



Mekane Yesus ("Place of Jesus") University Under-formation Project Newsletter (MY-UUFPN)

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Ethiopia welcomed the Rev. Dr. John Mehl, Executive Director of MCN! on his first trip to Africa and first trip to Ethiopia, it was



an honor to welcome the Rev. Dr. John Mehl! One of the major objectives of his visit was to strengthen the partnership work between MCN and Mekane Yesus Seminary (MYS) focused on the Mekane Yesus Management & Leadership College (MYMLC) and the move towards the formation of the Mekane Yesus University.

The Rev. Dr. John Mehl and Mrs. Cindy Rodewald, Director of Member Care met with the MYS leadership team and toured the Addis Ababa campus. In addition, they had great discussion



sessions with the MYMLC leadership team both at the Addis Ababa and the Bishoftu campuses in the area of current programs, partnership efforts and plans for area of growth.

Capacity Building Mrs. Cindy Rodewald, had an opportunity to provide training, focused on teamwork, to the MYS secretaries. This was the first organized effort to build capacity of our secretaries. The highlight of Cindy's message was from Colossians 3:15-17.

In particular, verse 17: **"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."** Our secretaries were encouraged and very happy of this first step to build their professional capacity using God's Word! **A great big**

THANK YOU to Cindy for taking this task and for



making it memorable to the attendees! They all love you!

On the last day of MCN's team visit, although the Rev. Dr. John Mehl was "under the weather" he walked from his hotel to attend our 10:30 am chapel service and to pray for the staff, administrators and



students of MYS! **A great big THANK YOU** to John, for his determination, commitment, care and diligence in trying to understand the scope of MCN's project both in Addis Ababa and Bishoftu campuses. We praise the Lord for the success of this visit and for MCN's role in impacting the next generation of Ethiopian youth through Christ centered education venue!

Bishoftu Campus Coordinated by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Department of Missions and Theology, Preacher's Forum focused on Missional Discipleship Training was hosted at the Bishoftu Campus! Over 100



pastors and evangelists from Synods throughout Ethiopia attended this event. During this three-day training we were given a platform to share about

the Bishoftu campus background and the new degree programs! In addition, to help us with recruitment for fall 2019, promotional letter was distributed. It is our sincere prayer that, our student body to be diverse enough to include students from the close to thirty Synods in Ethiopia!

Well Water Project We praise the Lord for **using the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** in securing funds to begin the well water project at the Bishoftu campus! At this time, we have identified



the former location, consultation with engineers and the bidding process has begun!

Please pray for -

- > All academic work at the Addis Ababa and Bishoftu campus
- > Student recruitment and promotional work for fall 2019
- > STEM academy activities, faculty and students
- > Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus work throughout Ethiopia

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