

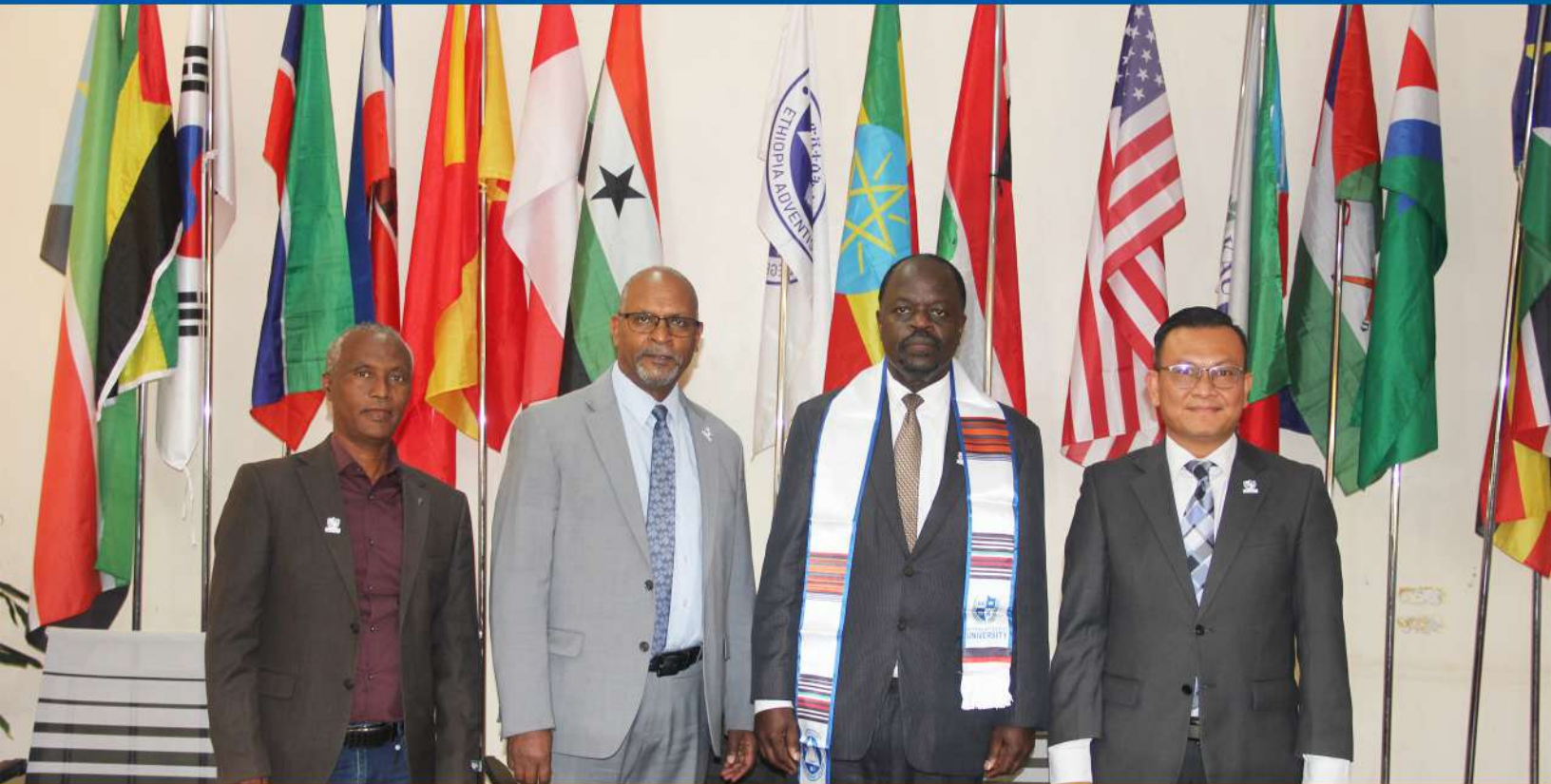


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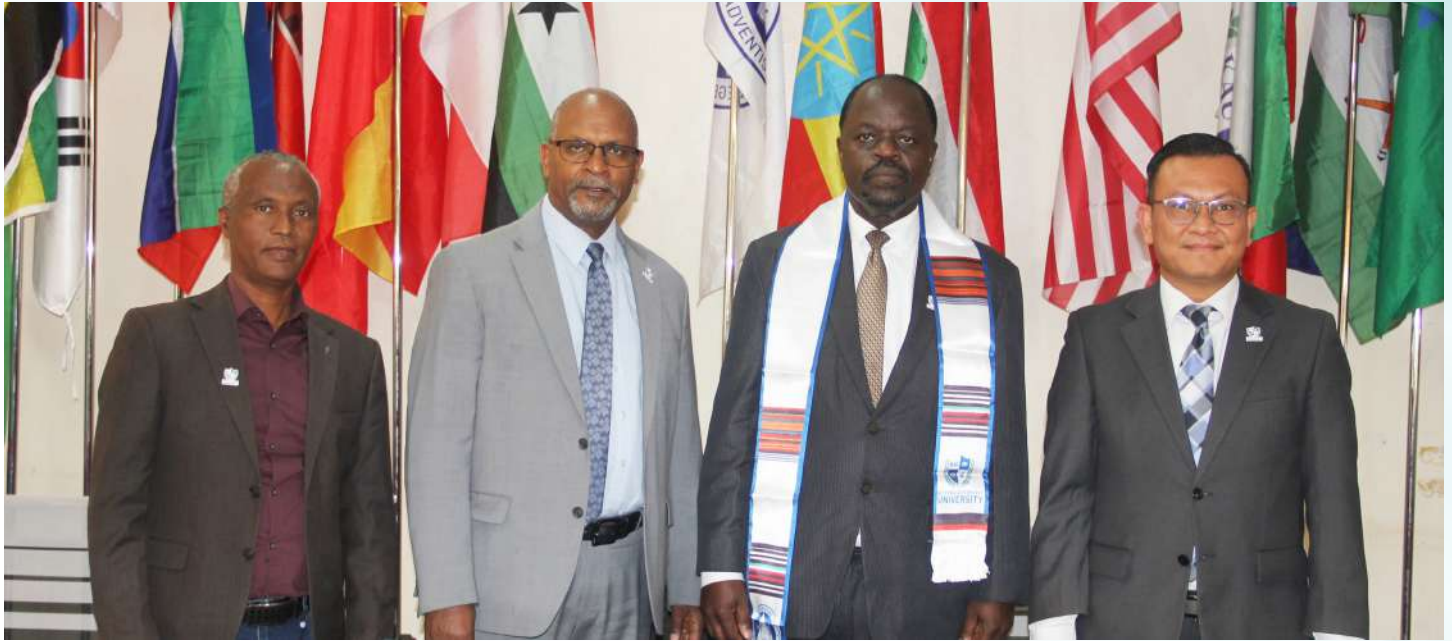
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Prof. Maiyo Champions EAC's Transition to Kuyera Adventist University

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On February 12, 2026, Prof. Philip Maiyo, PhD, Education Director of East Central Africa Division, visited Ethiopia Adventist College as a crucial step in its transition to Kuyera Adventist University.

Prof. Maiyo's presentation focused on university transformation, drawing on his successful experience at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (UEAB). He highlighted his strategies for institutional improvement, including financial discipline (addressing outstanding debts and reducing the wage bill), resource consolidation (closing underperforming extension campuses), and reinforcing Adventist identity during his

tenure as Vice-Chancellor. "If Baraton could rise, so can Kuyera," he declared, inspiring faculty and staff to embrace growth through honesty and courageous leadership.

Prof. Maiyo provided guidance on the AAA 12 Areas of Assessment. He emphasized that these pillars, ranging from Area 1: Philosophy, Mission, and Objectives to Area 12: Pastoral and Theological Education, should serve as a strategic framework for achieving excellence, rather than merely a compliance checklist.

Beyond his presentation, Prof. Maiyo engaged in discussions with EAC leadership, faculty, and staff, focusing on the impact of new higher education policies

from the Ethiopian Ministry of Education. These discussions specifically addressed the challenges affecting undergraduate and graduate student enrollment. This provided valuable insight into the local hurdles the college is navigating as a result of these evolving policies.

The visit concluded with a powerful charge: the new university must commit to "Empowering Minds and Transforming Souls." With this strategic support, the beacon of Kuyera is ready to shine brighter than ever.

Mrs. Habtamnesh Terefe serves the college as the Director of Quality Assurance



Ethiopia Adventist College and University of Eastern Africa, Baraton Sign MoU to Strengthen Academic Collaboration

Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung



L-R: Prof. Msafiri Mamba Jackson, Vice-Chancellor of UEAB; Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC. Standing L-R: Prof. Kenneth Otieno, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, UEAB; Prof Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Institutional Advancement

In a landmark step toward regional academic collaboration, Ethiopia Adventist College and the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (UEAB) formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the UEAB campus on Monday, March 2, 2026. This signing marked the 15th MoU of Ethiopia Adventist College, further expanding its network of partnerships with regional and international institutions.

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation in areas of faculty exchange, joint research,

curriculum development, and student mobility programs. Both institutions expressed commitment to advancing quality education, fostering innovation, and promoting cross-border academic engagement within the East African region.

Speaking at the ceremony, EAC President, Dr. Abraham Dalu, highlighted the strategic importance of the partnership: “This collaboration with UEAB will provide our faculty and students with expanded learning opportunities, while promoting mutual growth and the sharing

of expertise. Together, we aim to strengthen the Adventist education network across the region.”

UEAB leadership, represented by the University’s Vice Chancellor, Prof. Msafiri Mamba Jackson, warmly welcomed EAC into its academic partnership program. The signing underscored the shared vision of both institutions to cultivate academic excellence and provide

Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, PhD, serves the College as the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and Professor



students with enhanced access to diverse learning resources.

The MoU outlines specific areas of cooperation, including collaborative research projects, exchange of scholarly publications, and joint initiatives in community service programs. This partnership is expected to

significantly contribute to the professional development of faculty and the holistic formation of students at both institutions.

The event concluded with a prayer of blessing and mutual commitment to uphold the principles of excellence, service, and faith-driven education.

This MoU represents a forward-looking initiative that reinforces the mission of both EAC and UEAB to provide transformative educational experiences and strengthen the Adventist educational mission in East Africa.

Pr. Carlisle Sutton and Dr. Mordekai Ongo Lead Research Ethics Seminar at EAC

Henry Sitanggang



Pr. Carlisle Sutton and Dr. Mordekai Ongo with EAC administrators, faculty, and staff

The Research Office of Ethiopia Adventist College was honored to host a one-day seminar, featuring two distinguished guests from the Office of Research at Andrews University. The session, led by Pr. Carlisle Sutton and Dr. Mordekai Ongo, provided an in-depth exploration of the critical principles governing ethical research practices.

Held on the 23rd of January, 2026, the seminar brought together the administration, faculty, staff, and researchers for a comprehensive discussion on navigating the complexities of modern research.

Pastor Carlisle, serving as the Sponsored Research Officer, and Dr. Mordekai, Research Integrity and Compliance Officer, shared invaluable insights of the ethical dimensions, the protection of human subjects, and the integrity of the research process and its protocol development. A key takeaway from the sessions was the vital link between rigorous research ethics and the advancement of genuine community development and social welfare. Responsible research ultimately serves the greater good for the communities we serve.

The invitation extended to the two guests from



Pastor Carlisle Sutton engages the faculty of EAC in a group discussion

Andrews University was part of a deliberate strategic initiative by Ethiopia Adventist College to strengthen community-based research that advances knowledge and enhances the quality of life of our people. This effort is envisioned as a springboard for generating research-driven, evidence-based solutions to some of the pressing challenges facing our community and the nation at large. By building institutional capacity in ethical, rigorous, and impactful

research, the College seeks to position itself as a leading center for scholarly inquiry and meaningful service.

The participants engaged in robust discussions, exploring case studies and learning practical knowledge on how to uphold the highest ethical standards in their respective fields. Faculty and staff had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss real-world dilemmas in research compliance and ethical review.

The institution's administrators and the research office extend their sincere gratitude to Pr. Carlisle Sutton and Dr. Mordekai Ongo for their time and for contributions to the professional development of our research community. Their shared knowledge has undoubtedly challenged attendees to critically consider the significance of research and the ethical dimensions of conducting more robust, responsible, and impactful studies. We eagerly anticipate fostering research collaborations that enhance our research culture.



Pastor Carlisle Sutton and Dr. Mordekai Ongo at the farewell and appreciation service.

Dr. Henry Sitanggang, serves the college as the Director of Research Office



Strengthening Academic Collaboration: EAC and AUA Strategic Meeting

Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung



EAC representatives with AUA representatives at the strategic meeting

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, a significant meeting was held at the Administration Building of the Adventist University of Africa (AUA), bringing together key representatives from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) and AUA. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen institutional collaboration and to advance formal agreements between the two institutions.

The EAC delegation was led by Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, and included Mrs. Aster Giorgis Dalu, Director of the EAC Clinic and Wellness Center; Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and Professor; Dr. Henry Sitanggang, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Theology and Director of the Research and

Development Office; Mr. Pradeep Tudu, Operations Manager; and Mrs. Nola Tudu, Academic Supervisor and Language Lab Coordinator.

The AUA team was represented by Dr. Feliks Ponyatovskiy, Dean of the Theological Seminary; Dr. Lossan Bonde, Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies; along with representatives from the AUA Library Department and the Registrar's Office.

The meeting served as a preparatory session to review the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between EAC and AUA. During the discussions, both institutions engaged in meaningful dialogue to ensure alignment of academic goals, administrative processes, and institutional vision. Notably, the meeting also led to the development of an additional

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), which outlines the establishment of EAC as an official branch of AUA.

This development marks a significant milestone in the partnership between EAC and AUA, reflecting a shared commitment to expanding access to quality Adventist education and enhancing academic excellence across the region. The collaboration is expected to open new opportunities for postgraduate programs, research initiatives, faculty development, and resource sharing.

The meeting concluded with a spirit of unity and optimism, as both institutions reaffirmed their dedication to working together in fulfilling their mission of providing holistic, Christ-centered education.



Representatives from EAC and AUA at the preparatory session at AUA to review the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between EAC and AUA

Follow-Up Meeting Between EAC and AUA

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, a follow-up meeting was held at the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Administration at the Adventist University of Africa (AUA). The meeting brought together representatives from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) and AUA to further strengthen their growing institutional collaboration.

Representing EAC were Dr. Mardianto H. Marpaung, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and Professor, along with Mrs. Mel Susilawati Hutabarat, Head of the EAC Library. They met with Dr. Kibirango Moses Mpiima, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Administration and Associate Professor at AUA.

This meeting served as a follow-up to the earlier engagement held on March 3, 2026, providing an opportunity to report on progress and further discuss the strategic direction of the partnership. During the discussion, EAC formally expressed its agreement for AUA to establish a branch campus at the EAC site. This initiative aims to expand access to graduate and postgraduate education, thereby enhancing educational opportunities and capacity-building within Ethiopia.

The development represents a significant milestone not only for EAC but also for the broader educational landscape in Ethiopia. With AUA serving as the “mother institution,” the collaboration is expected to strengthen academic quality, promote advanced research, and support the professional development of students and faculty alike.

In addition, the meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing ceremony, which is planned to take place at the AUA campus in April 2026. This formal event will mark the official establishment of the partnership and outline the framework for future collaboration.

The meeting concluded with a shared sense of purpose and commitment, as both institutions look forward to working together to advance Christ-centered, high-quality education in Ethiopia and beyond.

Mardianto Hasudungan Marpaung, PhD, serves the College as the Vice President for Financial Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and Professor



Mastering the Art of Writing: Skills Seminar

Ester Karosekali



Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Financial Affairs gives the devotional for the Seminar.

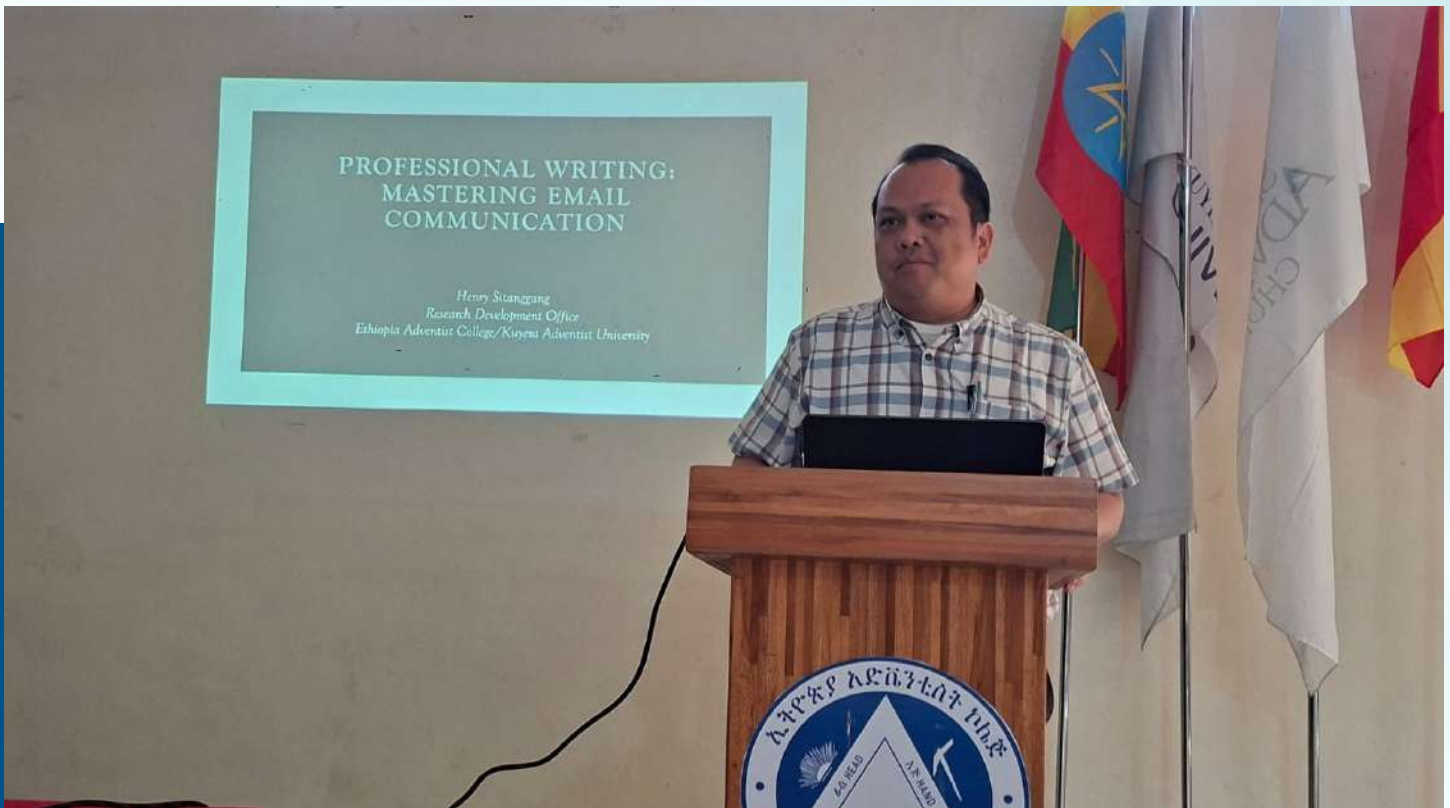
The seminar on “Communication Writing Skills” was conducted on Friday morning, January 30, 2026, at Ethiopia Adventist College for all Vice Presidents, faculty members, staff, and teachers. The program opened with a devotional message and prayer led by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Vice President for Financial Affairs, MBA Program Coordinator, and Professor. This was followed by opening remarks delivered by Prof. Safawo Gulo, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, who emphasized the importance of using email as a formal means of communication.

The first presenter, Dr. Henry, delivered a session on “Professional Writing,” with a strong focus on the importance of email communication. He explained that email is often the first impression a person makes and also a lasting record they leave behind in professional settings. According to him, professional email has a dual role: it functions not only as a productive communication tool but also as

a reflection of one’s professional identity. Therefore, official emails should always be written in a clear, respectful, and professional manner.

During the session, Dr. Henry provided several practical examples to demonstrate how to write effective professional emails. He emphasized that a professional email is one that is well-structured, polite, purposeful, and appropriate for the audience. In conclusion, he encouraged participants to rethink email—not as a burden or routine task—but as one of the most powerful tools for professional success. He closed his session by sharing a Bible verse from Proverbs 25:11: “Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken at the proper time,” highlighting the value of thoughtful and timely communication.

The second presenter, Mrs. Nola Tudu, the Academic Supervisor and Language Lab Coordinator, spoke on “Proper Email Format.” She opened her session by sharing Bible verse in 2 Corinthians 3:3, “Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This



Dr. Henry, the Director of Research Office and faculty at the Department of Theology, delivered a session on "Professional Writing."

'letter' is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts," emphasizing that communication reflects one's character and values.

In her presentation, she discussed four main points: the importance of using email, proper email format, email etiquette, and common mistakes to avoid. She highlighted key etiquette practices such as using a clear subject line, addressing recipients correctly, maintaining proper grammar, keeping emails brief, using a professional tone, and ending with an appropriate closing (Shaily, 2023). She also cautioned against common mistakes, including vague subject

lines, missing greetings or sign-offs, overly long messages, excessive capitalization or punctuation, inconsistent formatting, sending emails while emotional, unnecessary CCs, forgetting attachments, and using passive-aggressive phrases. Overall, her session stressed the importance of clear, respectful, and professional email communication.

The third presenter was Mrs. Mel S. Hutabarat, Head Librarian, who delivered a session entitled "The Technical Use of College Email and Hands-On Training." In her presentation she emphasized the importance of using official eac.edu.et email account as the primary and formal channel of communication, both within the

campus and when corresponding with external parties.

She reminded all attendees to ensure that their college email account is active and regularly checked to support effective communication and professional engagement. In addition, Mrs. Mel conducted a hands-on training session, assisting employees in accessing and setting up Outlook on both desktop computers and mobile phones. This practical guidance helped participants better understand how to manage their emails efficiently and use the college email system in a professional and appropriate manner.

Dr. Ester Karosekali, serves the college as the Director of Guidance and Counseling



Be a Friend, not a Bully: Guidance and Counseling Department Conducts a “Stop Bullying” Seminar

Nola Tudu



Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counseling, speaking at the “Stop Bullying” seminar with Mr. Isey Dubale, Vice-Principal of EAC Overseas Elementary School, and translator of the event.

To promote a safe, respectful, and Christ-centered learning environment for our overseas students, Dr. Ester Karosekali, Director of Guidance and Counseling, conducted a seminar on “Stop Bullying” on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, attended by approximately 900 students from Grades 1 to 8.

Drawing inspiration from the teachings of Jesus, Dr. Ester highlighted the biblical advice from Matthew 5:39: “But I tell you not to resist an evildoer. On the contrary, whoever slaps you on the right cheek, turn the other to him as well.” She emphasized the importance of seeking peace through non-violent means.

Dr. Ester outlined the three main types of bullying faced by students: physical, verbal, and social or relational. She encouraged students to develop positive character and values such as respect, empathy, responsibility, and self-control.

Addressing the school administration, she recommended three key strategies to combat bullying: implementing a clear anti-bullying policy,

establishing a safe and accessible reporting system, and providing support to students through counseling and guidance services.

For bystanders witnessing bullying incidents, Dr. Ester advised: support the victim, refrain from supporting the bully, and report the incident to a trusted adult.

She also highlighted the detrimental effects of bullying on campus, including creating an unsafe environment, fostering fear and mistrust, diminishing the quality of learning, damaging relationships, increasing the risk of violence, and leading to disciplinary and legal consequences.

We sincerely appreciate our administration’s commitment to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment on our campus.

Mrs. Nola Tudu, serves the college as the Academic Supervisor / Language Lab Coordinator





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Journey from EAC to ECD: Health Ministries Director

Daniel Gemedo Towato



My journey from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) to serving as the Health Ministry Director of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) is a testimony of God's leading through faith-centered education and purposeful service. As a high school alumnus of EAC, I remain deeply grateful for an institution that shaped not only my academic foundation, but also my spiritual character and commitment to mission. Ethiopian Adventist College played a pivotal role in grounding my life and vocation in Christ, preparing me to serve God and humanity with integrity and compassion.

At EAC, education is holistic nurturing mind, body, and spirit reflecting the biblical principle that human beings are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). This approach instilled in me a sense of calling rather than

mere career pursuit. Inspired by Scripture and the Adventist philosophy of education, I learned that true success is measured by faithful service. As Scripture reminds us, "Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23).

Today, my work in health ministry is deeply rooted in the mission of Christ, who "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed" (Acts 10:38). Health ministry is not only a professional responsibility but a sacred trust an extension of the gospel that meets physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Across the East-Central Africa Division, health ministry serves as a bridge to communities, opening hearts to hope, healing, and the love of Christ.

Christ's method remains our guiding model: compassion,

presence, service, and invitation (Matthew 9:35–36). By following His example, health ministry becomes a powerful tool for evangelism and transformation.

I remain thankful to Ethiopian Adventist College for faithfully preparing leaders grounded in Scripture, committed to excellence, and driven by mission. My prayer is that current students and alumni will embrace their education as preparation for service, answering Christ's call to be faithful stewards of health, hope, and healing as we prepare for His soon return

Dr. Daniel Gemedo Towato, alumnus of the college currently serves at East Central Africa Division as the Director of Health Ministries



EAC Welcomes First International Student from Papua-Indonesia

Nola Tudu



Obeth Uduas, one of the international students from Papua- Indonesia

Ethiopia Adventist College is delighted to welcome one of our new international students this school year, Obeth Uduas. Today, we are pleased to have the opportunity to introduce Obeth and learn more about his journey, aspirations, and experiences as he begins his academic adventure with us. Join us as we get to know Obeth better.

Q: Tell me where you're from and a little about your country and family.

A: I come from Sarmi, Papua, Indonesia—a coastal area in the western part of Indonesia. I love my country very much and am proud to be part of Indonesia, which is the fourth most populous

country in the world. Indonesia is known for its beautiful tourist attractions such as Bali, Raja Ampat in Papua, and many others, making it a popular destination for visitors. Regarding my family, I come from a simple family in a village in the Papua province of Jayapura, Sarmi Regency. I am the second of three children.

Q: Why did you choose to study at EAC?

A: I chose to study at EAC because I have a dream of studying internationally. I also want to improve my English-speaking skills. Additionally, I enjoy learning about new cultures and discovering new things at EAC,

which I believe will be valuable lessons for my future.

Q: What major did you choose and why?

A: I chose to study Theology because I have a strong desire to be involved in ministry—reaching out to my family and others wherever I am. When I become a pastor, I want to help my congregation understand the Word of God, uplift their spiritual lives, and inspire them to hope and dream of returning home to Heaven together.

Q: Have you ever lived far from your family? What do you miss most about your home country?

A: Yes, I have lived away from

my family for two years during my missionary assignment in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. I still deeply miss my parents. My heart longs to hear my father's advice and to be with my family. What I miss most is experiencing the beauty of God's creation in Papua—the islands and the wonderful places where I grew up.

Q: What are your hobbies and interests?

A: My hobby is playing soccer, which I have loved since childhood. I also want to improve my reading skills to enhance my critical thinking and better engage with the international

community.

Q: What are your future plans after graduation?

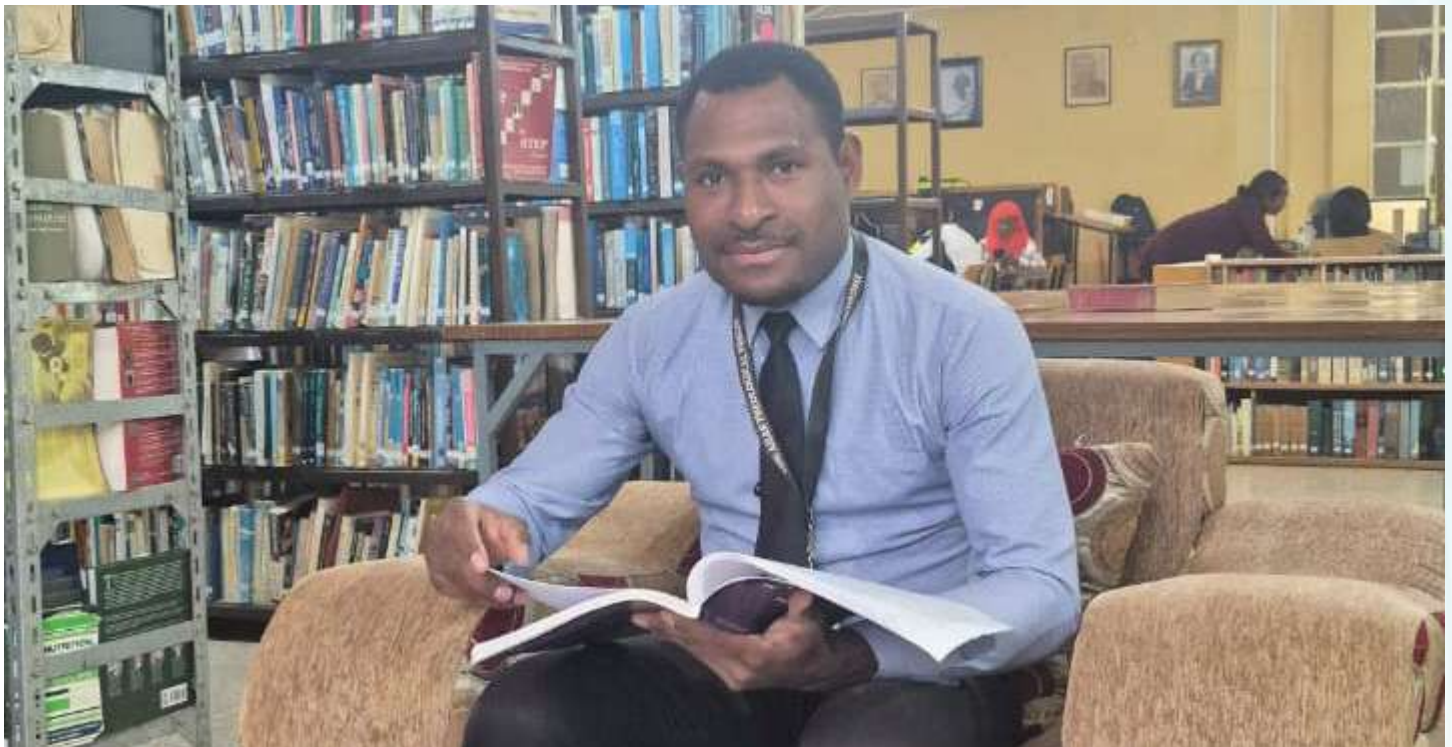
A: My dream is to continue my education at AIAS (Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies) in the Philippines to pursue a master's degree. However, I trust everything into God's hands. I believe the same God who brought me from Papua to EAC will also lead me to AIAS.

Q: What do you like most about EAC?

A: I appreciate how friendly and welcoming the people are—they greet each other warmly.

This is something new for me to learn. EAC is quite unique to me. What I like most is the peaceful, quiet environment, which makes studying here enjoyable.

Thank you so much, Obeth, for sharing your story and experiences with us today. It's inspiring to hear about your journey and your aspirations here at Ethiopia Adventist College. We wish you all the best in your studies and future endeavors. Welcome once again to our community, and we look forward to seeing your continued success.



Obeth Uduas, one of the international students from Papua- Indonesia

Mrs. Nola Tudu, serves the college as the Academic Supervisor / Language Lab Coordinator



Ethiopia Adventist College Mourns the Loss of Esteemed Alumnus, Mr. Mama Argo

Abraham Dalu



It is with deep sorrow that the community of Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) mourns the passing of our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Mama Argo Dhiko. His loss leaves a profound void in our hearts, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, relatives, and friends during this difficult time.

Mr. Mama Argo was a father figure to many, a defender of human dignity, a bridge between generations, and a man whose generosity, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to justice touched countless lives across continents. His life's journey reflected resilience, service to others, and a deep desire to glorify God through his service to humanity.

Born on September 1, 1946, in Jallo Dida, he was raised in the mountain village of Gode Duro in West Arsi, Oromia. From these humble beginnings emerged a leader whose influence extended far beyond his birthplace. His educational journey included Kuyera Adventist Training School and Jimma Agricultural Technical School, eventually returning to Kuyera where he excelled academically. He later pursued nursing in Addis Ababa, earning his degree from Empress Zewditu Memorial Hospital in 1969, then operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He served the healthcare profession with exceptional dedication across various parts of Ethiopia.

In 1989, Mr. Mama Argo moved to the United States, where he lived for over three decades. In his later years, he became a writer, poet, researcher, and respected voice on Oromo traditions, carrying both the weight of history and the hope of future generations. A man of deep faith, humility, and strong moral conviction, he received multiple awards recognizing his lifelong service to humanity.

May his legacy continue to inspire future generations. Above all, he was a devoted family man who loved his family dearly. He has been laid to rest on February 10, 2026 at his chosen resting place, the Kuyera Adventist Sacred Garden at EAC. May he rest in peace until the resurrection morning, when Jesus Christ returns to take His faithful children home.

Dr. Abraham Dalu
serve the college as the
President



EAC Clinic Receives U.S. Based Donations of Medical Equipment and Supplies

Aster Giorgis Dalu



Center: Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, and Mrs. Mrs. Aster Giorgis Dalu, RN, Director of Health & Wellness along with staff of the clinic pose with some of the donated equipment.

The Ethiopia Adventist College Clinic has strengthened its healthcare services following a generous U.S.-based donation of medical equipment and supplies from the Makko Foundation.

Over the past four years, the clinic has undergone significant improvements, including renovation of its twin buildings, an upgrade from a primary to a medium clinic, installation of modern equipment, and the hiring of a physician.

Today, it serves a wide population between the cities of Negelle Arsi and Shashamane,

providing essential healthcare services to surrounding communities.

On March 13, 2026, the clinic received truckloads of donated items during a distribution event



The founder of Makko Foundation, Mrs. Makko Adam Felema

in Kofale Health Center. The supplies included hospital beds, cribs, wheelchairs, crutches, IV poles, gloves, isolation gowns, and other essential medical materials. This U.S.-based donation reflects the growing impact of diaspora support in strengthening healthcare delivery in Ethiopia.

The Makko Foundation was founded by Mrs. Makko Adam Felema in collaboration with her children, who reside in Minnesota.

The Makko Foundation collaborates with the C.U.R.E. non-profit organization. Her vision and commitment continue to make



EAC Clinic Staff with the donated items



Part of the donation included two hospital beds and a crib



Some of the donated items from Makko Foundation in boxes.

a meaningful difference in clinics and hospitals across Oromia. This generous contribution significantly enhances the clinic's capacity to serve patients more effectively.

Ethiopia Adventist College expresses its sincere appreciation to the Makko Foundation for its impactful support. The donation positions the EAC Clinic to better meet the healthcare needs of the communities it serves.

Mrs. Aster Giorgis Dalu, RN, serves the college as the Director of Health & Wellness



Convicted to Serve: Maxwell Adventist Academy's First Mission Trip to Ethiopia Adventist College

Stkesworth Shadede



Maxwell Academy students, faculty, and staff in front of Toppenberg building

A spirit-filled wave of revival and service swept through Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) during the Second Semester Week of Prayer, following the historic first mission trip by Maxwell Adventist Academy of Kenya. Held from March 29 to April 4, 2026, under the inspiring theme “Convicted to Serve,” the outreach culminated in the baptism of 15 individuals, marking a significant spiritual milestone for the college and its surrounding community.

Origins of a Vision

The seeds of this transformative mission were planted in September 2023, when a representative from EAC was invited to conduct a Week of Prayer at Maxwell Adventist Academy. During this visit, a meaningful connection was established with Mr. Tom Ongaro, the Vice Principal of Maxwell and a passionate advocate for mission service. Having previously visited Ethiopia, Mr. Ongaro envisioned a

mission trip that would provide Maxwell’s students and staff with practical opportunities for evangelism and community engagement. Ethiopia Adventist College was identified as the ideal destination due to its vibrant campus and extensive outreach potential.

In June 2025, planning for the mission began in earnest. Initially, the proposed delegation comprised approximately 20 participants scheduled to visit EAC from March 26 to April 5, 2026. Although the EAC administration expressed concerns about limited accommodation facilities, they graciously approved the visit in faith, with initial plans to host the team in the youth chapel and girls’ dormitory.

Providential developments soon eased these concerns. Two staff houses became available, and with the dedicated efforts of Sister Hewan Gidena, the generous support of Professor E. Oksenholt, the assistance of theology students, and the



Yabsara Abraham and Fenera Hirpo being baptized by Pr. Daniel Oriku Mayieka and Pr. Stkesworth Shadeed



Pr. Daniel Oriku Mayieka presented persuasive and compelling messages every evening.

commitment of skilled workers, the EAC guest house project was expedited. By the time of the team’s arrival, suitable accommodations were ready.

Arrival and Warm Welcome

On February 4, 2026, the organizing team submitted an updated list of 39 travelers, later increasing to 41 participants, including 12 staff and 29 students. The delegation was warmly received at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa by Pastor Bahiru Woldegebrael and members of the EAC community. The visitors enjoyed a brief tour of the city, including a visit to the Adwa Museum, commemorating Ethiopia’s historic victory in the 1896 Battle of Adwa, before proceeding to the Kuyera campus.

Upon arrival on Friday afternoon, despite travel fatigue, Pastor Daniel Okiru Mayieka, the chaplain of Maxwell Adventist Academy and the primary speaker, delivered a powerful opening message that set the tone for the week. The female participants were accommodated

in the newly completed guest house, while others were hosted in staff residences. The Maxwell team was further welcomed by EAC missionaries who hosted a fellowship potluck, fostering immediate bonds of friendship and collaboration.

A Week Anchored in Spiritual Revival

The Week of Prayer officially commenced with Elder Tom Ongaro leading the 6:00 AM morning devotionals for college students, faculty, and staff, nurturing a culture of worship and reflection. Each evening and throughout the Sabbath services, Pastor Daniel Mayieka delivered compelling sermons emphasizing personal conviction, commitment to Christ, and a life dedicated to service. His messages resonated deeply, inspiring many to renew their spiritual journeys.

Holistic Ministry and Community Engagement

Beyond the pulpit, the Maxwell delegation actively participated in classroom ministry and community outreach, embodying

the theme “Convicted to Serve.”

Team members were assigned to various educational institutions:

Kuyera Adventist Secondary School

- Mr. Gabby Galgao
- Mrs. Meagan Galgao
- Mr. Daniel Kitur

Kuyera Adventist Primary School

- Mr. Frederick Ouma
- Mr. Diego Soares

EAC Overseas Elementary School

- Mr. Moses Machaga
- Mrs. Claire Machaga
- Mr. Gonzalo Aquino

EAC Overseas Kindergarten

- Mrs. Marian Yaqub
- Ms. Fridah Chepkoy

Mrs. Meagan Galgao offered vocal training sessions, while Mr. Gonzalo Aquino conducted guitar lessons, enriching the musical life of the students.

Overcoming Challenges

Despite the success of the mission, the team faced an unexpected challenge: a nationwide fuel shortage that limited transportation for students from surrounding towns such as Shashemene, Negele, and Edo Lencha. As a result, many were only able to participate during the early part of the week.

Nevertheless, God's providence ensured that the core objectives of the mission were fully realized, and sufficient fuel was later secured for the delegation's safe return to Addis Ababa.

A Harvest of Souls

The spiritual highlight of the Week of Prayer was the baptism of 15 individuals who publicly committed their lives to Jesus Christ. This momentous event underscored the transformative impact of the mission and stood as a testament to the power of collaborative ministry and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Strengthening Partnerships Through Generosity

In addition to their ministry, Maxwell Adventist Academy demonstrated remarkable generosity by donating:

- USD 1,500 to support the Music Missionary Faculty and sponsor a theology student for one year.
- Seven ukuleles and one guitar for the EAC music department.

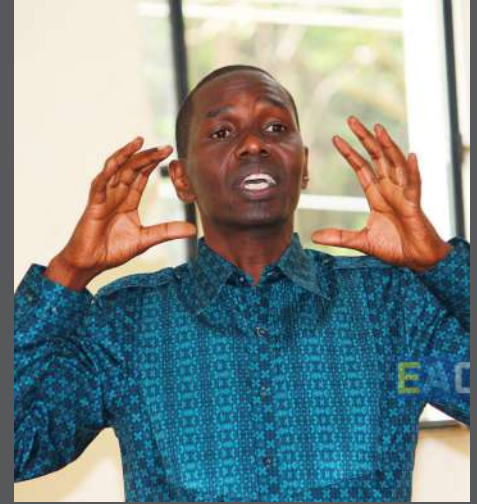
- Nineteen mattresses, a gas stove, and an electric stove for the EAC guest house.
- Various gifts and treats for students.

These contributions significantly will enhance the college's capacity for ministry and hospitality, reinforcing the enduring partnership between the two institutions.

Closing Sabbath and Lasting Legacy

During the closing Sabbath service, EAC administrators expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Maxwell team for their sacrificial service and unwavering commitment. Each member of the delegation received a token of gratitude in recognition of their impactful ministry.

Although the farewell was marked by emotional goodbyes, it was also filled with hope and anticipation for future collaboration. The mission not only strengthened the spiritual life of the EAC community but also



Elder Tom Ongaro shared a powerful messages on Friday night and morning worships

fostered deep institutional bonds and a shared commitment to advancing the gospel.

Conclusion

The first mission trip of Maxwell Adventist Academy to Ethiopia Adventist College stands as a powerful testimony of faith, cooperation, and divine providence. From its humble beginnings in 2023 to the remarkable outcomes witnessed in 2026, the initiative exemplifies the transformative power of mission-driven education.

The theme "Convicted to Serve" was not merely proclaimed it was lived out through every sermon, song, classroom interaction, and act of kindness. As the Maxwell delegation departed, they left behind a legacy of spiritual renewal, strengthened partnerships, and inspired hearts committed to service. WTruly, all glory belongs to God for the success of this historic mission trip.



Some of the Maxwell Academy students served at the Kuyera Adventist Secondary School

Dr. Stkesworth Shadeed serves the college as a theology professor.



Student Experiences: Voices from the Mission Field

EAC Media conducted interviews with some of the Maxwell students, capturing heartfelt reflections from their mission experience. Their testimonies highlighted personal growth, cultural exchange, and a renewed passion for ministry.

My family and I are missionaries in Kenya. Currently I am a 12th grade student from Maxwell Adventist Academy. During this April break, I decided to go on a mission in Ethiopia. And so far the experience has been great. The interactions with students at worship in EAC elementary and teaching the overseas students have been a blessing. The prayer meetings and Week of Prayer messages have inspired my faith. I feel I've grown so much spiritually. I hope other people will be inspired just as I was to try to be a positive influence anywhere they are.



Ana Silva

The reason why I chose to be part of this mission trip is because I believe that there are still many people who have not heard about Jesus and deserve to know Him and experience His outreached love and immense care for everyone. I believe that our duty here on earth is to proclaim God's message to everyone and to minister and serve through worship, interaction, and the simple act of reflecting God's unwavering love. My aim is to fulfill that duty. I have had a great time teaching and interacting with everyone and witnessing about God's love and blessing to everyone. The message I aim to share is that no matter what religion, background, or upbringing you have, God loves you and it's never too late to accept Jesus as your personal savior. I hope that our mission here in Shasemene, Ethiopia, has been an impactful one and has at least touched one person to accept Jesus.



Nathan Javid

Coming to Ethiopia Adventist College has been a blessing to me in more ways than I could have imagined. Meeting the students and having the opportunity to bless them is something I will forever be grateful for. This experience pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me build stronger and more meaningful relationships with others. Above all, all glory goes to God because it is only through him that all this was made possible. My faith grew stronger and stronger each day and as my faith grew, so did my relationship with God.



Paola Njine

My experience in Ethiopia has been unimaginable. So many blessings poured unto us and I'm so grateful for it. Everyone here was so kind, hugs were given left, right and centre. Although there were challenges, the experience here counteracts all of them. Spending time with the people, opened my eyes to a new sense of love, God's love. I was loved and learnt to love as well. The prayer sessions were great and mighty. And finally, God's guidance and help through everything was amazing. He performed things that we may take for granted such as having good weather all through out or having electricity all through out. The Lord was merciful indeed! In conclusion, I thank God for everything He's done and the time spent.



Daniela Daniel



Esolwazi

Coming to this mission trip here in EAC was an answer to my prayer. I wanted to come ever since I heard there was a possibility of coming to Ethiopia. Unfortunately, my passport became a hindrance because it was taking a long time to arrive, so I got discouraged, but I continued to pray about it. Then, one day close to the mission trip date, my mom called and told me my passport had come, and I was extremely happy and thankful to God for answering my prayer. When we came here, I got to interact and play with a lot of kids, which I really loved. I also got the opportunity to talk about Jesus and pray with some of the people here. Overall, I'm really glad God gave me the opportunity to come to my country – my childhood home – to share about God's love and to give back to my community. Coming for this mission not only helped me be a blessing, but it was also a blessing for me.



Pheben Melak

I am a student from Maxwell Adventist Academy privileged to visit Ethiopia Adventist College and its sister campuses, including the high school, overseas elementary, and kindergarten. The experience was truly a blessing, with warm and welcoming people. I had the opportunity to minister and preach, forming meaningful friendships. The journey strengthened my faith and humility while exposing me to a new culture. Overall, the trip was splendid and deeply impactful.



Precious Hosea

My experience in EAC was really amazing. I got the chance to meet new people and learn the Ethiopian culture. The most memorable part of my stay in EAC was the morning devotion with the Elementary. They sang the songs with so much vigor and energy and joy. It was such a beautiful experience for me and I loved it. When the time came for us to go talk and teach them in the classes, they were shy at first but as time went on they started to loosen up and get comfortable. I really liked the fact that I was in the song section and inspirational talk section because I was really interested to be with the students. The children were happy to learn new songs especially Amazing Grace. All in all, my experience was amazing and I wouldn't mind doing the same thing over and over again.

Also EAC Media got responses from the EAC Community.

The Second Semester Week of Prayer was amazing. It led to revival and reformation at EAC. As a result, 15 souls were added to the Church. The Maxwell group impacted the lives of our students, staff and faculty in our schools. Personally, I wish they could continue for another week, but they had to leave to their responsibilities back in Kenya. The experience was a rich blessing.



Dr. Abraham Woncheso

The Week of Prayer was very good. I believe God was present and the Spirit of God was helping all of us. I was really blessed by their presence from Maxwell, especially Pr. Dan and Elder Tom. They were really a blessing. God was speaking to me through the week. The last sermon on Saturday, I believe, was a direct message for my life. It was really good.



Bemnet Kaleab

Growing up, I attended many weeks of prayer on this campus, and God has taught me in many ways. But this one was different. At first, I was surprised that the team started their service on Friday right after their long trip. Whenever Pastor Dan opened the Bible, it was awe-inspiring to see how he studied it in detail. Every sermon blessed me and answered the heaviness in my heart—especially the sermon “One More Night with the Frogs.” That was literally how I had been dealing with my frogs, always postponing things to the next day, next week. The morning prayer sessions, and the prayer and fasting, were a blessing; they elevated me to the heavenly throne. I also attended one day at the high school, and God was teaching me there as well. I’ve also been blessed by meeting friends from the team. I’ve seen young people who are so energized for the mission that it stirred a missionary spirit in me. In general, something shifted inside me—words literally fail me



Eden Tesfaye

EAC Bids Farewell to Mrs. Ashune Ibrahim

Nola Tudu



Mrs. Ashune Ibrahim (center) with some of the EAC faculty and staff in front of Toppenberg Hall

A heartfelt Farewell and Appreciation Program was held to honor Mrs. Ashune Ibrahim for her 28 years and 6 months of dedicated service to EAC. The event took place in the campus cafeteria, following a delicious potluck lunch shared by attendees.

During the program, Pastor Mesfin Mandefro delivered an appreciation message and offered a special prayer, expressing gratitude for Mrs. Ibrahim’s contributions. Several faculty and staff members also took the opportunity to share words of appreciation and recognition, highlighting her commitment and positive impact on the community.

In addition, Dr. Abraham Dalu, President of EAC, presented a token of appreciation to Mrs. Ibrahim as a symbol of gratitude. Pr. Bahiru Woldegebrael, Pastor of the Kuyera SDA Church also presented a gift on behalf of the church, acknowledging her strong support and dedication.

The event concluded with a closing prayer led by Dr. Henry Sitanggang, leaving attendees with a sense of gratitude and best wishes for Mrs. Ibrahim and her family as they move forward.



Dr. Abraham Dalu (right) presents a gift of appreciation to Mrs. Ashune Ibrahim

Mrs. Nola Tudu, serves the college as the Academic Supervisor / Language Lab Coordinator



EAC Church Celebrates International Women's Day of Prayer

Nola Tudu



Ms. Genet Lema speaking at the SDA Church at EAC on the theme "Women, Faith, and Prayer"

Ethiopia Adventist College Church (EAC) joyfully celebrated the International Women's Day of Prayer on March 6, 2026. Emphasizing Hebrews 4:14, the women of EAC approached God's throne of grace with confidence, trusting in the assurance that they have a "great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God."

The program commenced on Friday evening with Vespers, during which Mrs. Mintamer W/Senbet delivered a heartfelt reflection on Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well and offering her the water of life.

For the Divine Worship service, Ms. Genet Lema spoke on the theme "Women, Faith, and Prayer." She highlighted examples of godly, prayerful women from the Bible—Sarah, Jochebed, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Mary the Mother of Jesus, and Mary

and Martha. These biblical women's prayers are characterized by profound faith, unwavering trust, and courageous submission to God's will amid life's crises. Often blending personal sorrow with

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Their prayers reflect a deep trust in God's timing and a readiness to act on divine prompting to bring about change

intercession for others, they exemplify turning to God as the ultimate source of strength during difficult times. Their prayers reflect a deep trust in God's timing and a readiness to act on divine prompting to bring about change.



L-R Zenebech Tukeyo, Demitu Berhanu, Shegitu Abebe, and Sr Denser Azezew who participated in the worship service



Ms Alemaz Alemu sharing

Following the worship service, the women enjoyed a time of fellowship and shared a meal together. In the afternoon, Ms. Genet led a seminar titled “Praying the Names of God,” while Sister Denser Azezew conducted a session on “Children and Mother’s Care.”


The church family was divided into groups—men, women, teens, and children—and each group engaged in meaningful discussions on pertinent issues related to their lives. These conversations were prayerfully centered around confession, commitment, and building stronger relationships and families.



Mrs. Demitu Adem and Sister Denser Azezew sharing children story

These precious moments served as times of coming together, uplifting one another in prayer, and dedicating lives to full surrender and service to God. It was a day of spiritual renewal, unity, and renewed commitment to walk in faith and love.

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Ethiopia Adventist College Delegate Attends the Adventist Technology Summit Africa in Kigali-Rwanda

Micheal Bwambale

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(L-R) Micheal Bwambale, IT Director, Ethiopia Adventist College, Haggai Abuto, IT Director, ECD, Marcelo Mulwambo, IT Director, SID, Assogba Mawuna Dieudonne IT Director, WAD during the Adventist Technology Summit in Kigali-Rwanda

Mr. Micheal Bwambale, IT Director delegate from Ethiopia Adventist College has returned inspired and equipped following participation in the 2026 Adventist Technology Summit held at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Kigali, Rwanda from January 26–30, 2026.

Held under the theme “Accelerating Mission through Technology,” the summit brought together technology leaders, administrators, and institutional representatives from the Southern Indian Ocean African Division (SID), West Central Africa Division (WAD), and the host East-Central Africa Division (ECD).

The high-level gathering also

featured presentations from Richard T. Stephenson, Associate Treasurer for Technology Strategy and Operations at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His sessions emphasized that technology is no longer a support department within the church but a strategic pillar of mission delivery.

Technology as Mission Strategy

Throughout the week, presenters stressed that the Seventh-day Adventist Church must intentionally integrate technology into evangelism, administration, education, and financial stewardship.

For Ethiopia Adventist College, the implications are clear:

digital systems are essential for strengthening academic management, financial accountability, communication efficiency, and institutional growth.

The summit highlighted that when properly implemented, technology enhances transparency, supports decision-making, and enables faster response to mission opportunities

At the heart of the 2026 Adventist Technology Summit was a compelling call to reimagine knowledge management as critical institutional infrastructure rather than a secondary administrative function. Delegates were challenged to recognize that data, records,

and institutional memory are not merely by-products of operations, but strategic assets essential for continuity, accountability, and mission effectiveness.

For institutions such as Ethiopia Adventist College, this vision translates into practical priorities: the digital archiving of academic and administrative records, the structured documentation of policies and institutional history, and the development of efficient data-sharing systems across departments. The summit emphasized that many organizations suffer setbacks not from lack of vision, but from the loss of institutional knowledge during leadership transitions. By investing in organized digital systems, such risks can be significantly reduced, ensuring that progress is preserved and built upon over time.

Closely tied to knowledge management was the urgent focus on data protection, governance, and cybersecurity. In an era of rising global cyber threats, safeguarding sensitive information

has become both a technical necessity and a moral obligation. For Adventist institutions, protecting student records, financial data, and personnel information is not only about compliance it reflects a deeper commitment to integrity and stewardship. Speakers underscored that digital integrity is an extension of spiritual responsibility, calling leaders to uphold the highest standards in managing information.

The summit also introduced participants to a suite of global Adventist digital platforms designed to unify operations and enhance efficiency across institutions worldwide. Tools such as Adventist Cloud, Adventist Web Engine, ACMS, 7me, 7Vote, ASAS, 7Pass, and SunPlus were presented as solutions for strengthening communication, administration, and financial accountability. In particular, the Adventist Church Membership System (ACMS) demonstrated how digital tracking can improve pastoral care and reporting accuracy, while SunPlus highlighted



technology must be intentionally aligned with the church's core mission to proclaim the everlasting gospel.

the importance of transparent and accountable financial management systems.

Looking ahead, the conversation turned to the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in advancing mission. Presenters explored how AI can support data analysis, translation, content creation, and administrative automation, offering new opportunities for efficiency and outreach. However, a clear caution was given: technology must remain a servant to mission, never replacing the human relationships and spiritual leadership that define ministry.



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All delegates for the Adventist Technology Summit Africa pose for a group photo



Some of the general conference staff who led the sessions at the summit

Beyond technical sessions, the summit provided a moment of deep reflection. through a visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial. This experience reminded participants of the devastating consequences of misinformation and division, reinforcing the responsibility of leaders and communicators to use digital tools to promote truth, unity, and reconciliation.

For Ethiopia Adventist College, the summit delivered actionable insights with immediate relevance. Some key takeaways include the need to strengthen digital infrastructure, enhance cybersecurity frameworks, implement structured knowledge management systems, improve financial transparency, and expand digital evangelism efforts. These steps are essential for ensuring that the institution remains both mission-driven and future-ready.

As Adventist institutions across Africa navigate an increasingly digital world, the message of the summit was clear: technology must be intentionally aligned with the church’s core mission to proclaim the everlasting gospel. The 2026 Adventist Technology Summit concluded with a renewed commitment to leverage innovation, uphold excellence, and practice faithful stewardship in the use of digital tools ensuring that knowledge is preserved, protected, and purposefully used for the advancement of God’s work.




Mr. Micheal Bwambale making a submission during the summit



Delgates from Ethiopia (L-R) Mr. Henok, IT director Gimbie Adventist Hospital; Mr. Ademu, IT Director WEUM; Mr. Gemechu, IT Director, EEUM; Mr. Micheal, IT Director, EAC

Mr. Micheal Bwambale serves the college as the IT Director and Communication and Youth Leader of EAC Church



Refreshed for the Journey: EAC ISEs Attend Spiritual Retreat at Mombasa

Mel S. Hutabarat



Ethiopia Adventist College Missionaries with the GC personnel

In a meaningful time of fellowship, the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) International Service Employees (ISE) recently gathered in the coastal city of Mombasa, Kenya, for a retreat from March 4-8, 2026 that refreshed both heart and spirit. For many who serve on the frontlines of mission work, the experience felt like a much-needed pause.

The retreat brought together a diverse and dedicated group of missionaries consisting of twenty-eight ECD ISE families including four ISE families from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) and six families from the Adventist University of Africa (AUA)

Altogether, participants

came from seven countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Rwanda, Djibouti, Uganda and Sudan.” I may suggest: Altogether, participants came from eight countries: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. Centered on the theme “Refreshed for the Journey,” the retreat went beyond a simple gathering. It created space for missionaries to rest, reflect, and reconnect with their calling.

One of the most impactful parts of the program was the reflection sessions on 1 Kings 18 and 19, ISE IPRS personnel from the General Conference elaborated the stories and journeys of Elijah and Elisha of the rhythm of ministry—the highs of victory

and the quiet, sometimes difficult moments that follow. The image of God speaking in a “still small voice” resonated deeply with many. Beyond the scheduled sessions, the retreat offered something just as valuable: connection. Families serving in often challenging and isolated settings had the chance to share their experiences, encourage one another, and pray together.

As the ISE families return to their fields of service, they carry with them renewed strength, clearer focus, and hearts grounded once again in the mission of the Gospel.

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Reflecting on the 10 Days of Prayer at EAC 2026

Nola Tudu

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10 DAYS OF PRAYER UNLEASHED!

Ethiopia Adventist College community came together in a powerful season of spiritual renewal during the 10 Days of Prayer from January 7 to 17, 2026. The theme for this year, “Unleashed,” was inspired by the book of Acts and emphasized how the Holy Spirit empowers believers for faith, unity, and mission. It was a meaningful time to deepen our relationship with God, experience His presence, and unite in prayer across our community.

Organized by the General Conference Ministerial Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the initiative encouraged both individuals and church groups to dedicate intentional moments for prayer and spiritual growth. Throughout these days, various speakers shared inspiring messages centered on themes such as knowing Jesus as our Living Savior, aligning with God’s Kingdom priorities, encountering Jesus in surprising ways, coming together with humility, and being saturated with the Holy Spirit.

Some of the prominent messages included:

1. Pr. Bahiru Woldegabreal on knowing Jesus as our Living Savior
2. Mr. Yared Kebede on aligning with Kingdom priorities

3. Pr. Mesfin Mandefro on encountering Jesus in unexpected ways
4. Mrs. Nola Tudu on repentance and Holy Spirit immersion
5. Dr. Stkesworth Shadeed on boldly standing for Christ
6. Mrs. Mel Sitanggang on discipling all generations to speak boldly for Jesus
7. Dr. Abraham Woncheso on loving our faith family as Jesus does
8. Mr. Isey Dubale on caring for the forgotten
9. Dr. Henry Sitanggang and Mr. Wakgari Tadesse on the power of prayer

Throughout this sacred season, we witnessed God’s answers to our prayers—many experienced healing, deliverance, and a renewed sense of His presence and power through the Holy Spirit. The 10 Days of Prayer truly unleashed a wave of spiritual awakening within our community, reaffirming our commitment to walk closely with Christ, be filled with His Spirit, and serve with His love.

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Children's 10 Days of Prayer: "The Holy Spirit Unleashed"

Mel S. Hutabarat



Children of EAC sang a special song during Divine Worship on the last Sabbath of the 10 Days of Prayer

From January 7-17, 2026 during the Children's 10 days of prayer, our EAC children went on an incredible imaginative journey through the New Jerusalem. Guided by a curious young boy named Luca and his angel companion named Orel, they explored the wonders of heaven and met the heroes from the Bible.

Throughout the ten days, the children visited breathtaking locations and met legendary figures, including:

Heavenly Sights: The Tree of Life, the beautiful "blue planet," the Heavenly Meadow, and God's very own throne room.

Bible Heroes: They learned from Moses, Joshua, David, John the Baptist, and even had a special encounter with Jesus Himself!

This wasn't just a sightseeing tour. Each stop revealed a different way the Holy Spirit is "unleashed" in our lives. The children learned that

the Holy Spirit is a close friend who grants extraordinary artistic skills and leadership abilities, provides the strength to live healthily and offers the grace to be restored and forgiven after making mistakes.

The EAC church children's ministry team designed this program to be uplifting and interactive, moving beyond just reading a message. Each day was packed with:

Song service lead by Gracie and Hundaol Yohanis from the Advent Choir team

Daily lessons were rendered by Dr. Ester Karosekali, Mrs. Nola Tudu, Mrs. Mel Hutabarat

Prayer circles lead by the prayer team Yedidia Abraham and Ebiso Hirpo

Hands-on Creativity: Arts and crafts, coloring, word searches, and origami were assisted by teacher

Rosa, teacher Konjit and teacher Tseganesh

By the end of the journey, the children came to learn that the Holy Spirit isn't a distant mystery, but a constant guide who encourages them to share Jesus everyday.

The transformation we saw was truly moving. Through prayer circles and daily devotionals they know how to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and on top of that the short period of 10 days of prayer the children showed a significant difference in their reverence. They became more quiet, reflective, and focused during prayer time.

The program concluded with a beautiful highlight: the children standing together to sing a special song for the entire congregation on Sabbath, January 17, 2026.

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Pastors' Training: A Call to Spirit-led Ministry and Intentional Discipleship

Bahiru Woldegebrael



Delegates at the Pastors' Training Program at the Akaki Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Bahiru Woldegebrael interacting with another delegate at the Pastor's Training

A week-long Pastors' Training Program concluded successfully at the Akaki Seventh-day Adventist School compound, bringing together pastors and church delegates from across the Eastern Ethiopia Union for spiritual renewal, ministerial development, and strategic planning.

Held from February 3–7, 2026 under the theme "Lift Up the Trumpet," the training centered on strengthening discipleship and reaffirming the mission of the church. The program officially opened with a keynote address by Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission President, Pastor Taddess Adugna, who emphasized the indispensable role of the Holy Spirit in pastoral ministry. The opening session concluded with a season of prayer, as participants sought spiritual empowerment for their work.

Throughout the training, several key presentations addressed core aspects of ministry. Pastor Okindo delivered a message on the calling to ministry, noting that spiritual leadership does not require perfection. Drawing from biblical examples, he highlighted how God works through human weakness to accomplish divine purposes, urging

pastors to rely on God's grace.

In a major session on discipleship, Pastor Melak outlined the biblical foundation of disciple-making, emphasizing love for God, fellow believers, and those outside the faith. Referencing Matthew 28:19–20, he underscored the central mission of the church through the principles of going, baptizing, teaching, and making disciples.

Guest speaker Wube Genet Game, founder of Cyber Ministry, challenged participants to seek a deeper spiritual experience, describing the "fire" of the Holy Spirit as essential for effective ministry and revival.

Departmental leaders from across the Union also presented reports, detailing ongoing initiatives and future plans aimed at strengthening coordinated ministry efforts.

A key outcome of the training was the adoption of a practical discipleship initiative, encouraging each church member to lead at least one person to Christ within a year. Participants widely embraced the commitment as a concrete response to the Great Commission.

Delegates from Ethiopia Adventist College (EAC) were among those in attendance, actively participating throughout the program. Representatives included Pastor Bahiru Woldegebrael, church pastor and chaplain; Abu Jula, principal of Kuyera SDA Academy; Milkeso Yohanes, elementary school principal; Yared Kebede, college instructor; Isay Dubele, vice principal overseeing SDA schools; and Mamo Gemechu, principal of Shashemene Elementary SDA School.

Following the training, a follow-up advisory meeting was held on February 13 to discuss implementation strategies. Among the resolutions

were the submission of a formal report to the administration, guidance on disseminating the training outcomes, and alignment of institutional goals with the discipleship initiative. The local church pastor, in collaboration with the Personal Ministries Department, is expected to lead implementation efforts.

Organizers and participants described the program as both spiritually enriching and strategically significant, with expectations that the outcomes will strengthen church growth and mission effectiveness in the coming year.

Leadership Seminar for 2026 Newly Elected Church Officers

Bahiru Woldegebrael

A leadership seminar for the 2026 newly elected church officers was successfully conducted on January 17, 2026, at Kuyera Seventh-day Adventist Church. The seminar was presented by Dr. Henry Sitanggang, who provided valuable guidance to help officers prepare for effective and faithful service in the new term.

During the seminar, Dr. Henry Sitanggang, emphasized the importance of proper church governance and regular meetings. He instructed that the church business meeting should be conducted once a year, ensuring transparency, accountability, and shared decision-making among members.

He further advised that church board meetings should be held frequently. He explained that regular board meetings help strengthen communication, improve planning, address challenges promptly, and maintain unity among leaders. In addition, he encouraged all church committees to meet regularly in order to carry out their responsibilities effectively and support the overall mission of the church.

Another key recommendation was the establishment of a board of ministers and the organization of council meetings. These gatherings, he noted, would promote spiritual growth, strengthen cooperation among leaders, and provide guidance for

major decisions.

Dr. Henry concluded the seminar with a heartfelt appeal to all officers to work toward building a caring church—one that reflects Christ's love, unity, and compassion in both leadership and ministry.

The seminar served as a strong foundation for the 2026 leadership year, inspiring the newly elected officers to serve with dedication, wisdom, and teamwork.

Pastor Bahiru Woldegebrael, serves as the Senior Church Pastor EAC SDA Church



Youth and Children Lead Impactful Outreach During Global Youth and Children’s Day 2026

Micheal Bwambale



Youth and their leaders pose for a photo after the worship on Global Youth Day 2026

The Global Youth and Children’s Day 2026 was marked by vibrant spiritual engagement and community outreach from March 20–21, 2026, as youth and children embraced the themes “Communion in Action” and “My God and Me.” The two-day program highlighted discipleship, active faith, and service within the community.

The event opened on Friday evening with a compelling presentation by SYL/MG Micheal Bwambale, the pathfinder director who challenged church members to go beyond routine participation and become active disciples. Speaking on “Discipleship in Action,” he emphasized the

importance of prayer, Bible study, reliance on the Holy Spirit, and witnessing as essential components of Christian living.

On Sabbath, March 21, Dr/ MG. Ester Karosekali delivered a message that particularly resonated with the children. She encouraged them to recognize their role in mission work, drawing from the biblical account of the young boy whose offering contributed to feeding thousands. Her message underscored that even small contributions can make a significant difference when dedicated to God. The children under the leadership of Mrs. Mel S. Hutabarat as the director of children’s

ministries presented inspiring and motivating items to the congregation.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions in the afternoon, the youth proceeded with a planned outreach initiative across the EAC campus community. Visiting approximately 32 homes and two security posts, they offered prayers and distributed encouraging cards featuring the promise from Jeremiah 29:11. The outreach extended further into the campus dormitories, where Mr. Pradeep Tudu addressed

Mr. Micheal Bwambale serves the college as the IT Director and also as Communication and Youth Leader of EAC Church





EAC youth lead a sundown worship for the girls dormitory during the reachout to them.

the boys, while Mrs. Nola Tudu shared with the girls, both delivering messages of hope and spiritual encouragement.

The day concluded with a reflection session in which participants shared their outreach experiences. The testimonies highlighted the positive impact of the initiative on both the community and the youth themselves. Leaders encouraged participants to sustain the spirit of service,

emphasizing that outreach should become a continuous lifestyle rather than a one-time event.

The 2026 Global Youth and Children’s Day celebration successfully demonstrated how faith, when put into action, can foster meaningful connections and inspire lasting spiritual growth within both the church and the wider community.



EAC Youth pose for a photo with some of the dormitory girls



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