



# Meserete Kristos Church

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## MKC President's Message

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses told the people of God, "There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place" (1:31).

When I was a little child, my father carried me on his shoulders when there was mud, while crossing a river on foot, and when he felt any danger on the road. It is the role of the father to carry and guide a little child to safety.

Moses told the people of Israel that God carried them all the long way they went. He provided what they needed in the wilderness and he protected them from enemies.

God is our father who protects, guides and sustains us in our journey of life. God has power to protect and sustain us.

In the past, God enabled our fathers and mothers to live godly life and serve God faithfully. The God who helped them in those dark times is the God who is interested to work in us today. God carried us in all our past journeys and now, we are here.

God is always available to help and guide us to the destination he wanted us to be. His goodness does not change. His office is always open so that we can approach God's throne of grace and receive enabling grace and mercy.

We need to humble ourselves, face the next challenges in our lives fully trusting in our God, and move forward with his grace to serve his people faithfully.

Desalegn Abebe

## MKC General Assembly Meeting

MKC General Assembly, the highest decision making body of Meserete Kristos Church, was held on August 30 & 31, 2019 at Bishoftu MK College Campus.



One of the resolutions of the General Assembly was the election of a new president for the next five years. Desalegn Abebe, 47, was elected as the 13th president of the church.

Tewodros Beyene, the previous president of MKC handed over the responsibility for the new incoming president. The leadership transition was done with brotherly spirit.



The General Assembly also suggested the church should take more time to discern and discuss on the issue of ordaining Apostles and prophets in MKC.

## MKC-Relief & Development Association

The MKC-RDA also gets new Board of Trustees. RDA is fully recovered from the internal crisis that it encountered few years ago. At present, there are five different ongoing projects. We have received funding and technical support from our partners: MCC-E, Tear Fund UK, One Child Matters, Children Hope Chest, Compassion International Ethiopia, and CCRDA. RDA is implementing projects with an annual budget of over 6.3 million US Dollars.

As Desalegn is leaving the leadership in RDA because of his new role in the church, we are praying to get a new executive director for RDA.

## Meserete Kristos College

Brother Kiros Teka has left Meserete Kristos College in June 2019 and currently the college is running by acting president. At present, the college is offering Bible and theological education in regular and distance learning programs at Bishoftu main campus, Adama and Addis Ababa campuses. In addition, some MKC Regional Offices have been offering diploma program in collaboration with the main campus of MK College.

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Pray for the peace to be sustained and prevail in Ethiopia so that the Church engages fully in carrying out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. MKC has developed a project proposal to seek resources to train pastors and church elders on Bible-based peacebuilding.
- ◆ The new leadership in MKC seeks God's guidance in charting out strategic direction for the next five years. We seek your prayers and sharing of your wisdom as we work on strategic planning.