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Ethiopia Adventist College Launches Two New TVET Programs: Clinical Nursing and Pharmacy

Wakgari Tadesse, TVET Director



Some of the equipment for the Clinical Nursing Lab

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) is proud to announce the official launch of two new Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs, Clinical Nursing and Pharmacy. After a rigorous evaluation process conducted by the Labor and Skills Office, the college has successfully met all necessary requirements and has been granted full recognition to operate these new programs.

This achievement represents a major milestone in the college's ongoing commitment to providing quality, skills-based education that meets the growing demand for well-trained healthcare professionals in Ethiopia and beyond. Through these programs, EAC aims to contribute to the national goal of building a competent workforce capable of delivering effective health services to society.

We give thanks and glory to God for His guidance and blessing that made this success possible. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the EAC Administration for their invaluable support and contribution throughout the process.

This achievement would not have been possible without the encouragement and dedicated leadership of Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of Ethiopia Adventist College; Professor Safawo Gullo, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Mr. Pradeep Tudu, Vice President for Financial Affairs.

We also extended appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the project in various ways; the teamwork and perseverance were key factors in overcoming challenges.

It is important to maintain excellence in the new departments. We want to encourage all who are involved in these programs to continue working diligently to attract committed and responsible students who take their education seriously. As a TVET institution, we are dedicated to providing high-quality training that equips our students with the knowledge, skills, and professionalism needed to serve themselves, their communities, and their country.

The introduction of Health Science programs at

Ethiopia Adventist College marks a new chapter for the institution. With the addition of the Clinical Nursing and Pharmacy programs, the college reaffirms its mission to nurture holistic, service-minded professionals who will make a positive impact in the healthcare sector.

Ethiopia Adventist College TVET Institute invites all aspiring students who are passionate about

health sciences to join this exciting new journey toward personal and professional growth. The classes have already started with the professional and experienced teachers and a fully furnished and equipped lab meeting the rigorous requirement for the TVET Education Bureau and costing over two million birr funded from the operation of the college and donation for the new cabinets by Dr. Abraham Dalu and Mrs. Aster G. Dalu. "To God be the glory!"



Some of the equipment for the Clinical Nursing Lab



Mr. Wakgari Tadesse, TVET Director



Some of the equipment for the Clinical Nursing Lab

FDRE Education and Training Agency (ETA) Visit EAC for Re-Registration

Habtamnesh Terefe, Educational Quality Assurance Director



Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC (L) with ETA visiting team and Prof. Safawo Gullo, Sr. Vice-President of Academic Affairs (R)

On December 1, 2025, our college welcomed the FDRE Education and Training Agency (ETA) re-registration visiting team. Their focus during this essential visit was to assess our infrastructure and facilities.

We are pleased to report that the exit feedback provided by the ETA representatives was positive, highlighting numerous strengths within our college. However, they also identified key areas where improvements are necessary to enhance our learning environment further.

This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our leaders and staff, and we acknowledge that it is through the help of God and our collective efforts that we have come this far. As we move forward, we are committed to addressing

the feedback and implementing the suggested improvements to ensure our college continues to meet and exceed expectations.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive for excellence in education and facilities.



Mrs. Mel Hutabarat, EAC Librarian (R) responding to the ETA visiting team

EAC Ethiopia Tedesse Library Transformation

Mel Susilawati Hutabarat, Librarian



Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC (L) with ETA visiting team and Prof. Safawo Gullo, Sr. Vice-President of Academic Affairs (R)

The Ethiopia Tadesse Library serves as the intellectual hub of Ethiopia Adventist College, providing unwavering support to teaching, learning, research, and the holistic academic growth of students and faculty alike. In an era of rapid information growth and digital transformation, the Ethiopia Tadesse Library remains steadfast in its dedication to enhancing its facilities and resources. This commitment is a testament to our unwavering commitment to the success of each user and the pursuit of academic excellence. The following overview outlines our digital transformation efforts, facility enhancements, and exciting initiatives planned for the upcoming months.

Launching Digital Library

In this significant milestone, the Ethiopia Tadesse Library, in collaboration with the IT Department, has successfully launched the newly established Digital Library. This endeavor signifies a substantial advancement in providing adaptable academic resources to the entire EAC academic community.

This new resource platform is integrated and linked to EAC main website www.eac.edu.et. The Digital Library houses over 140 titles of e-books, academic journals, and lecture notes, spanning a diverse range of subjects, including Business, Accounting, Management, Education Planning and Management (EDPM), Theology, Religious Studies, English, and more. This initiative has already demonstrated its significant benefits to students, offering them flexible access to essential academic materials. Library users can now conveniently access these valuable resources either from the dedicated library computers or directly from their mobile phones simply by using their email address and password.

Enriched Facilities and Generous Contributions

To complement our digital advancements, the physical library has undergone enhancement. We have increased the number of student research computers to 25 PCs, thereby providing more students or users with the opportunity to engage in academic research and access online tools efficiently.



Front view of Ethiopia Tadesse Library

Additionally, our Master of Business Administration library collection has been substantially enhanced by the generous donation of 60 books from MBA alumnus Mr. Yahya Abdulla Adam of Sudan. The Ethiopia Tadesse Library extends its sincere gratitude for this invaluable contribution, which will significantly enrich the resources available to our postgraduate students.

Sharpening Skills: A New Training Series Is Coming Soon

In the near future, the Ethiopia Tadesse Library will expand its role from a resource center to an active partner in skill development. We are excited to announce a forthcoming collaboration with the Research Office to host monthly academic writing training sessions.

These essential workshops will equip students with critical research and writing skills, covering topics such as

- Mastering standard citation styles (APA, Turabian, etc.).
- Effective academic research methodologies.
- Crucial training on understanding and avoiding plagiarism.

In sum, these initiatives the constant passion of the EAC Ethiopia Tadesse Library to fostering academic interests among students and patrons, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills for future success in the rapidly evolving technology landscape. The Ethiopia Tadesse Library cares the well-being of its patrons both today and tomorrow



EAC students studying at the Ethiopia Tadesse Library

Community Comes Together for a Day of Health, Education, and Cultural Celebration

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



Professionals from Wondogenet Research Center demonstrate the use of a variety of herbs for good health

A lively and impactful health Expo that left a lasting impression on all attendees was held on Friday, August 29, 2025. The community gathered in front of Toppenberg Hall for the event that began around 9:00 AM till 12 noon and was a celebration of health, education, and cultural diversity.

Throughout the day, participants benefited from free health screenings and consultations, allowing individuals to assess their well-being and receive expert advice at no cost. The event also featured engaging health education sessions provided by health professionals from Negele Arsi General Hospital and Medical College, Wondogenet Research Center, and also students from the classes Health Principles and Principle of Sociology. They provided valuable information on various wellness topics, empowering

attendees to make informed health choices.

One of the highlights was the first aid demonstration by nurses from Negele Arsi General Hospital and Medical College, where the viewers learned life-saving skills and techniques that could be used in emergencies. This practical session was particularly appreciated, as it equipped community members with essential knowledge to help others in critical moments.

In addition to health activities, the event celebrated cultural diversity through vibrant cultural displays especially from Mrs. Mel Hutabart and other international faculties. Attendees had the opportunity to experience different traditions and foster a sense of unity and understanding within the community.

The event was made possible through the



Health professionals from Negele Arsi General Hospital and Medical College share insights on first aid



The Wondogenet Research Center showcased several medicinal and aromatic plants. Many people were interested to learn from them.



Health professionals from Negele Arsi General Hospital and Medical College checked the blood pressure for the visitors

generous sponsorship of several organizations and departments, including the Theology Department, EAC Clinic, EAC Counseling Department, Health Principles Students, Sociology Students, Negle Arsi General Hospital and Medical College, and the Wondogenet Research Center who also donated several medicinal and herbal plants. The purpose of planting a variety of medicinal and herbal plants was not only to beautify our campus but also to provide our community with natural remedies and potential income sources through the cultivation and sale of these plants.

Overall, the event successfully encouraged community members to take charge of their health while promoting cultural exchange and unity. It was a day filled with learning, connection, and celebration—an event truly worth attending.



Cultural artifacts from several countries on display.



Students sharing NEWSTART health principles



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ALUMNI TRACER STUDY

We are excited to connect with you as we strengthen our alumni network in preparation for the EAC Grand Alumni Homecoming 2026. In this regard, we kindly ask you to complete the EAC Alumni Information Form, which supports our Tracer Study and Alumni Services Initiative.

Click on the Form Link below:

<https://www.eac.edu.et/index.php/alumni-network>

Click on "Tracer Study Information"

Your response will help us update records, improve communication, and celebrate alumni achievements. The form takes less than five minutes to complete, and all information will remain confidential for official EAC use only. Please also share this with other EAC alumni in your network. Your continued support is deeply appreciated as we build a stronger and more connected EAC family.

With warm regards and blessings,

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Harmony in Diversity: Growing Healthy Communities & Organizations

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counseling at Ethiopia Adventist College, delivering the seminar

Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counseling at Ethiopia Adventist College, delivered a seminar titled "Harmony in Diversity for Healthy Communities and Stronger Organizations" on October 27, 2025. The primary objective of this seminar was to foster awareness, respect, and collaboration among diverse members of the community.

Dr. Ester stated, "Diversity is not only about differences, it's about how we work together." She emphasized the numerous benefits of diversity, illustrating that healthy communities and organizations thrive when diversity is understood, appreciated, and valued.

The seminar focused on the significance of diversity within higher education. Dr. Ester highlighted

various academic and organizational advantages of embracing diversity, including:

- Promoting creativity and critical thinking
- Enhancing problem-solving and innovation
- Reflecting the multicultural environment of the real world
- Improving staff morale and student outcomes
- Building a welcoming and inclusive campus culture

She underscored the importance of practicing diversity and inclusion both in the classroom and the workplace. She defined diversity as "when people

come from different cultures, ages, languages, abilities, etc." and inclusion as "when everyone is encouraged to speak, share, collaborate, and succeed—so that no one is left out or made to feel inferior."

Dr. Ester also identified various barriers to diversity and inclusion that need to be addressed, such as unconscious bias, stereotypes, assumptions, communication and cultural gaps, resistance to change, and hierarchical divides among faculty, staff, and students.

Highlighting the core principles essential for fostering harmony, Dr. Ester proposed four key steps:

1. Showing Respect: Acknowledging each person's dignity and contribution
2. Practicing Empathy: Listening to understand rather than respond

3. Effective Communication: Engaging in dialogue across differences

4. Collaborating: Valuing diverse perspectives in decision-making

5. Recognizing: Celebrating diversity within classrooms and offices

The seminar concluded with the realization that diversity is a source of strength, not a challenge; that active effort is necessary to promote inclusion; and that harmony arises from respect, empathy, and collaboration. Valuable lessons were imparted during this training, and it is hoped that our classrooms and workplaces will become more harmonious environments for study and work.



Faculty and staff of EAC listening intently at the seminar.



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Seasons Greetings

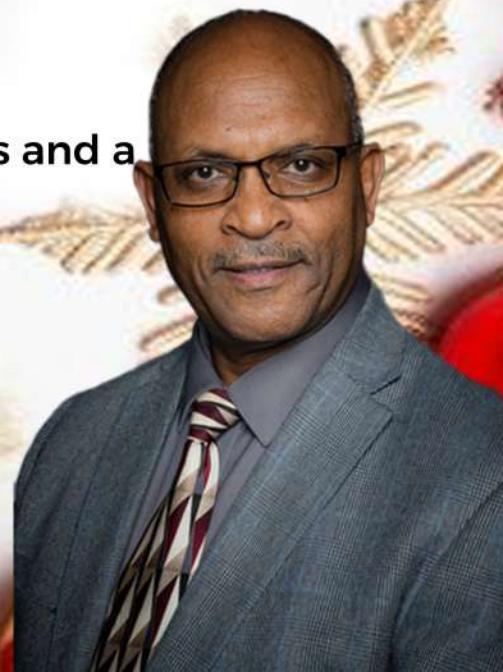
Dear EAC/KAU Community and Friends,

Warm Christmas greetings as we welcome the New Year 2026.

We thank God for His guidance throughout 2025, a year of challenges and meaningful progress. By His grace, Ethiopia Adventist College/ Kuyera Adventist University (EAC/KAU) launched construction of the School of Health Sciences and inaugurated the Ethio-Korean Friendship Cattle Farm Project. We are deeply grateful to our Korean partners, alumni, friends, and the leadership of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission, Western Ethiopia Union Mission, and East-Central Africa Division for their steadfast support.

As we enter 2026, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed, joyful, and prosperous New Year.

With Kind Regards,
Abraham Dalu, PhD
President, EAC/ KAU





*Seasons
Greeting*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2026**

EAC Donors and Friends

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and joyfully welcome the New Year 2026, the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Ethiopia Adventist College extend our heartfelt greetings to you and your family.

May this sacred season renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and inspire us to continue serving God and humanity with excellence, integrity, and love.

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.” – Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

“Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves.” – Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 25

May the peace of Christ fill your heart this Christmas, and may the New Year 2026 bring renewed strength, divine guidance, and abundant blessings.

Blessed Christmas and a Joyful New Year 2026!



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New Students Welcomed at Fresh Night

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



Grade 12 student, Elishalem Tagese, interviewing Mrs. Aster G. Dalu and Dr. Abraham Dalu at Fresh Night

The new students at Ethiopia Adventist College were warmly welcomed during the "Fresh Night" program held on Sunday evening, November 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

The evening began with an inspiring message from Dr. Stkesworth Shadeed, faculty member in the Department of Theology. He spoke on the importance of living in unity and harmony, quoting Psalm 133:1: "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity." Dr. Shadeed described the beauty and blessing of harmonious living, comparing it to refreshing oil or dew, elements that invite God's presence and impart life-giving blessings.

Pr. Babiso Gemechu, Vice President for Student Affairs, officially opened the event, emphasizing that the program was specially dedicated to the students. He reaffirmed his department's commitment to serving the students and making their time at EAC a memorable and meaningful experience.

Highlights of the evening included an interview with Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC. He shared

his personal journey, encouraging students to work diligently and trust in God. He emphasized that his success was due not to innate intelligence, but to reliance on God's guidance. His journey included graduating with distinction, serving in multiple countries including the U.S., and returning after 44 years to serve his homeland. Mrs. Aster G. Dalu also shared her inspiring story, emphasizing her dedication to serving God, staying close to Him, and making a positive impact on others.

The students contributed to the program with various performances, including songs, poems, news reports, and an engaging drama that conveyed moral lessons about honoring parents and God. The evening concluded with a delicious meal prepared by the EAC Cafeteria department.

We thank God for all the students who have come to Ethiopia Adventist College to pursue a Christ-centered, Adventist education, one that prepares them for service in this world and the next, fostering character and goodness above mere knowledge or intellect.

First Semester Week of Prayer 2025: “The Lord Our Righteousness”

Pr. Bahiru Woldegebreal, Church Pastor



The founder and director of Parousia Mission, Mr. Anteneh Yalew, the guest speaker for the Week of Prayer

Ethiopian Adventist College (EAC) was richly blessed during the First Semester Week of Prayer 2025, a cherished spiritual program conducted twice each academic year. These weeks of prayer provide a special opportunity for the entire college community to pause, reflect, and grow together in faith and spiritual commitment.

The first semester Week of Prayer was conducted from November 23–29, 2025, in collaboration with Parousia Ministry, under the inspiring theme drawn from Jeremiah 23:6: “The Lord Our Righteousness.” Through this theme, participants were reminded that true righteousness and transformation come only through Christ.

The program was organized across six areas.

Within the EAC main campus, sessions were held at the College, Overseas School, and Kindergarten (KG). In addition, programs were conducted outside the campus at the Kuyera Adventist Primary School, Kuyera Adventist Secondary School, and Shashemene Adventist Academy allowing students and staff at all levels to benefit from the spiritual messages.

Each evening program was thoughtfully arranged in two parts. The first session focused on health talks, emphasizing holistic well-being, followed by a spiritual sermon that addressed faith, righteousness, and personal renewal. These balanced sessions reflected the Adventist emphasis on the harmony of physical, mental, and spiritual health.

The Week of Prayer was enriched by the dedicated

service of the speakers and facilitators: Anteneh Yalew, Geleto Gemechu, Samuel Jaleta, and Yoseph Berhanu. Their messages were practical, Christ-centered, and deeply impactful.

One of the most encouraging outcomes of the program was the strong spiritual response from students. After the formal sessions, extended prayer times were held, during which a significant number of students remained to pray together.

Furthermore, several students expressed interest and made commitments to join Bible study groups, demonstrating a growing desire for deeper spiritual engagement.

Overall, the First Semester Week of Prayer 2025 was a time of renewal, inspiration, and commitment. The EAC community is grateful for this meaningful experience and looks forward to continued spiritual growth through such programs.



Students of EAC Overseas Elementary School listen attentively to the speaker of the Week of Prayer Mr. Yoseph Berhanu of Parousia Mission



Mr. Yoseph Berhanu (2nd L) and Mr. Samuel Jaleta (3rd L) also speakers for the Week of Prayer from Parousia Mission

Renovation of Ethiopia Adventist College Church

Pr. Bahiru Woldegebreal, Church Pastor



First phase of renovation for the Ethiopia Adventist College Church

The Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) Church has stood for many years as a place of worship, guidance, and spiritual renewal. Since its establishment, it has been a great blessing to all who have passed through EAC—students, staff, missionaries, and visitors—whether they came to study, to serve, or to support the mission of the Church.

Throughout its history, the EAC Church has remained a vital spiritual center for the institution and a source of influence for the wider Adventist mission in Ethiopia and beyond. Many individuals nurtured within EAC have gone on to serve the Church at various levels of leadership, both nationally and internationally, even up to the General Conference.

However, despite its rich legacy, the church building had gone many years without major renovation. Over time, signs of wear became evident, including visible cracks in different parts of the structure. In His perfect time, God inspired His people with determination and unity to begin the much-needed renovation of

the church building—inside and outside—carried out step by step as funds become available.

The first milestones of this important work were laid through the commitment and leadership of Mr. Wagari Iticha and Sister Dureti Gelgelu, Dr. Gudata Heneka and Sister Wubitu Abraham Hinika, Dr. Abraham Dalu and sister Aster G. Dalu. Their dedication has opened the way for this historic rebuilding effort.

All EAC alumni and friends, both within Ethiopia and abroad, are warmly invited to join in this sacred project. As we renovate the physical house of God, may it also reflect our renewed commitment to strengthening our spiritual lives and advancing God's mission.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1) May God bless every hand and heart that supports this work. For those who wish to support the renovation, contributions may be sent to: Ethiopia Adventist College; Awash Bank Account No. 01320695084700

Adventurer and Pathfinder Investiture Service and Master Guide Induction Ceremony

Micheal Bwambale- IT Director



Dr Henry Sittanggang, professor at the Department of Theology; and Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement give out certificates at the Adventurer and Pathfinder Investiture Service

The EAC Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted the Adventurer and Pathfinder Investiture Service and the Master Guide Induction ceremony on November 22, 2025, Sabbath afternoon.

The investiture segment of the program was an inspiring celebration, highlighting the spiritual, physical, mental, and social growth of the young people enrolled in the Adventurer and Pathfinder Ministries. Throughout the year, the children and youth demonstrated faithfulness and commitment by actively participating in classwork, honors, Bible study, service activities, and leadership development, reflecting the holistic mission of these ministries.

The ceremony was further enriched by a warm and passionate message from Dr. Henry Sittanggang, centered on Psalm 27:1. He reminded the Adventurers and Pathfinders that "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" Encouraging them to walk confidently with God, he emphasized that with

the Lord as their Light and Salvation, they need not fear challenges or darkness. He urged the young people to trust in God's strength as they continue to learn, explore, and develop their God-given gifts in service to others.

During the award presentation, Dr./MG Ester Karosekali, the Adventurer Director, joyfully presented awards to 36 Adventurers, affirming their growth, discipline, and dedication throughout the year. Likewise, MG Yared Kebede, the Pathfinder Director, awarded honors to 30 Pathfinders, recognizing their perseverance, leadership development, and commitment to excellence.

The second part of the program was the Master Guide Induction, a solemn and deeply meaningful service recognizing individuals who have answered the call to advanced leadership in youth ministry. The induction was led by MG Yared Kebede, the Field Area Youth Coordinator and the Master Guide Training Coordinator at EAC. The Master Guide program, being

the highest level of leadership training within Adventist Youth Ministries, equips leaders to mentor young people, support the mission of the church, and model Christlike living in every sphere of life.

Dr. Henry Sittanggang also dedicated the four Master Guide inductees, emphasizing that true leadership is not about position, but about servant-hearted ministry. He reminded them that when Christ becomes the Light guiding their path, they will naturally reflect His character to the young people they are called to lead and inspire.

The program theme set the spiritual tone of the entire event. Psalm 27:1—"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"—served as a powerful reminder to all attendees that confidence, courage, and purpose are found in walking closely with God.

The investiture and induction ceremonies at Ethiopia Adventist College were not only a celebration of achievements but also a testimony of God's sustaining grace throughout the year.

The event concluded with a renewed sense of mission—to mentor, nurture, and empower the next generation of Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Master Guide leaders, equipping them to shine brightly for Christ in their homes, church, community, and the world.



Dr. Henry Sittanggang sharing a message with the Adventurers, Pathfinders and Master Guides.



MG/Dr. Esther Karosekali the Adventurer Director awarding a certificate to the Adventurer



EAC Adventurers and Pathfinders pose with some of the instructors and leaders

The Creation Sabbath

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



Dr. Abraham Dalu welcomed the visitors and spoke on the Creation Sabbath

Creation is the canvas on which God has painted His character. The seventh day Sabbath truly reveals God's creation. Ethiopia Adventist College Church celebrated the Creation Sabbath on October 25, 2025. Dr. Abraham Dalu, the President of EAC was the main speaker for the divine worship.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church designates the fourth Sabbath in October each year as Creation Sabbath. The purpose of this annual celebration is for "acknowledging God as our Creator and the implications that this biblical teaching has for us – to create a worldwide sense of unity in promoting this belief in a positive light."

Dr. Abraham Dalu shared about the various theories of the origin of life, and the two main

opposing view—evolution and creation. Dr. Abraham emphasized the purpose of the Sabbath saying, "The Sabbath day is every seventh day. It is a holy day ordained by God for us to rest from our daily labors and worship Him. According to the Bible, it commemorates the original seventh day on which God rested after completing the creation."

He stressed seven points on the Creation Sabbath:

1. The Sabbath was instituted at Creation, long before the existence of Israel or the giving of the Mosaic law. God set apart the seventh day as a holy day, signaling its universal application for all humanity. It was not just a day of rest for God, but a day of communion and spiritual renewal for all creation.

2. The Sabbath is a memorial of creation. The Sabbath is a reminder of God's creative power. Every seventh day, we are called to remember that God is the Creator of heaven and earth.

3. The Sabbath in Redemption and Restoration. In addition to being a memorial of creation, the Sabbath is also a symbol of redemption. Just as God delivered Israel from slavery, the Sabbath reminds us of the deliverance from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ. It is a weekly celebration of spiritual freedom and the rest we find in Christ.

4. The Sabbath is a sign of sanctification. The Sabbath not only points to God's creative work but also to His work of sanctification. It is a sign of the relationship between God and His people. Observing the Sabbath is a way for believers to show that they are set apart for holy purposes by God Himself.

5. Jesus and the Sabbath. Jesus reaffirmed the importance of the Sabbath and corrected the misunderstandings about it. The Sabbath is meant to be a blessing for humanity, not a burden. It is a time for rest, renewal, and restoration, both physically and spiritually. Jesus, as Lord of the Sabbath, shows its continued relevance in the Christian life.

6. The Sabbath in the end-time context. In the last days, the Sabbath will play a significant role in the final call to worship the Creator. The call in Revelation to worship God as Creator is a direct link to the Sabbath commandment in Exodus 20. The Seventh-day Adventist Church views the Sabbath as a crucial sign in the final conflict between true and false worship.

7. Sabbath in new creation. The Sabbath is not only a sign for this present world but will also be observed in the new heavens and new earth. This shows its eternal significance. God's people will continue to celebrate the Sabbath as a time of worship and fellowship with the Creator throughout eternity.

The sermon concluded with the following thought: "The Sabbath is deeply rooted in Creation and is a sign of God's creative power, His sanctifying grace, and His plan of redemption. It's a gift of rest, not only from physical labor but also as a symbol of the spiritual rest we find in Christ. As Seventh-day Adventists, we believe the Sabbath is relevant for all people, both now and in the world to come, and plays a critical role in end-time events as part of God's final call to worship the Creator."

CREATION SABBATH 2025



Kuyera

A Beacon of Light Since 1947

Dr. Desta Amado Gelgelu

Kuyera is more than a place on the map. Located about 235 kilometers south of Addis Ababa and just 10 kilometers before Shashemene City, Kuyera is sacred ground—home to Ethiopia Adventist College, Kuyera Adventist Academy, and the junior and elementary schools. Since 1947, Kuyera has stood as a beacon of light, faith, education, and service, shining steadily across generations and far beyond its geographic boundaries.

For nearly eight decades, Ethiopia Adventist College has trained and educated men and women who have gone on to serve with distinction in academia, business, health care, church leadership, and civil service. Graduates of Kuyera are found across the globe—in North America, Europe, Australia, and throughout Africa—engaged in productive endeavors and living lives of purpose. Wherever they have gone, they have carried with them the values, discipline, and vision instilled on this historic campus.

My connection to Kuyera is deeply personal. I am a proud graduate of Kuyera Adventist High School, as is my wife. Kuyera shaped our lives, our values, and our calling. Beyond being a student, I had the privilege of serving this institution as a teacher, Academic Dean, and Acting President. These roles allowed me to see firsthand the transformative power of Kuyera—not only in classrooms, but in character formation.

Ethiopia Adventist College trained our head, heart, and hand. It prepared us for real life, wherever our journeys might lead. At Kuyera, we learned the value of hard work, diligence, discipline, and integrity. We were taught to be competitive yet ethical, confident yet humble, prepared to meet the duties and responsibilities to which we were called. Kuyera did not merely educate us for a career; it prepared us for service, leadership, and life.

Today, Kuyera stands at the threshold of a new chapter. The journey toward becoming a full-fledged university is both timely and inspired. What better

place to establish diverse university programs that will produce much-needed human resources for our country and for the church? Kuyera's legacy, spiritual foundation, and academic tradition make it the perfect setting for a thriving university campus—complete with multiple schools, departments, research centers, and expanded outreach.

As an alumnus, former employee, and leader of Ethiopia Adventist College, my heart is filled with joy and hope. I dream of a vibrant university rising from this historic ground, continuing to shine its light even brighter. Our love for Kuyera is deep and enduring. Its past is rich, its present is promising, and its future—by God's grace—will be extraordinary. Kuyera has been a beacon of light since 1947, and it will continue to shine for generations to come. As Scripture declares, Kuyera has stood as a light to the surrounding community, the nation, and the world. Like a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden, Kuyera is called to rise, stand tall, and shine. The influence of a true Christian institution is not confined within its walls, but radiates outward lifting, guiding, and blessing all who come within its reach.

For the many who labor toward becoming a university, the pen of inspiration offers timely counsel

in Christ's Object Lessons, page 333, "As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enabling."

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My heart is filled with joy and hope. I dream of a vibrant university rising from this historic ground, continuing to shine its light even brighter.



Dr. Desta A. Gelgelu

Dr. Gelgelu currently serves as a Professor of Economics at North Hennepin Community College and Metropolitan State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics from Addis Ababa University, as well as both a Master's and a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Pune, India. Furthermore, he earned an MBA in Finance from Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During his tenure at Ethiopia Adventist College, Dr. Gelgelu assumed various leadership roles, including Professor of Economics, Academic Dean, and Acting President. He was instrumental in the institution's transition from a two-year college to a four-year degree-granting university. His leadership was pivotal in recruiting and educating hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to become entrepreneurs or occupy significant positions within financial institutions, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Visitors at EAC

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor

Dr. Gudata Hinika and his wife, Sister Wubitu



Dr. Gudata Hinika, MD, (center) chief of trauma and general surgery at California Hospital Medical Center on Grand Avenue and his wife, Sister Wubitu

Dr. Gudata Hinika and his wife, Sister Wubitu, from Negelle Arsi General Hospital and Medical College, visited our church on October 25, 2025. During their visit, Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of the Ethiopian Adventist Church, along with Mrs. Aster Dalu, presented them with a scarf as a token of appreciation for their dedication and ongoing support to Ethiopia Adventist College and Church.

Dr. Abraham Dalu expressed heartfelt gratitude, stating, "We thank God for individuals like Dr. Gudata Hinika and his wife, Sister Wubitu, who have contributed and supported the college for many years. They studied here and now continue to serve

and support the community."

We praise God for their exemplary service, philanthropy, and commitment to Christian education.

Dr. Hinika has served as Chief of Trauma and General Surgery at California Hospital Medical Center. He is a board-certified surgeon and a member of the ER team at California Hospital Medical Center, specializing in trauma surgery and surgical critical care. He earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and has been practicing for over 19 years.

Mr. Beyene Bedasso



(L-R) Mr. Beyene Bedasso with Dr. Abraham Dalu at the Ethiopia Adventist College SDA Church

Mr. Beyene Bedasso was warmly welcomed at the Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) SDA Church on December 20, 2025. Dr. Abraham Dalu and Mrs. Aster G. Dalu greeted him and presented a sash in recognition of his steadfast support for EAC and the people of Ethiopia. Dr. Dalu described him as a legend in this region and larger Oromia, and extended a heartfelt welcome to EAC SDA Church, his former congregation.

Currently residing in the United States, Mr.

Bedasso's medical ministry has brought hope and healing to many lives. He has played a significant role in helping coordinate fundraising efforts for the college, inspiring others to give generously to EAC. A former member of the Ethiopian Parliament, he has selflessly dedicated his life to serving his country. Though he left Ethiopia many years ago, his love and support for his homeland remain unwavering, regardless of the distance. We were extremely delighted to have him during our regular Sabbath worship.



EAC Administrators and Dr. Stkesworth Shadeed with some Jamaican visitors



Mrs. Dureti Gelgelu, an EAC alumna, along with some family and friends pose with a few EAC church members

Farewell and Appreciation Program Honors Dedicated Servants of EAC

By Mardianto Marpaung, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement



Farewell to two families (L-R) Abdisa, Pr. Babiso Gemechu, Sarah, Mrs. Medhin, Pr. Sisay Shiferaw Gebreyes, and Bazliel their son

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC), in collaboration with Kuyera Seventh-day Adventist Church, conducted a meaningful Farewell and Appreciation Program on Sabbath afternoon, December 20, 2025, at the EAC Cafeteria to honor the faithful service of Pastor Babiso Gemechu Harefa and family, and Pastor Sisay Shiferaw Gebreyes and family.

The program was organized to recognize the spiritual leadership, pastoral dedication, and unwavering commitment both pastors rendered to EAC and the surrounding church community. Faculty, staff, students, and church members gathered to express gratitude and offer prayers as the two pastors' transition to new leadership responsibilities within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Babiso Gemechu Harefa has been appointed as the Director of Family Ministry and Prayer Ministry at the Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission, headquartered in Addis Ababa. His ministry at EAC

has been marked by compassionate pastoral care, family-centered spiritual guidance, and a strong emphasis on prayer life among students and staff.

Pastor Sisay Shiferaw Gebreyes has been called to serve as the President of the East Central Ethiopia Field, with headquarters in Sodo, Wolaita. His leadership at EAC was characterized by administrative wisdom, spiritual mentorship, and tireless support for institutional and church development.

The program featured messages of appreciation, special prayers, gift presentations, and heartfelt responses from both families. The event concluded with a spirit of fellowship and thanksgiving, followed by a potluck lunch.

EAC extends sincere appreciation to Pastor Babiso, Pastor Sisay, and their families, and prays for God's continued guidance and abundant blessings as they begin this new chapter of service.

Football Field Completion

Prof. Safawo Gullo, Senior VP for Academic Affairs



Mrs. Marta Korga Zeleke (extreme R) with (L-R) Dr. Abraham Dalu, Prof. Safawo Gullo, Sister Aster G. Dalu, Dr. Ester Karosekali, and Mrs. Nola Tudu

The EAC football field was officially inaugurated on December 4, 2025. During the ceremony, Mrs. Marta Korga Zeleke, a strong supporter of EAC, received an appreciation certificate from Dr. Abraham Dalu for her contribution to the completion of the football field. She emphasized that the primary purpose of the football field is to provide students, faculty, and staff with a space to enjoy outdoor activities and good health, whether through playing games or walking around the track.

The idea to construct a football field, along with a basketball court and a tennis court, was initially conceived and started in February 2023, during the presidency of Prof. Safawo Gullo. It was envisioned as a wonderful facility for students to exercise, relax, and have fun. However, due to various challenges that

dream was delayed to the point we almost gave up on the project.

Thanks to Dr. Abraham Dalu's persistence and diplomatic efforts, interest was rekindled, particularly in Sister Marta Korga Zeleke, who dedicated herself to ensuring the project's completion. We sincerely appreciate the generous support of Dr. Morry Anota and Mr. Yafet T. Wodesso, whose funding made this project possible.

Our students have already begun to enjoy the new facilities, and we are grateful to all who supported this worthwhile endeavor.

New main gate and fencing for Kuyera Adventist Secondary School

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



The newly constructed main gate for Kuyera Adventist Secondary School

The main gate and fencing of Kuyera Adventist Secondary School (KASS) were constructed with 1.5 million Birr from the operating funds of the college. The new gate and fence for KASS provides a safe environment for our high school students, staff and teachers. The previous gate and fence were dismantled to accommodate

the government's road expansion requirements. The Ethiopian government is heavily investing in a nationwide road network expansion, with the goal of connecting rural areas, reducing transportation costs, and stimulating economic growth through major projects such as expressways

DONATIONS

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor

Appreciation to Mr. Richard Christian and Mrs. Miriam Christian for their generous donation of two laptops

We thank God for the donations of two laptops by Mr. Richard Christian and Mrs. Miriam Christian. The laptops will be used in the Finance Office and Accounting Office. May God bless you and your family for your generous hearts and helpful acts



one of the donated laptop

Emmanuel: God Is With Us Christmas Program

Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor



Elder Pradeep Tudu, preaching during the program and Mr. Wakgari Tadesse, translating to local language

The celebration of Christ's birth was held on December 26-27, 2025, at the EAC SDA Church. The congregation was reminded of how God came down from heaven to be with us and save us from sin through songs, sermons, and a Bible skit.

The Divine Service featured a key message from Mr. Pradeep Tudu, Vice President for Financial Affairs, who based his sermon on Matthew 1:22-23:

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'" Mr. Pradeep emphasized, "To be with us, Jesus took on human form. He was born in a stable and laid in a manger among animals—God Himself clothed in humility."

The Advent Choir joyfully sang "New Star Shining," "O Holy Night," and "The First Noel," celebrating the birth of our Savior. The younger children presented songs such as "What Child Is This," along with other hymns praising God for His marvelous gift. We give praise to God for our young people, especially The Advent Choir, who took leadership in the weekend worship. May God continue to bless them as they use their gifts and talents in His service.



Advent Choir presenting during the program



Students leading the song service

Outstanding International MBA Student from Sudan Successfully Defends Thesis and Donates Academic Books to EAC Library

By Mardianto H. Marpaung, PhD, VP for Institutional Advancement



L-R: Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Dr. Ester Karosekali, Mr. Yahya Abdalla Adam Mualim, Dr. Abraham Woncheso



Mr. Yahya Abdalla Adam Mualim during his MBA Thesis defence



Pictures of books donated by Mr. Yahya to EAC Library

Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) proudly congratulates Mr. Yahya Abdalla Adam Mualim, an outstanding international Master of Business Administration (MBA) student from Sudan, on the successful defense of his MBA thesis held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at the EAC Toppenberg Building.

Mr. Yahya's research, entitled "Exploring Economic Challenges and Opportunities of Foreign Direct Investment on Local Employment: A Case Study of MIDROC Investment in Bishan Guracha City, Ethiopia," examined the role of foreign direct investment in shaping local employment outcomes. His study highlighted both the challenges and opportunities associated with sustainable economic growth, offering practical insights relevant to policymakers, investors, and development practitioners.

The thesis defense was moderated by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor at EAC. Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counseling and Associate Professor,

served as the external examiner, while Dr. Abraham Woncheso, Head of the Department of Business Management and Associate Professor, acted as the internal examiner.

The panel engaged in a rigorous academic discussion of the study's methodology, findings, and recommendations, commending Mr. Yahya for his strong analytical skills, scholarly discipline, and meaningful contribution to research on foreign direct investment and local employment.

In addition to his academic achievement, Mr. Yahya demonstrated exemplary commitment to EAC by donating 60 academic books in management, finance, and administration to the EAC Library, significantly enriching its academic resources and supporting future students.

The EAC MBA Department applauds Mr. Yahya Abdalla Adam Mualim for his academic excellence and generous contribution, and wishes him continued success in his professional and scholarly journey.

Mourning the Loss, and yet Celebrating the Lives of EAC Alumni

Prof. Safawo Gullo, Senior VP for Academic Affairs

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MEMORY

Ethiopia Adventist College administrators, faculty, staff, and students are saddened by the passing of our prominent alumni: Mr. Alemu Gobezie, Mr. Doti Tura, Dr. Hadessa Tuso within a span of about two weeks. While we mourn their loss, we also celebrate their rich legacy of service to their communities. Their indelible contributions to the society will be forever etched into our memories.

Mr. Alemu Gobezie

Mr. Alemu Gobezie was a beloved Amharic instructor at Ethiopia Adventist College Elementary School for many years. In addition to his teaching, he was a dedicated farm worker in the College's Farm Department, where he contributed significantly to the institution's development. Later, he relocated with his

family to the United States, where he lived peacefully until his passing. Mr. Alemu will be fondly remembered by his students and colleagues at EAC. His memorial service was held at Pacific Union College in California on Sunday, November 24, 2025.

Mr. Obbo Doti Tura

Mr. Doti Tura studied pharmacy at Gimbi Hospital and served as a healthcare professional at Zewditu Hospital and various other institutions. He owned and operated a pharmacy in Addis Ababa for many years, achieving great success as an entrepreneur. Throughout his life, Mr. Doti made significant financial and personal sacrifices to promote education and generously sponsored numerous Oromo youth to pursue their studies. His invaluable contributions



Mr. Doti Tura

Mr. Alemu Gobezie

Professor Hamdessa Tuso

to the well-being and advancement of the Oromo people will be remembered for generations. A memorial service honoring Mr. Doti Tura was held at Ethiopia Adventist College on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

Professor Hamdessa Tuso

Prof. Hamdessa Tuso graduated from Ethiopia Adventist College in 1964. He continued his education at Avondale College, a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Australia, where he received a B.A. degree. He also earned an MA and Ph.D. degrees in the United States of America from Andrews University and Michigan State University, respectively. As a highly accomplished scholar, Professor Hamdessa Tuso attained the pinnacle of his professional career

as a professor, researcher, and a sought-after expert Conference speaker in the field of conflict resolution. He has guided the dissertation of numerous doctoral candidates. He has authored three books, numerous book chapters, and tens of articles in peer-reviewed journals, and presented his scholarly work in the United States, Canada, and Australia. His immense scholarly contributions to the Oromo people and humanity in general, will be recorded in the history books for reference by the current and future generations. A Memorial Service for Professor Hamdessa was held at Ethiopia Adventist College on December 14, 2025.



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