission and his grandson Choi, Do-Young (Joshua) (Left)



Some of the Korean delegates pose for a picture in front of Toppenberg Hall after the farewell ceremony

...the Ethiopia-Korea Friendship Cattle Farm Project is more than just a project—it's a means to expand the gospel.

it would bring blessings to the College and the country at large. He also called on faculty and staff to support the tree-planting effort, which could foster a lasting connection with the Korean team's children and grandchildren—who might visit EAC and enjoy the fruits of the trees supported by their parents and grandparents.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Pr. Babiso Gemechu, Vice President for Student Affairs. He stated, "Your commitment is more than a project; it is an act of love." After the farewell program, one of the Korean ladies, a professional hair dresser in Korea, cut the hairs of several children and at least one adult. The team also announced that they have donated five hair cutting devices.

The Korean team's visit embodied the love of Jesus, and we wish them good health, a safe journey, and God's blessings as they leave us enriched by their generosity.

Ethiopia Adventist College and FDRE Livestock Development Institute Sign Historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Safawo Gullo, PhD



(Left to Right) Dr. Abraham Dalu, EAC President, looks on as Dr. Asrat Tera, BSc. MSc, PhD in Breeding and Genetics, General Director of Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute signs the MoU; Prof. Safawo Gullo, EAC Senior VPAA; Mr. Dagnachew Worku Jiru, BSc, Animal Reproduction, Assistant Researcher in Animal Breeding and Genetics; and Dr. Ararsa Duguma, DVM, MVSc, Asst. Prof. of Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynecology, Researcher & Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute, Holeta Center

On September 30, 2025, officials from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), soon to become Kuyera Adventist University (KAU) and FDRE Livestock Development Institute in Ethiopia (LDI) convened at Kaliti Sub-City in Addis Ababa to formalize a landmark partnership. On this historic occasion, the President of EAC/KAU, Dr. Abraham Dalu and the Director General of LDI, Dr. Asrat Tera Delebo signed an MOU. As outlined in the MOU, the bilateral partnership between the two institutions encompasses the following

joint collaborative areas: breed selection and genetic improvement, research & innovation, capacity building and training, consultancy and extension services, and resource sharing.

The responsibilities of Ethiopia Adventist College include:

a. Provide technical update training or scholarship opportunity on a yearly basis for LDI staffs if they meet admission requirements of EAC,

b. Cover educational fee for staffs who receive such scholarships.

c. Integrate the farm into its teaching and research programs.

d. Facilitate student and staff participation in joint activities.

d. Empowering EAC/KAU with laboratory equipment, materials and avail resources

e. Manage students involved in field and laboratory session

f. Empowering EAC/KAU animal science staff technology and experience sharing

g. Give Artificial Insemination Technician Training to staffs of EAC/KAU

h. Support Liquid nitrogen and semen supplies to the cattle farm as per necessary

The responsibilities of Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute include:

a. Provide technical support in areas such as animal husbandry, and breeding, etc.

b. Lead capacity-building initiatives and research programs.

c. Support the dissemination of best practices to farmers and industry stakeholders.

This MOU signifies a strong partnership dedicated to advancing livestock development through education, research, and innovation. Together, EAC/KAU and LDI commit to fostering sustainable agricultural growth and national development.



EAC administrators and members of FDRE Livestock Development Institute in Ethiopia pose for a picture after signing the MoU (Left -Right) Mr. Dagnachew Worku Jiru, BSc, Animal Reproduction, Assistant Researcher in Animal Breeding and Genetics; Dr. Dagnachew Beyene, DVM, MSc. Vice Director of Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute; Prof. Safawo Gullo, EAC Senior VPAA; Dr. Abraham Dalu, EAC President; Dr. Ararsa Duguma, DVM, MVSc, Asst. Prof. of Veterinary Obstetrics and Gynecology, Researcher & Ethiopian Livestock Development Institute, Holeta Center

EAC Media Department Receives New Equipment donation to Strengthen Mission

Micheal Bwambale, BIT, MBA



Donated webcams, wireless video receiver and synco microphones

The Media Department is delighted to announce the generous donation of essential equipment that will greatly enhance our communication, teaching, and outreach capacity. Through the kind support of Mr. Snowdon Reid, we have received wireless microphones, webcams for online meetings and teaching, and a wireless video transmitter.

These tools come at a crucial time. The wireless microphones will improve the quality of our sound during live events, worship services, and recordings,

ensuring that every voice is heard clearly without interruption. The webcams will strengthen our ability to conduct online meetings, virtual classes, and hybrid teaching, enabling us to connect more effectively with students, faculty, and partners both locally and abroad.

The wireless video transmitter adds an advanced layer of flexibility, making it easier to capture and broadcast programs with mobility, professionalism, and high quality. Together, this equipment empowers our

Media Department to serve the community with greater efficiency and excellence.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Snowdon Reid for his generous gift and continued support. His donation is not just equipment—it is an investment in ministry, education, and communication. On behalf of the Media Department and the College, we say thank you. May this gift be a blessing that multiplies in impact as we continue to share our message of hope and service.

A Step Forward in Campus Efficiency with New Fingerprint Attendance Machines

Micheal Bwambale, BIT, MBA



Donated fingerprint attendance machines

Our campus just took a big step into the future of technology! We are thrilled to share that the institution has received two fingerprint attendance machines, a generous gift from Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali.

These machines are more than just devices—they are tools that will make daily life smoother for faculty and staff. With fingerprint

recognition, attendance can now be recorded quickly, accurately, and securely. It reduces wasted time with manual checking. This simple innovation will help us track participation more efficiently, reduce errors, and even strengthen accountability in classes and activities.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali for their kindness and

foresight. Their support reminds us that technology, when shared with love, can make a real difference in education and community life.

On behalf of Ethiopia Adventist College, we say a heartfelt thank you. Your gift will keep making our work easier every single day.

Promotion and Fundraising for Ethiopia Adventist College/Kuyera Adventist University at Loma Linda Indonesian Seventh-day Adventist Church

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



Loma Linda Indonesian Seventh-day Adventist Church pastors, elders and church members with Ethiopia Adventist College delegates

Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC)/Kuyera Adventist University (KAU), together with Dr. Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor, and Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at EAC, visited the Loma Linda Indonesian Seventh-day Adventist Church (LLISDAC) in California, USA, on Sabbath, August 9, 2025, to promote and raise support for EAC/KAU. The event was

graciously hosted by Pastor Dr. Alfonso Tarigan, Senior Pastor of LLISDAC.

During the Sabbath Divine Worship, Dr. Abraham Dalu delivered the sermon titled "We Have This Hope. Be Rooted and Built in Him," inspiring the congregation with a message of faith, hope, and service. In the afternoon seminar, Dr. Abraham Dalu presented on "The Importance of Seventh-day Adventist Education, the Development of God's Work in Ethiopia, and the Need for a Missionary Spirit for Our Faith," highlighting

the transformative impact of Adventist education and mission work in Ethiopia.

Dr. Mardianto Marpaung encouraged the audience to actively support the vision and mission of EAC/KAU, particularly the building construction of the School of Health Sciences, and extended an invitation to LLISDAC members to participate in future mission trips to EAC campus, which may include week of prayer programs, evangelistic meetings or crusades, and charity clinics.

The program brought together church members and supporters of Adventist education, fostering a shared commitment to invest in the future of Ethiopian students and to expand God's work through education, service, and mission.

The visit strengthened the partnership between EAC/KAU and the international Adventist community, inspiring greater engagement and support for ongoing educational and healthcare initiatives in Ethiopia.



(L-R) Pastor Didik Simatupang, Pastor Wilson Artonang and Pastor Dr. Alfonso Tarigan receiving the EAC/KAU scarf from Dr. Abraham Dalu

Academic Collaboration Meeting Between Ethiopia Adventist College/Kuyera Adventist University and Loma Linda University Health

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



(L-R) Dr. Anne Berit Petersen, Dr. Robert A. Handysides, Dr. Abraham Dalu, Dr. Richard Hart, Dr. Ester Karosekali and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung

Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC)/Kuyera Adventist University (KAU), together with Dr. Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor, and Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at EAC, visited the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) campus in Loma Linda, California, on August 8, 2025.

The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Richard Hart, President of LLUH, and other

LLUH leadership, including Dr. Robert A. Handysides, DDS, Dean of the School of Dentistry and Associate Professor in Endodontics, and Dr. Anne Berit Petersen, PhD, MS, MPH, Assistant Professor at the LLU School of Nursing and School of Public Health. Given LLU's current commitments, Dr. Hart and his team expressed willingness to assist EAC/KAU in increasing its visibility during its transition to university status. LLU's immediate focus will be on building a long-term relationship that will, in turn, enhance EAC's visibility and credibility. At Dr. Hart's recommendation, the EAC delegation

met with Mr. Ed Drachenberg, Director of Students for International Mission Service (SIMS). SIMS organizes short-term mission trips, enabling students to provide healthcare, education, and spiritual support in underserved global communities. This meeting paves the possibility for EAC/KAU to host SIMS in the near future.

The meeting focused on academic collaboration between EAC/KAU and LLUH, with a particular emphasis on support for the upcoming School of Health Sciences at KAU, including programs in Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Laboratory Sciences, and Ophthalmology. EAC/KAU leaders also requested LLUH's assistance in sending medical students through the LLUH International Student Missionary program to serve at EAC campus in a one-year medical student missionary program, providing hands-on support and practical learning opportunities for KAU students.

Another highlight of the meeting was the personal connection with Dr. Anne Berit Petersen, whose father served as Business Manager at EAC and at the former Ethiopia Adventist Hospital in Addis Ababa during the 1960s. Dr. Anne Petersen and her siblings spent their childhood and teenage years in Ethiopia, making the country a place of deep personal and memorable significance. Her experience and family history added a meaningful layer of connection to the collaboration discussions.

The meeting concluded with mutual excitement and commitment to strengthen academic and mission partnerships, enhance the quality of healthcare education at KAU, and provide transformative learning experiences for students through global engagement and missionary programs.



Dr. Richard Hart (L), Loma Linda University Health President, receiving the EAC plaque of appreciation from Dr. Abraham Dalu

Promotion and Fundraising for Ethiopia Adventist College/Kuyera Adventist University at Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American SDA Church

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



Dr. Abraham Dalu preaching at Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American SDA Church, Aurora, Colorado during Sabbath Divine Worship on July 19, 2025

Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC)/Kuyera Adventist University, and Dr. Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor at EAC, visited the Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American Seventh-day Adventist Church (RMIASDAC) in Aurora, Colorado, on Sabbath, July 19, 2025, to promote and raise funds in support of EAC/Kuyera Adventist University (KAU). The event was graciously hosted by Pastor Dr. Purasa

Marpaung, Senior Pastor of RMIASDAC.

Dr. Abraham Dalu delivered the Sabbath Divine Service message, sharing spiritual insights and encouragement with the congregation. In the afternoon session, Dr. Abraham Dalu and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung presented the vision and mission of EAC/KAU, focusing particularly on the urgent needs for the construction of the School of Health and Science at Kuyera Adventist University.

The program was attended not only by

members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from Aurora and Denver, Colorado, but also by members of the Ethiopian community, including Kesis Gebre Brhane and others from the Orthodox Tewehado Church in Aurora, Colorado. During the gathering, participants expressed keen interest in supporting the construction of the School of Health Sciences and also the online programs, recognizing the benefits these programs provide to the education of the future generation of Ethiopians residing abroad, particularly in the USA.

Dr. Abraham Dalu and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung shared updates on the development and growth of EAC/

KAU, highlighting ongoing initiatives in education, community service, and global outreach. The engagement strengthened relationships between EAC/KAU and the diaspora community while fostering a shared vision for supporting Ethiopian students through higher education and online learning programs.

This visit reflects EAC/KAU's commitment to nurturing international partnerships, engaging diaspora communities, and expanding educational opportunities for Ethiopian students worldwide.



(L-R) Mrs. Miranda Marpaung, Pastor George Marpaung (Associate Pastor of Colorado Springs Central SDA Church), Dr. Abraham Dalu, Pastor Dr. Purasa Marpaung (Senior Pastor of Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American SDA Church) and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung

Ethiopia Adventist College Delegation Strengthens International Partnerships in the Philippines and Malaysia

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



Dr. Ginger Ketting-Weller, President of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) and Dr. Abraham Dalu, EAC President, sign MoU at AIAS campus, Philippines

In a significant step toward expanding global collaborations, a delegation from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) travelled to the Philippines and Malaysia from May 1–15, 2025. The team included Pastor Tadesse Adugna (President of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission (EEUM) and EAC Board Chair), Pastor Chali Birasa (Treasurer, South East Ethiopia Field/SEEF), Dr. Abraham Dalu (EAC President), Mrs. Aster Giorgis Dalu (Director, EAC Clinic and Health & Wellness), Dr. Mardianto H. Marpaung (Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor), and

Dr. Ester Karosekali (Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor). The journey of the Ethiopian delegation corresponded with the March 2025 meeting of Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) officers and the Union Presidents under SSD territory.

The trip to the Philippines focused on building academic alliances and exploring educational innovations. On Monday morning, May 5, 2025, the delegation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Adventist University of the Philippines

(AUP). The representatives of AUP were Dr. Arceli H. Rosario, the President of AUP; Dr. Gracel Ann S. Saban, the Vice President of Academic Affairs; Pastor Dr. Julio C. Amurao, the Vice President of Student Affairs; and Mr. Oemer Rey T. Daquila, the Director of University Advancement. In the afternoon, the EAC delegates visited the Philippines Publishing House (PPH). The President of the PPH, Pastor Leonardo C. Heyasa, Jr. graciously invited us to visit PPH building and printing facilities. Pastor Leonardo C. Heyasa, Jr. offered to donate a three-color printing press to Ethiopia Publishing House.

Pastor Roger Caderma, the SSD President, officially invited the Ethiopian delegation to attend the SSD Mid-Year Meetings on May 6–7, 2025. Pastor Tadesse Adugna, President of the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission (EEUM), and Dr. Abraham Dalu,

President of Ethiopia Adventist College/ Kuyera Adventist University (EAC/KAU), were given the opportunity to brief the SSD delegation on their respective institutions. Following the presentations, the SSD and its unions pledged financial support— USD 100,000 toward the EEUM Multi-Purpose Building, USD 150,000 to SEEF, and approximately USD 53,000 to EAC/KAU.

On May 8, 2025 Ethiopia Adventist College signed an MoU with Manila Adventist College (MAC) and a visit to Adventist Manila Medical Center (AMMC) followed. The representative from MAC and AMMC were Mr. Elias Y. Apacible, Jr., President of MAC/AMMC; Mr. Joe Rey T. Dayahan, MAC School Administration; and Mr. Wilson A. Sia, II, Officer in Charge (O.I.C.) for Public Relations and Philanthropic Services. In the afternoon subsequent visits included the Northern Luzon Philippine Union



Dr. Abraham Dalu promoting Ethiopia Adventist College during the Southern-Asia Pacific Division (SSD) Mid-Year Meeting on May 7, 2025

Mission (NLPUM). The EAC delegates were welcomed by Pastor Daniel A. Malabad, the NLPUM President, and other NLPUM Officers Pastor Jose V. Zabat, Jr., the NLPUM Executive Secretary; and Mrs. Germilyn Rabang, the NLPUM Treasurer. Dr. Abraham Dalu thanked the NLPUM Officers who gave the donation through SSD for the building of the KAU School of Health Sciences. In the evening, Pastor Tadesse Adugna returned to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

On May 9, 2025, the EAC delegates visited the AIAS Online Program Department to explore online education and were warmly welcomed by Dr. Leni T. Casimiro, AIAS Chair of Education Department and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and Online Learning; and Mrs. Irene M. Rivera, MAEd, AIAS Online Program Director. The visit was followed by the MoU signed

between EAC and AIAS at the office of Dr. Ginger Ketting-Weller, AIAS President. In the afternoon the EAC/KAU delegates visited the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) campus to explore missionary support for EAC. The delegates enjoyed the Sabbath worship at the AIAS Church and fellowship meal at Dr. Kenneth Swansi's residence on Friday evening and Sabbath lunch at Dr. Bruce Sumendap's residence at AIAS campus. This concluded the visit to the Philippines.

On Monday, May 11, 2025 Dr. Dalu, Mrs. Dalu, Dr. Marpaung, and Dr. Karosekali proceeded to Malaysia, where they engaged in health and academic collaboration discussions with Penang Adventist Hospital (PAH). Plans were initiated for cataract charity clinics and nursing program support. The EAC team



MoU signing ceremony at AUP (Left to Right): Pr. Tadesse Adugna, President of EEUM; Dr. Abraham Dalu, EAC President; Dr. Arceli H. Rosario, President for Adventist University of the Philippines; and Dr. Gracel Ann S. Saban, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Adventist University of the Philippines

met with the following representative of PAH: Dr. Tah Kheng Soon, Raymond, Consultant Ophthalmologist-General Ophthalmology, Refractive Surgery; and Mr. Raymond Chee Kin Onn, PAH Marketing Communications Executive; and Madam Leong Chew Wai, Principal of Adventist College of Nursing and Health Sciences (ACNHS) of Penang Adventist Hospital.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2025 the delegation then met with leaders of the Malaysia Adventist Union Mission (MAUM) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to share EAC's vision and express gratitude for their ongoing support of the Kuyera Adventist University (KAU) School of Health Sciences.

The EAC delegates were welcomed by MAUM Officers Pastor Abel Banda, MAUM President; Pastor Nelson Bendah, MAUM Executive Secretary; Mr. Joshua Chee, MAUM Treasurer; Department Directors and support staff. On Wednesday, May 13, 2025 the delegates visited Aeon Health Care facility and historical sites in Melaka which rounded out the Malaysian itinerary.



Ethiopia Adventist College delegates with Mrs. Hazel Wanda Ginajil-Gara (the Administrative Assistant for the President of Malaysia Adventist Union Mission of the SDA Headquarter Office)



Ethiopia Adventist College delegates with the Officers, Department Directors and Staff of the Malaysia Adventist Union Mission of the SDA Church Headquarter Office



EEUM, EAC, and SEEF delegates with the Administrators and Staff of the Philippine Publishing House

EAC expresses heartfelt appreciation to the SSD President Pastor Roger Caderma and Mrs. Ruby Ann Rodrigues, the Administrative Assistant to SSD President for their hospitality and logistical support in the Philippines, and to the MAUM President Pastor Abel Bana and Mrs. Hazel Wanda Ginajil-Gara, the Administrative Assistant to MAUM Officers for their gracious arrangements in Malaysia.

This international visit underscores EAC's commitment to fostering global partnerships that enhances education, health, and service to the community.



Ethiopia Adventist College delegates with the North Luzon Philippines Union Mission (NLPUM) Officers



(L-R) Mrs. Aster G. Dalu, Dr. Abraham Dalu, Dr. Tah Khen Soon Raymond (Penang Adventist Hospital Administrator), Dr. Ester Karosekali and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung



(L-R) Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali, Dr. Tah Khen Soon Raymond (Penang Adventist Hospital Administrator), Mrs. Leong Chew Wai, Principal of Adventist College of Nursing and Health Sciences (ACNHS) of Penang Adventist Hospital

MoU Signing Ceremony Between Ethiopia Adventist College and Universitas Advent Surya Nusantara

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



(L-R) Pastor Dr. Joseph Sianipar (Vice President for Student Affairs for Universitas Advent Surya Nusantara), Dr. Rexon Nainggolan (President Universitas Advent Surya Nusantara), Dr. Mardianto Marpaung

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) and Universitas Advent Surya Nusantara (UASN) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the UASN campus in Pematang Siantar, North Sumatra, Indonesia, on September 16, 2025. The ceremony was witnessed by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor at EAC, and Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at EAC.

This MoU marks the 13th international partnership signed by EAC, reflecting its commitment to expanding global

academic collaboration. The initiative for this MoU was requested by Dr. Hendri Sembiring, Director of Quality Assurance at UASN. During the ceremony, Dr. Rexon Nainggolan, President of UASN, warmly welcomed Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali and emphasized the importance of international cooperation in higher education.

The MoU establishes collaboration in several key areas:

1. Exchange of research, educational materials, publications, and academic information

2. Research collaboration between faculty at both institutions

3. Facilitation of faculty, staff, and student exchanges and visits

4. Creation and marketing of electronic instructional media, including credit and non-credit courses

5. Exploration of mutual access to and sharing of library databases and related resources to support academic collaboration and research

The ceremony concluded with a benediction led by Dr. Joseph H. Sianipar, Vice President of Student Affairs at UASN, marking a hopeful beginning for the partnership.

This collaboration strengthens the bond between EAC and UASN, opening new opportunities for research, education, and cross-cultural learning for faculty and students alike.



(L-R) Dr. Rexon Nainggolan, Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali, Mr. Humala Situmorang and Pastor Dr. Joseph Sianipar



(L-R) Dr. Mardianto Marpaung gives the EAC plaque of appreciation to Dr. Rexon Nainggolan



(L-R) Dr. Rexon Nainggolan, Pastor Dr. Joseph Sianipar and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung during the MoU signing ceremony between Ethiopia Adventist College and Universitas Advent Surya Nusantara, Indonesia

Dr. Worku Negash Motbainor Inspires Graduates with Romans 12 at the 43rd Graduation Ceremony

Nola Tudu, MA



Dr. Worku Negash delivering his Commencement address during the graduation ceremony on June 22, 2025

At its 43rd Graduation Exercise from June 20–June 22, 2025, Ethiopia Adventist College conferred diplomas and degrees to 172 graduates: 43 graduates from the Religion Department; 22 from the Theology Department; 48 graduates from the TVET Program; and 59 from MBA.

In his Commencement address, Dr. Worku Negash Motbainor, distinguished educator, government advisor, policy and leadership specialist, and President of Andinet International College, addressed the graduates saying, each had the capacity to positively impact their family, community, institution, church, and nation and urged them to use their God given will

tactfully, deliberately, and untiringly.

As alumni of Kuyera Adventist Secondary School, he reminisced of his humble beginning as the son of an SDA pastor, his experience singing in the choir, working 17 hours a week, and his decision to be baptized as a result of a spiritual campaign coordinated by Mr. Bacchiocchi, who later became a well-known author and theologian.

He praised the graduates for their hard work and dedication and challenged them to ponder and practice the seven gems he wanted to pass on to them:

1. Don't just occupy – contribute. Your name should not just be on the list. You need to be registered for something worth remembering after you pass on. Be counted and leave something honorable behind. Live to leave a humble legacy – at any level: family, church, community, regional, national, even at global levels.

2. Don't just live – let live. You are not here for your own benefit alone. Do something to support your brothers and sisters, no matter where they may be. Be responsible for other beings who need your support (this means humans, the environment, institutions, the church, etc.). Give. Share. God gave you everything you have, not just for your enjoyment alone, but to make others sense the goodness of the Good Lord through you as well.

3. Don't just pass through – plant. Plant human beings, plant relationships, plant institutions, plant trees, flowers, plants, etc. Plant life. Live for impact than salary. Draw

your satisfaction from leaving behind a lasting impact. Think and act bigger than yourself.

4. You don't have to be world famous but, do something to impact your local community. It could be here in Kuyera, Negelle Arsi, Shashamanne, it could be in Wolaita, Arba Minch, it could be in Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, or Harari, it could be in Gondar, Bahr Dar or Mekele. Embrace the adage, "Think globally, act locally."

5. Teach your children and students not to be parochial – the world is better off if you teach them to be inclusive. Progress requires collaboration and solidarity – harmony over discord. The current and future generation of children are more inclusive. Let us cultivate our children and students to fit-in well with the new wave of globalization.

6. Do not ever question that you are a precious child of the King. You are a child



Prof. Safawo Gullo, EAC Senior VPAA, thanks Dr. Worku Negash, President of Andinet International College and EAC Commencement speaker

of the King. That guarantees us that, in the sight of God, we are as important and as valuable as anyone else on earth. But know also that the corollary is true. Remember that just like you, your brothers, and sisters around you are also children of the King. If we witness someone wanting to act condescendingly or sense of superiority, let's be certain to distinguish that behavior as his/her problem, not ours. Not God's either.

7. Remember, humans are weak. We have gone astray from God's plan. We say and do bad things. So, make sure that you don't blame your God when your fellow humans fail you. Cultivate a persevering heart. Cling to your Maker not to what some weak individuals may say to you or about you. Just make sure you are clean in the

sight of the Lord, and that you are at peace with your God, your salvation.

The graduates would remember the parting words of Dr. Worku and the spiritual gift he gave them from Romans Chapter 12. He advised them to read this chapter often and give themselves wholly to God to be a living sacrifice each day, to use their gifts for God's glory, to love genuinely, and be ready always to help and bless others.

He reminded the graduates to not only live up to their aim and motto but also to evaluate themselves periodically to check how well they uphold their AIM: To encourage excellence, integrity, and purpose and MOTTO: Faith, Knowledge, and service for greater purpose.

In addition to the Commencement



MBA graduates at the Commencement Exercise



TVET Graduates at the Commencement Exercise

speaker, the graduates also benefitted from the Consecration speaker Mr. Bisrat Mandefro Gebiru, whose passion for ministry and education has endeared him to the students, staff and faculty of EAC. On Sabbath, June 21, the graduates were blessed to hear the message from Pr. Tadesse Adugna, President of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission. Pr. Tadesse's strong support for the College stems from his love for God and his desire to see EAC succeed. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, conferred the certificates, diplomas, and degrees to all graduates and special awards to high academic achievers. Several faculty and staff were

...God gave you everything you have, not just for your enjoyment alone, but to make others sense the goodness of the Good Lord through you as well.

contribution. Dr. Safawo, Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs presented the candidates, inducted the class of 2025 into EAC Alumni Association and made the closing remarks.

Many community elders, government officials, church officials, parents, family members, and well-wishers graced the occasion and made it a memorable event.

Dr. Ester Karosekali Successfully Defends Doctor of Psychology Dissertation at Universitas Persada Indonesia.

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD



Dr. Ester Karosekali presenting her dissertation to the examiners

Dr. Ester Karosekali, an accomplished academic and counsellor, reached a major milestone in her professional and scholarly journey by successfully defending her Doctor of Psychology dissertation at Universitas Persada Indonesia – Yayasan Administrasi Indonesia (YAI), Jakarta, Indonesia.

The final defense took place on Monday, May 26, 2025, in the presence of the university's distinguished panel of examiners, colleagues, and invited guests. The momentous occasion was honored by the attendance of His Excellency Ambassador Dr. (H.C.) Al Busyra Basnur, Indonesian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Djibouti, and the African Union, along with his wife, Mrs. Wenny Busyra, who graciously witnessed the defense and extended their encouragement and support.

Dr. Ester Karosekali, who currently serves as Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), presented her dissertation with clarity and depth, showcasing both her academic rigor and her passion for psychology, education, and community service. Her research contributes to advancing psychological practice in education and counselling, areas where she has long dedicated her expertise.

The defense committee commended Dr. Ester Karosekali for her scholarly contributions, her practical insights into developmental psychology, and her commitment to integrating academic knowledge with service to communities across borders.

Dr. Ester Karosekali's academic journey

has been marked by dedication and perseverance. Prior to this doctorate, she completed a Master of Arts in Education (Counselling Psychology and Education Administration) at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), Philippines, and earned a Philosophy Doctorate in Development Administration at the Philippines Christian University. With this most recent achievement, she adds another distinguished credential to her profile as a scholar and educator.

The presence of Ambassador Dr. (H.C.) Al Busyra Basnur and Mrs. Wenny Busyra made the event especially meaningful, symbolizing the support and recognition of the broader Indonesian community for the academic accomplishments of its citizens abroad.

Reflecting on this milestone, Dr. Ester Karosekali expressed her gratitude to God, her family, her mentors, and the academic community at Universitas Persada

Indonesia – YAI for their guidance and support throughout her doctoral journey.

This achievement not only strengthens her professional role at Ethiopia Adventist College but also inspires students and colleagues alike to pursue excellence in scholarship and service.



Congratulation Flower Board from Dr. Abraham Dalu (Ethiopia Adventist College President)



Dr. Ester Karosekali (Center) with Dr. (H.C.) Al Busyra Basnur (4L) and his wife Mrs. Wenny Busyra (6L), and the Universitas Persada Indonesia - YAI examiners

Delegates from Ethiopia Adventist College Attended 62nd General Conference Session in St. Louis

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



Pastor Tadesse Adugna, Dr. Abraham Dalu, Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and his family attend 62th General Conference Session, St. Louis, USA

Dr. Abraham Dalu and Mrs. Aster G. Dalu served as official delegates from the East Central Africa Division (ECD), representing the division at the 62nd General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Alongside them, Dr. Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali, together with their children Rebecca, Raquel, and Rafaella attended as special guests from the General Conference International Personnel Resources and Services (IPRS). Dr. Abraham Dalu, Mrs. Aster G. Dalu, Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali currently serve at Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC).

During the same session, Pastor Tadesse Adugna, President of the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission (EEUM) and Chair of the EAC Board, along with EEUM officers Pastor Negash Petros and Mrs. Tihitina Bekele, who serve as Board members, also attended. Pastor Geremew Biru, President of the Western Ethiopia Union Mission (WEUM) and EAC Board member, likewise participated in the General Conference Session, accompanied by WEUM officers Pastor Belay Taye and Mr. Zemenu Zelalem, who also serve on the EAC Board. The session brought together 2,804 official delegates from across the globe.

A significant highlight of the session was

the selection of the Nominating Committee, tasked with appointing General Conference officers, department directors, and division officers. Pastor Tadesse Adugna, Pastor Geramew Biru, and Dr. Abraham Dalu were selected to serve on this committee, which comprised 277 delegates. These members were chosen through a caucus process by each of the 13 world divisions prior to the session and represented a diverse mix of leadership, including union representatives, administrators, and lay leaders.

The presence of these delegates and special guests not only strengthened the representation of the East Central Africa Division, Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission, and Ethiopia Adventist College, but also underscored the commitment of church leaders and employees to participate in global decision-making and collaborative mission planning.



(L-R) Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, a delegate from Uganda Union Mission, Dr. Ester Karosekali and their children with Pastor Emmanuel Perote at East-Central Africa Division (ECD) booth of 62nd General Conference Session, St. Louis, USA



Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali and their children at Griggs Adventist Academy booth of 62nd General Conference Session, St. Louis, USA



(L-R) Pastor Dr. Steven Rantung, Senior Pastor of First Indonesian SDA Church, New Jersey, USA and former Department Head of Theology, Ethiopia Adventist College, 2003-2013; Dr. Ester Karosekali; Rebecca Marpaung; Raquel Marpaung; Pastor Tadesse Adugna and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung at the 62nd General Conference Session, St. Louis, USA

ASI Conference: Inspiration and Impact for EAC's Mission

Abraham Dalu. PhD



Dr. Abraham Dalu with (L-R) Dr. Esaias Giorgis, MD, a retired physician from Florida Hospital; Dr. Gohalem Felema, MD, Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiologist, Jacksonville, Florida, also a key player of Its Written Ethiopia; Dr. Jacob Prabhakar, MD, the Medical Director of Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital in India, a renowned Adventist ophthalmologist

Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) is an organization of Seventh-day Adventist lay members who are business owners, professionals, and self-supporting ministry leaders. Attending the ASI annual conference, held in Orlando, Florida, from July 30 to August 2, 2025, was both inspiring and eye-opening at personal level. I was deeply impressed by the dedication of Adventist professionals, entrepreneurs, and ministry leaders who are intentional about sharing Christ through their daily work and businesses. The spirit of collaboration, innovation, and mission was unmistakable, reminding me that the gospel is advanced not only in pulpits but also in marketplaces, hospitals, schools, and boardrooms.

For me personally, this first ASI experience was a call to see the broader possibilities of partnership in God's work. I came to realize that ASI is not just an event; it is a movement that mobilizes resources, talents, and networks to strengthen the global Adventist mission. Listening to testimonies from lay people committed to serving God through their professions renewed my conviction that education must prepare students not only for careers but also for a lifetime of service.

For Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), soon to be Kuyera Adventist University (KAU), ASI holds profound significance. Its vision of integrating faith and professional excellence resonates with

ASI can support EAC/KAU not only financially but also by helping to build sustainable business models, support students, strengthen health and education programs, and create global networks that align with the Adventist mission.

EAC's philosophy of holistic education that develops the head, heart, and hand. Through ASI partnerships, EAC can benefit from resources, student sponsorships, entrepreneurial mentorship, and support for mission-driven projects such as the cattle farm initiative and the planned Community Health Center. I also had the privilege of networking with various businesses, including Maranatha, as well as notable individuals, and explored ways ASI members can collaborate with EAC/KAU in advancing Adventist values and strengthening Adventist-based holistic education. As President of EAC/KAU, I am encouraged by these possibilities and remain committed to pursuing such partnerships for the continued growth and mission of our institution. Any interested organizations can submit a grant proposal for funds.

In summary, ASI can support EAC/KAU not only financially but also by helping to build sustainable business models, support students, strengthen health and education programs, and create global networks that align with the Adventist mission.



Dr. Abraham Dalu with Elder Erton C. Köhler, the General Conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church



Elder Denzil McNeilus, former President and current board member of ASI Missions Inc. and Dr. Abraham Dalu during the ASI Meeting.



Dr. Abraham Dalu with Pr. Mark Finley, Special Assistant to the GC President, and Dr. Esaias Giorgis, MD, during the ASI meeting

Dr. Mardianto Marpaung and Dr. Ester Karosekali Participate in Institute of World Mission Program at Andrews University

Mardianto Marpaung, PhD and Ester Karosekali, PhD



Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali and their children at the front gate of Andrews University, Barrien Springs, Michigan, USA

Dr. Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor at Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), together with his wife, Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counselling and Associate Professor at EAC, and their three daughters Rebecca, Raquel, and Rafaella participated in the Institute of World Mission (IWM) program for International Service Employees (ISE).

The event was organized by the General Conference International Personnel

Resources and Services (GC IPRS) and hosted at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, from June 8–29, 2025.

The IWM program is designed to strengthen the ministry of ISE employees and their families as they serve in cross-cultural and international contexts. It provides participants with training, spiritual enrichment, and networking opportunities to enhance their service and commitment to global mission. Each ISE employee is granted the privilege of attending the IWM program once every ten years.

A highlight of the Marpaung family's participation was their joyful meeting with Professor Chidozie Ibeneme and his wife, Mrs. Veronica Ibeneme, who also attended the program. Prof. Ibeneme previously served as President of Ethiopia Adventist College (2014–2019), and he and Mrs. Ibeneme were participating in IWM for the third time a testament to their ongoing dedication to mission service. The meeting rekindled memories of ministry and strengthened bonds of friendship and partnership in God's work. Currently, Prof. and Mrs. Ibeneme are serving at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya.

For Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali and their children, attending IWM as a family was a spiritually refreshing and empowering experience. It equipped them and their children for continued service at Ethiopia Adventist College and beyond. Their participation reflects a deep commitment not only to academic and professional excellence but also to the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



(L-R) Dr. Ester Karosekali, Raquel Marpaung, Rebecca Marpaung, Prof. Chidozie Ibeneme (Dean of Business Department, University of Eastern Africa Baraton, Kenya and former Ethiopia Adventist College President (2014-2019), Rafaella Marpaung and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung



(L-R) Dr. Ester Karosekali, Pastor Dr. Oscar Osindo (Director Institute of World Mission), Dr. Mildred Castillo (Assoc. Director Institute of World Mission), Pastor Dr. Ronald Khun (Assoc. Director Institute of World Mission), and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung.

EAC Seventh-day Adventist Church Families Report Successful Trip to Arba Minch

Abraham Woncheso, PhD



EAC Church members at Gamo Cultural Center in Arba Minch

Members of the EAC Seventh-day Adventist Church embarked on a memorable journey to Arba Minch, Southern Ethiopia, from September 18 to 21, 2025. The trip aimed to foster family unity, enhance spiritual outreach, promote educational exploration, and rejuvenate physical strength for the upcoming year.

Approximately 22 households, totaling 61 individuals including children, participated in the four-day retreat. The travelers were captivated by the region's stunning natural landscapes, including the famous Arbaminch area, known as "Forty Springs," which actually boasts around 300 springs,

as explained by their tour guide. The group marveled at lush forests, natural springs, swimming pools, and other scenic sites, expressing admiration for the Creator's magnificent work.

The journey commenced late afternoon on September 18, with members arriving and settling into accommodations. They held an evening worship service at their lodgings, setting a spiritual tone for the trip. The following morning, September 19, members joined Arbaminch SDA Church congregants for a heartfelt morning worship led by Mr. Senberu Bullo.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in nature visits, exploring Arba Minch's renowned waterfalls, crocodile farm, Gamo Cultural center and various natural sites. Brother Micheal Bwambale meticulously documented each activity, ensuring the group's experiences were well recorded. The evening featured a service led by Elder Gesamo Koshe at the main church. Food preparation was a communal activity, with the EAC women playing a pivotal role, fostering joy and fellowship among all members.

The Sabbath day was marked by multiple divine services, with sermons delivered by speakers including Pr. Sisay Shiferaw at the main church, Mr. Senberu Bullo at Shara SDA Church (15 km from Arbaminch), and Dr. Abraham Woncheso at Shelle SDA Church (35 km away).

Members actively participated in singing, scripture reading, and special items, strengthening bonds with the local congregations, who expressed their warm invitations for future visits.



Some of the EAC Church members with Arba Minch SDA Church members and Elder



Pr. Sisay Shiferaw, the Family Ministry Department Head (EAC SDA Church) preaching at Arba Minch SDA Church



EAC Church members at Forty Springs (Arba Minch)



EAC Church members at Shone Seventh-day Adventist Church



EAC Church members at the crocodile preservation center in Arba Minch



EAC Church members at Gamo Cultural Center in Arba Minch

Sabbath evening was filled with fellowship and communal meal preparations, further enhancing the spirit of unity. On Sunday morning, after breakfast, the group began their journey back home, arriving safely at EAC Kuyera late afternoon. The trip was described as peaceful and spiritually enriching.

The Family Ministries Department expressed deep gratitude to the sponsors whose generous donations made the trip possible. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to recognize their support. The department also extended heartfelt thanks to all who contributed in various ways to ensure the success of this meaningful excursion. May God's blessings continue to be with all involved.

Ethiopia Adventist College Theology professor and Vice President for Student Affairs Ordained

Pr. Babiso Gemechu, MBA

Fifty- two pastors were ordained on September 26, 2025, at the Hawassa Tabor Seventh-day Adventist Church. This event was historic and first of its kind in Ethiopia considering the large number of pastors ordained.

From South East Ethiopian Field, 15 pastors received ordination, including two from our College: Pr. Dr. Stkesworth Shadeed and Pr. Babiso Gemechu. To God be the glory!



Dr. Pr. Stkesworth Shadeed with his wife Hewan Gidena during the ordination service



Pr. Babiso Gemechu (2L) and the family during the ordination service at Hawassa Tabor Seventh-day Adventist Church

15 Students Baptized at Ethiopia Adventist College Campus Church

Pr. Bahiru Woldegebreal, Mmin



Baptismal Candidates taking vows at Ethiopia Adventist College Church

We rejoice in the Lord for a remarkable spiritual milestone that took place on May 3, 2025. Fifteen students were baptized at the Ethiopia Adventist College Campus Church, publicly declaring their commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

These young individuals come from diverse religious backgrounds—some from Christian families, and others from non-Christian homes. Many of them had limited exposure to biblical teachings, but with dedication and prayerful study, they embraced the fundamental beliefs of the Bible and chose to become members of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During the fellowship meal following the baptism, several students shared touching testimonies of their spiritual journeys. They acknowledged the support of many individuals, including Brother Gelgelu Negeso, the students' cafeteria manager, who played a significant role in mentoring and encouraging them toward this decision.

A particularly heartwarming moment was the baptism of Amanti Senberu Bullo. From birth, she has been the subject of fervent prayers by family and church members

from far and near. Her baptism was a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness, witnessed by many who had been praying for her. We give thanks to God for this joyful and long-awaited answer to prayer.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to Brother Senberu, who dedicated himself to teaching and preparing nine of the candidates for baptism. May God bless him and his family for their faithful ministry.

We also thank Sister Dureti Gelegelu and her siblings for their generous contribution toward the re-construction of the baptismal pool. Their act of kindness made this occasion even more beautiful and meaningful.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." – Matthew 28:19

Let us continue to support these new members in prayer and fellowship as they begin their walk with Christ.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



Pr. Bahiru Woldegebreal and Pr. Dhabi Bichessa receiving one of the baptismal candidates

Ethiopia Adventist College Pathfinders Attend the 2025 Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission Pathfinder Camporee

Mel Sitanggang, MA



Ethiopia Adventist College Pathfinder Club members with the camporee guest speakers from Germany and EAC at their campsite in Abonsa

Nearly 700 Pathfinders and youth leaders from across the Eastern Ethiopia region gathered in Abonsa to attend the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission Pathfinder Camporee, held from September 2–6, 2025, under the theme “Pathfinder: Go in Purpose.” Hosted by the South Green Ethiopia Field of Seventh-Day Adventist, the camporee took place on a beautiful green campus that truly lived up to its name. The event united clubs, leaders, and members for days of spiritual renewal, leadership training, and fellowship, showcasing the strength and unity of young people committed to living with purpose.

Guided by the Youth Department of the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission, organizers and volunteers coordinated a rich program that included seminars, knot-tying workshops, football games, Bible experiences, and a memorable group reenactment of the Book of Acts hosted by a German team. The evenings closed with a joyful bonfire program lead by our very own EAC pathfinder club, while throughout the camporee pathfinders grew closer to one another, made new friends, and earned skills and honors.

Each morning began with spirit-filled devotionals that reminded participants

of their calling to make a difference and trust God for the impossible. The keynote speaker, MG. Dr. Henry Sitanggang, challenged the Pathfinders to embrace a life of mission, prayer, and confidence, to find their purpose in serving others, and to make the church a welcoming home for young people.

A highlight of the camporee was a meaningful community service project in Durame city. Dressed in full uniform, Pathfinders and youth leaders marched from the campground to the city stadium to distribute 100 pairs of shoes to children in need. This act of kindness filled young hearts with joy and left a lasting impression of compassion and service.

As the camporee came to a close, leaders expressed their hope for even greater gatherings in the future—events that will continue to nurture the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional growth of Pathfinders. Truly, this camporee reminded every participant of the calling to “Go in Purpose” and live out their faith with courage and joy.



Some of the Ethiopia Adventist College Pathfinder Club leaders with the guest speakers from Germany and EAC



Some of the Ethiopia Adventist College Pathfinder Club members with the camporee guest speakers with the South East Ethiopia Field Youth Director (L)

Over 340 Community Members Benefit from the Health Expo Organized by EAC Medium Clinic

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Patients from the community waiting to get medical attention

From February 16 to 18, the EAC Clinic hosted a Health Expo that significantly impacted the local community by providing essential medical services and health education. Over the course of three days, the clinic welcomed an impressive 340 patients seeking care and guidance noted Mrs. Aster Dalu, Director of Health and Wellness.

The Health Expo was made possible through the dedication of both professional volunteers and clinic staff. Among them were five medical missionaries, a retired

nurse from the community, two nurses from Arsi General Hospital and Medical College, and the clinic's trio of nurses, including newly hired Dr. Tibesso Bulli and volunteer Dr. Gemechu Feyisa. Their collective effort ensured that all patients received comprehensive care during the event.

Patients participated in a variety of health assessments that included vital signs checks—such as blood pressure, pulse, and temperature. Medical professionals performed necessary evaluations, including medical consultations and laboratory

tests, and provided ultrasound services when needed.

While patients waited to see the doctors, the medical missionaries and nursing staff engaged them with valuable health education sessions. Topics included the eight natural remedies and the benefits and uses of activated charcoal, as well as essential First Aid training. This proactive approach not only treated immediate health concerns but also empowered attendees with knowledge for better health maintenance.

The community's response to the Health Expo was overwhelmingly positive; many individuals arrived as early as two hours before the clinic opened, eager to take advantage of the services offered. The event highlighted the importance of accessible healthcare and community support,



Patients waiting at the EAC Medium Clinic



Patient being registered at the health expo

demonstrating the power of dedicated volunteers in making a difference.

EAC Clinic expresses heartfelt gratitude to all those who participated in and contributed to the success of the Health Expo. This initiative not only provided critical healthcare services but also fostered a sense of hope and well-being in the community.



Mrs. Aster G. Dalu (R) taking BP of the patient



Dr. Tibesso Buli, EAC Medium Clinic Medical Doctor with a patient from the community

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