

EAC bids farewell to Professor Safawo Gullo and welcomes the new president, Dr. Abraham Dalu



Prof. Safawo Gullo (Left) with Dr. Abraham Dalu (Right) during the farewell ceremony

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EAC bids farewell to Professor Safawo Gullo on July 6, 2023. Special guests from the Union were present on that day. Professor Safawo served EAC from December 2019 to June 2023.

During his term as President, Professor Safawo brought financial stability to the college, raised funds for scholarship and various projects for the development of the college such as completion of the third floor of Shashemene Adventist Academy, building the new soccer field and tracks with bleachers, the water reservoir project, the new classrooms for Overseas El-

ementary School, inaugurating the site for the university and many others.

Pastor Tadesse Adugna, President, Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission thanked Professor Safawo for his untiring and dedicated service to sustain the college in difficult times.

The new President of EAC, Dr. Abraham Dalu, who previously served as Senior VP for Academic Affairs of EAC, was warmly welcomed and the staff of leadership was passed from Professor Safawo to Dr. Abraham in a cultural ceremony.



Prof. Safawo Gullo passes the Bokkuu Gadaa (a symbol of power) to Dr. Abraham Dalu



Pr. Tadesse Adugna drapes a Woyaa Leelashii on Dr. Abraham Dalu



American diplomat addresses the 41st graduation commencement exercise

From left Dr. Abraham Dalu, Prof. Safawo Gullo, Dr. Desta A. Gelgelu, and Honorable Ruth Anne Stevens-Klitz Photo by Hope Channel Ethiopia

Ethiopia Adventist College was honored to have Honorable Ruth Anne Stevens-Klitz, Counselor for Public Affairs at US Embassy, Addis Ababa, as the Keynote Commencement speaker for the 41st graduation on June 25, 2023. Honorable Ruth Anne Stevens-Klitz highlighted the rich history of the pioneer Seventh-day Adventist missionary V. E. Toppenberg who worked 43 years in the countries of Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda and Eritrea and encouraged the students to go forward and onward to victory as their aim and motto suggested. It was a historic event, in that it was for the first time that an American diplomat addressed the commencement ceremony at EAC.

Dr. Gemedo Dale, member of the Board of Trustees also shared a message at the Commencement. Other distinguished guests included Pastor Tadesse Adugna, President of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission, who delivered the Consecration message on June 23, 2023; and Dr. Desta A. Gelgelu, pastor of the Oromo SDA

church in Minnesota and professor of Economics in Minnesota, USA, who delivered the Baccalaureate message.

A total of 149 students participated in the graduation weekend service: MBA, 43 students; Accounting and Finance, 32 students; Business Management, 10 students; Economics, 10 students; Educational Planning and Management, 23 students; BA Theology, 17 students and Religion Diploma, 14 students.



Honorable Ruth Anne Stevens-Klitz delivering the message



Faculty and Staff members' group photo on graduation day



MBA Graduands during the procession

Indonesian Ambassador Visits EAC



Prof. Safawo Gullo (L) and His Excellency Mr. Al Busyra Basnur and his wife Mrs. Wenny Rosiah Busyra

By Ester Karosekali, PhD

His Excellency Mr. Al Busyra Basnur, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Ethiopia, Djibouti, and African Union visited EAC on May 18, 2023 for the first time. Prof. Safawo Gullo, the President of EAC at that time, introduced the administrators and Department Heads. After that he gave an introduction about EAC and the programs offered at EAC.

Dr. Mardianto H. Marpaung, MBA Program Coordinator, welcomed the guests. His Excellency Mr. Al Busyra Basnur gave a short presentation about Indonesia, shared his experience in Ethiopia and emphasized people to people contact in order to build good relationships within our communities. He also donated two books to the College President he had au-

thored entitled Quality Thinking in the 21st Century and Ethiopia: Do what to Do Ambassador.



His Excellency Mr. Al Busyra Basnur and wife (M) with Dr. Mardianto Marpaung (L) and Dr. Esther Karosekali (R)



His Excellency Mr. Al Busyra Basnur was received by Dr. Mardianto Marpaung, Mr. Pradeep Tudu and Dr. Abraham Dalu at Toppenberg Hall

Uta Wayu Foundation sponsors 100 Students



Dr. Abraham Dalu (R) attending the Uta-Wayu foundation annual fundraising event held on August 20, 2023 in Portland, Oregon, USA

The Uta-Wayu Foundation (UWF) is transforming lives through education by sponsoring about 100 students at EAC so they can receive Holistic SDA Christian education. The UWF provides educational support and opportunity to the students from rural backgrounds who have great potential to succeed.

Dr. Abraham, the President of Ethiopia Adventist College had the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the Uta Wayu Foundation annual fund-raising event in Portland, USA, on August 20, 2023. He stated, "Ethiopia Adventist College is fortunate to be the school of their choice where these students are sponsored to get their education. As such, we feel a great responsibility to provide these young minds with holistic education that includes the training of Head, Heart, and Hand."

The UWF is a USA based non-political, non-religious, and nonprofit organization with the motto "Lifting Communities up through service." The UWF has not only provided financial support to educational institutions but also funded community development projects such as providing clean water, developing roads, and strengthening local communities through academic scholarship in Uta Wayu region.

We are so grateful to the incredibly generous sponsors and donors of this foundation who believe in the power of education to transform lives. They have instilled hope and confidence in the minds and hearts of our young scholars. They truly are making a difference in Ethiopia and EAC one student at a time.

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Some of the student beneficiaries of UWF sponsorship

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Transitioning from College to University status commences with TVET building



Part of TVET building under construction

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Ethiopia is a popular program with the aim to create competent and self-reliant citizens who can contribute to the economic and social development of the community and further reduce poverty.

Since EAC does not have a separate TVET building and has a great need for a new building, God again supplied the means and resources for a new TVET building through EAC alumni, friends, well-wishers, and former missionaries. The two-story TVET building will hold 12 classrooms at the cost of 6, 363,164 Birr.

This is the first phase of the five-year plan to establish the University project. We solicit your prayers for the plans of the University Building Project.

A special thanks goes to the 1000 EAC Vision Club who have donated and pledged to give \$1000 toward the University project. Thank you for supporting the building of God's work in Ethiopia and may the LORD richly reward you for your liberal and bountiful contributions.



3D impression of the future Kuyera Adventist University (KAU)

Spiritual Activities at EAC



Overseas elementary school morning worship led by Dr. Kes Shadeed



Pr. Tadese Adugna, President of Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission during the EAC revival meeting for staff



Celebrating World Adventurer Day on 20th May 2023



LR: Mr. Teshite Gudeta, EAC VP for Academic Affairs; Mr. Gutema Negeso, Director of Quality Assurance; Dr. Ruby Mzumara Mtike, Assistant Hope Channel Director; Pr. Sisay Shiferaw, Bible teacher for Kuyera Adventist Secondary School. Dr. Ruby was the speaker for the Family Togetherness Week of Prayer at the EAC church from September 3-9, 2023

Alumni uphold the "HAND" by donating towards the soccer field construction



Mr. Yafet Wodesso (3l) with his His mother Mrs. Bezuyehu Negesso (2l) and Mrs. Marta K. Zeleke mother of Dr. Morry Anota and Tiya Anota

God has touched the hearts of EAC alumni to contribute to the building of a new soccer field with a hard-core concrete running track of six lanes around the field. The ground breaking ceremony for the soccer field was held on April 4, 2023, at 9:00 am.

We want to express our deep gratitude to our donors, Mr. Yafet Wodesso and Dr. Morry Anota who have understood the need of a sports field and the importance of the physical development of students at EAC and contributed generously towards this project.

The cost of the soccer field is 3,001,500.00 Birr. The work is still in progress and our students can't wait to play in the new field.

A donation towards construction of a new basket ball and volley ball courts was made by Mrs. Tinsae

(Tiya) Anota. Also, Dr. Esaias Giorgis and Mrs. Eri Eccles donated towards construction of a new tennis ball court. The later projects will be started as soon as the soccer field is completed.



The soccer field under construction



3D artistic impression of the soccer field under construction



Newly constructed water reservoir nearing completion

Alumna Dureti Gelgelu donates 150,000 litres water reservoir to the College

EAC like many other parts of Ethiopia has struggled with getting sufficient water for its residents. Even with the challenges of limited water supply, the faculty, staff, and students are still serving God with a thankful and grateful heart. Sometimes the water supply comes only three times a week and the water has to be stored to be used for days when there is no water supply.

A new water reservoir is nearing completion and was built by the generous donation of Mrs. Dureti Gelgelu, an EAC alumna, in honor of her late father, Mr. Gelgelu Gomelo. The project started in June 2023 and nears completion.

The water reservoir has 2*20 cm thick masonry wall on both sides of the concrete core. It can hold 150,000 liters (39,625 gallons or 150m³) of water. The total cost of the project was 1,913,335.50 Birr.

We praise God for the gift of water given to our campus and ask God's rich blessings on our donor who have sacrificed much for the cause of God.



Mrs. Dureti Gelgelu with her late father Mr. Gelgelu Gomelo

Ethiopia Adventist College re-accredited by Adventist Accreditation Association till 2026



Front (LR) Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Dr. Risper Awuor; Back: Mr. Dan Agwena, Mr. Tamire Shamelo, Dr. Andrew Mutero, Mr. Mark Moreno and Dr. Moses Kibirango

The Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA) visited EAC campus from November 19-21, 2022. Seven members who formed the team from the General Conference, East Central Africa Division, and Eastern Ethiopia Union Mission office evaluated the college and the programs offered.

The delegation of AAA members that was led by Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Director of Education, General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, included the following members: Mr. Mark Moreno, Associate Professor of Architecture & Interior Design, Andrews University; Dr. Andrew Mutero, Director of Education, East Central Africa Division; Mr. Dan Agwena, Associate Treasurer, East Central Africa Division; Dr.

Risper Awuor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Administration, Adventist University of Africa; Dr. Moses Kibirango, Head of Quality Assurance, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton; Mr. Tamire Shamelo, former Education Director of East Ethiopia Union Mission.

They enjoyed the Sabbath service and took time to encourage the theology students and teachers and also speak to the college students for sundown worship. Dr. Lisa Beardsley and her team shared the commendations and recommendations emphasizing that the college continue to pursue excellence in mission and the margin



Korean donors of new John Deere utility tractor visit EAC



Korean donors, EAC staff and faculty, with the new John Deere tractor in front of Toppenberg hall

Ethiopia Adventist College was blessed to have received a donation of a new 75 HP John Deere Utility tractor. The tractor, a donation through the Korean Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, will be a huge asset to the 182 hectares of land that is occupied by the college.

The Korean donors were warmly welcomed by the EAC family on August 24, 2023. The EAC family also would like to thank Mr. Samuel Tufaa who donated

towards the project.

The need for an additional tractor to prepare and plow the farmland to sow wheat and teff was greatly needed. A thanksgiving prayer was organized at 8 am on August 16, 2023 at the Auto shop to express the collective appreciation of the EAC family to God for His abundant blessing. The Farm Manager, Mr. Desta Morkamo is very happy to receive help in the farm with the new tractor.



EAC staff and faculty pose with the newly donated tractor



Korean donors with EAC officers



Thanks giving prayer for the new tractor

Donation from the EAC alumni and friends helped to complete the Shashemene Adventist Academy building



Students at the assembly during the First day of the school year 2023-2024 at Shashemene Adventist Academy.

The Shashemene Adventist Academy which is a part of EAC, completed a third floor of the school building by the help of donations from EAC alumni and friends.

In the past, the second-floor concrete roof was leaking during the rainy season as it was not a permanent roof. In addition, with an increase in enrollment in the previous years, there were not enough classrooms for students.

We thank God immensely for the kind donors who contributed 3,328,711.00 Birr for the completion of the project. The new third floor with additional classrooms will accommodate more new students and also solve the problem of the leaking roof.

The Shashemene Principal, Mr. Gemedo Dale and teachers, staff, and students are so grateful for the timely help given to build up this school.



Completed building of Shashemene Adventist Academy

Plans to upgrade EAC Overseas School to Kuyera International Adventist Academy are underway



Two completed buildings

The buildings for Kuyera International Adventist Academy have already begun. Two new building of four classrooms each (a total of eight classrooms) were completed just in time for the new school year 2023-2024 for the Overseas Elementary School.

In the future, the Overseas Elementary School will be developed, by God's help, to Kuyera International Adventist Academy with a Cambridge curriculum, the President of EAC, Dr. Abraham Dalu shared in a staff meeting. The reason for the shift is because of new regulations by the Ethiopian Ministry of Education, to either follow Ethiopian or Cambridge curriculum.

Last school year in 2022-2023, the enrollment increased in the Overseas Elementary School and the classrooms were not adequate to accommodate all students in Bjerken Hall. Therefore, some of the col-

lege classrooms were used to hold classes from grades 5-8. To solve this problem there was an urgent need to build new classrooms. In 2022 -2023 school year, God blessed the college with a rich harvest of wheat, and the money sold for the wheat was used for the new building of the Overseas school.

The cost of the eight new classrooms was 7,516,700 Birr. The building project was started in April 2023 and was completed in October 2023. Construction of 10 toilet rooms for the new buildings is near completion. The next phase of building includes classrooms for Grades 1-4.



3D artistic impression of Kuyera international Adventist Academy

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) Education and Training Authority (ETA) Visits EAC.



ETA members at the president's office for MBA re-accrreditation

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) Education and Training Authority (ETA) visited EAC to renew program license for Educational Program Management (EDPM) on August 18, 2023 and Masters in Business Administration (MBA) on October 6, 2023.



ETA members at conference center for EDPM re-accrreditation



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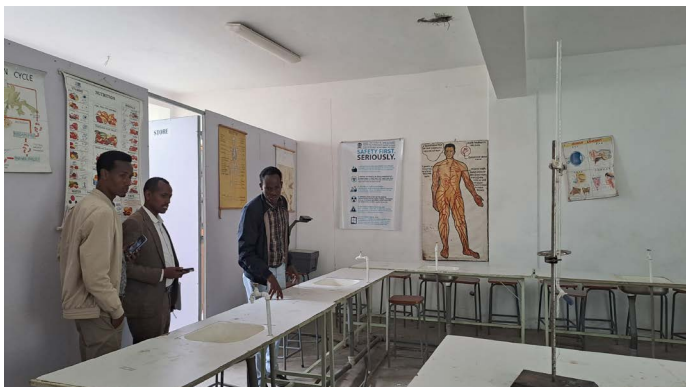
EAC schools' principals and staff visit Akaki Adventist School for experience sharing



EAC faculty and staff at Akaki Adventist School



EAC faculty and staff with (5LR) Mr. Dimaa Sabaa, principal of Akaki Adventist School



(LR)Mr. Abdi Haso and Mr. Mustefa Nigussie observe the science lab



Mr. Mustefa Nigussie (l) and Mr. Babiso Gemechu (R)

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