

## New Year of Ethiopia



The Ethiopian New Year falls on September 11 each year. This year, the New Year anniversary event was held at the MMC cafeteria on Friday, September 9th, at 11 : 30 a.m. Myung Sung Medical College students, faculty members, and employees got the opportunity to witness traditional Ethiopian New Year performances and eat cultural foods, creating and enjoying a New year environment together. The next day, Saturday, September 10th, the MCM employees held a separate New Year event in the Grace Wing G/F of the medical center, greeting each

other and partaking in the sharing of delicious snacks.

Why does September mark the New Year in Ethiopia? During the months of September and October (Maskaram), the flowers bloom, signaling the beginning of new life. Because of this, Ethiopians recognize September as the beginning of a new year. Since there was no reason to view January 1st as the beginning of the New Year before the implementation of the western calendar in Ethiopia, it was only natural to view September as the New Year.

For this reason, Ethiopia uses a special calendar consisting of 13 months in one year, unlike the 12-month Gregorian calendar that is used worldwide. Although having 13 months in a year could cause some confusion, each year still consists of 365 days. Each month from January to December consists of 30 days, and the 13th month, known as “BBagume,” is 5 days, making one year 365 days, same as the Gregorian calendar. This year, September 11 marked the beginning of the year 2009, so Ethiopians are essentially living 7 years behind the rest of the world. However, in order to be compatible with the rest of the world, Ethiopia utilizes the Gregorian calendar in addition to their calendar written by Julius.



## Recruit to entrance ceremony of 2016 Fresh men



Myungsung Medical College offered an Admission Exam for the year of 2016/2017, on Aug 20th at big auditorium. After registration, MMC staff distributed each examinee a ticket and exam started with the prayer and greetings by the Dean of MMC. 180 applicants took the examination. Applicants who passed the written exam had an interview with faculty members on September 1st and 2nd. Dr. Rahel, Dr. Roger Holland with other faculty members evaluated the capacity of students. And finally MMC selected and announced enrolment to the top 31 students. Beside, exam for foreign Applicants was on May 28th and we selected 5 students. Please pray for the fresh men that they can grow as a medical resource in the will of Jesus Christ who will lead the Africa' s medical situation.





## ► Sang-Min Shim

Hi. My name is Sang-Min Shim from Dea-Gu, South Korea. I came here after I quit my military service. My dream from my childhood was to be missionary doctor. And I heard about MMC so I applied here. My dream is study hard in MMC and to be a professional missionary doctor. There is one thing that I remember when I came to Ethiopia first time. When I arrived, it was rain. And then I saw rainbow in the sky. I was so touched because it felt like an evidence of promise of God to me.

## ► Hyun-Jung Cho

Hello. I worked at Seoul-Asan hospital 1-year after graduated the science of nursing and I came here Ethiopia applied to MMC. I been to Malawi through a Dea-Yang nursing school' s student exchange program. I realized in that 6 months experience, that even student who is just fresh men have to care the patients like as clinical nurse. Since then I concerned about hazard medical situation in Africa. I wanted do more not as a nurse but as a doctor so I found and applied MMC. I saw lots of people with many accessories and have delicious coffee. On the contrary, there is a lot of people that begging on the road and some of children, sold gums and snacks. It was hard. Most of all I will practice Amharic language (local language) I want to be one of Ethiopian who like, work and study here. So that I want to be a doctor for the patients who devoted to Ethiopian herself.



## Dreaming medical missionary of kindergarten



I distinctly remember reading somewhere in the bible, “Weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice.” Although I consider myself more native to Korea than the Jindo dog that originates from Jeollanam-do, there are some things about Koreans that disappoint me. Obviously not all Koreans are like this; however, what disappoints me most is that Koreans tend to feel superior to those who are weeping, almost as if they have won a competition. However, this was completely opposite in Ethiopia. Like when a rock is thrown into a lake and creates a ripple effect, so I also felt this type of shock in my heart. Now a third year student at Myung Sung Medical College, I have found friends who will weep when I weep and who are willing to bear each other’s burdens.

When I was in kindergarten and elementary school, every time my teacher asked me what my dream was for my future, I always answered, “My dream is to be a medical missionary.” While most of the teenagers around me went through a rebellious stage, my dream of being a medical missionary remained constant. And even though I did not have any concrete plans for my future, I always trusted God to lead me. I lived like this for 20 years. In 2014, while at church, I saw in the bulletin some information on MMC. Although I had graduated from university, I got the sense that maybe that degree would only lead me to become a regular doctor. If I truly wanted to become a medical missionary, wouldn’t something need to be different? In Korean, the term “doctor” is two words, while “medical missionary” is five. In order to fill in the remaining three words, I felt like I would need to do more. So without thinking, I applied. The bulletin said MMC was in Ethiopia, but where was Ethiopia? South America? South Asia? That did not matter to me. I hastily prepared for the entrance exam, and when I received the notice that I had passed, I finally told my parents that I applied. I boarded a plane and flew to Ethiopia, all while my parents were feeling a sense of embarrassment at my decision.

Among the 100 million inhabitants of Ethiopians, the top students apply to MMC and are accepted. MMC was established in 2004 as a school focused not only on developing skillful doctors but also cultivating strong leaders for the service of Ethiopia. 60 years ago, Ethiopia sent troops to aid South Korea during the Korean War, and now the grandchildren of those veterans are attending MMC. These students received special admission to the college so it was possible that they would not be the best students; however, I have found that they are exceptionally bright and gifted, and this greatly impressed me. Would I be able to compete with them? A school with only about 100 students. A very small school. Being 1 out of 1 million, just imagine how smart these students are. I hid my face and studied like crazy. That feeling I used to have of Africa, of ignoring it, resurfaced. The MMC students were very passionate about the vision of the college, so I thought to myself, “What should I do?”

I never cried. I thought that if I showed any signs of weakness, the MMC students would like that. I would pass each day with my head down, gritting my teeth, when one day after class, one of my classmates approached me and asked me a question. “Is something wrong?” Perhaps I was not doing a good job of hiding my feelings, but I reflexively replied, “No.” That friend did not leave me after that one exchange. “I don’t want you to suffer so much, so whenever you want, let’s talk.” However, these types of interactions did not end with just one friend. After the next class ended, another friend approached me and comforted me. Time after time, without fail, my classmates talked with me. Initially, my heart was closed off to my classmates. “Are they testing me?” I thought to myself that maybe my heart was hardened or closed. I only viewed people and their intentions in a logical manner. I soon came to realize that these people were truly living out the verse “weep with those who weep” and like those ripples created by that one stone in the lake, little by little I began to feel the warmth and love of the Ethiopian people.

## Interview of General Lee



Q. Introduce yourself

A. After I graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1972, I enlisted as an ensign flight pilot and logged 3200 hours of flight training. In 2006, I reached the position of lieutenant general in the Korean air Force and was discharged from active service. From 2009 I served as an ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Q. What are your impressions of MCM?

A. Last year, 2015, I came to serve as the head of planning and coordination for MCM for one year, so since it is not my first time in Ethiopia, I am quite comfortable. Above all else, getting to see the volunteers that I served with once again is a great pleasant. This time around I was appointed as the general manager of MID, so I am feeling some pressure from the new position. But I know that it is God who called me and sent me to this country, and I believe that everything I do is to serve and glorify Him. Therefore I continue to work with a prayerful heart and mind. My hope and prayer is that I will not work according to my own desires but that all I do is according to the will of God.

Q. What is the vision and mission of MID?

A. Last August I was appointed as the new general of MID. My role is to oversee the management of MCM, MMC, and MCW, with focus on the future business propositions of the organization. In 1993, according to the request of the Ethiopian government, Myung Sung Church established MID, and it has been operating smoothly up to this point. Our mission is to provide with Ethiopian the best medical services possible to, but ultimately through that we hope to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of this country so that they can experience his love. In order for this to become a reality, our hospital must become independent and self-sustaining. To achieve this goal, we must learn to properly manage our personnel, facilities, and equipment, as well as reduce the amount of wasted resources and increase overall efficiency. Although we understand that the budget is vital to the management of our hospital, we must be aware that the amount of money we have is not everything. We all need to clearly understand that we charge patients for our services not for a profit, but to grow into a self-support organization. To become the best hospital in Ethiopia, MCM must serve a central role in the country. MMC is also important. Through the implementation of a good curriculum, we will be able to develop our students into doctors and leaders of good character and ultimately make our vision for Ethiopia a reality. In conclusion, our hope is to see MID completely managed by Ethiopians, and we are working forward and preparing for the achievement of this goal.

Q. What is your message to all current and future volunteers to MID?

A. As I said before, in order to achieve our vision and mission, every single worker, including medical staff, administrative staff, and volunteers, must work in one accord. Through this shared desire, we will be able to work toward the development and happiness of Ethiopia. We must not forget that our work here is not for ourselves but for the people of Ethiopia and ultimately for the glory of God. I truly believe that all of our efforts, services, and sacrifices will lead to positive results in this country. To all the volunteers and supporters of this compound throughout the world, I thank you for your sacrifices and tireless efforts to help achieve our goal, and I urge you all to continue working to bring glory to God. Thank you.

## Mobile Clinic at Gerji



From September 10th and 12th, with Rev. Dong-soo Shin, Missionary Sung-Geun Lee and other 7 members from MCM and So-Mang church's short term mission team had a free mobile clinic at Gerji local church. Mobile clinic team treated 284 patients. Rev. Dong-soo Shin, Missionary Sung-Geun Lee and other 7 members from MCM cooperated with So-Mang short term mission team members had a free mobile clinic at Gerji local church with 284 patients from September 10th, 12th.



## Visiting of the Special Sunrise Prayer Services & Andong Sungso Hospital



Pastor Yoon-Ki Kim and 5 of the best workers who served long term at MCM visited Korea from August 29th to September 9th. They were blessed by participating in the Special Sunrise Prayer Services in September at Myung Sung Church, and by visiting Andong Sungso Hospital on September 5th. Ethiopian employees included Kefele Mormora(MCM Finance), Tekola Mekonen(MCM Administration) who visited Myung Sung Church and Andong Sungso Hospital established by missionaries also. They said

“we are thankful for this interesting new experience.

### 1. How was your impression of the Myungsung Church?

- ▶ Roth Boge : I don’ t have a word to be explained what I have seen in this church. God was presented every worship time and my heart was touched, when I came to church by Holy Spirit. God blessed and blessed Korea ever.
- ▶ Ashebir Fikabu : Their welcoming to us was excellent starting from airport to senior Pastor. I also amazed by morning prayer devotion.

### 2. How was your impression of the Sungso Hospital?

- ▶ Roth Boge : It’ s amazed hospital. Everything was impressive to me, starting from set up to instruments, which are using for medical care, as well the system by itself strongly supported to give quality medical care.
- ▶ Ashebir Fikabu : The hospital is Clean & Neat with several toilets. No over crowd despite many client in OPD. Nurses are efficiently performing.

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In addition, the wind of grace blew at the MCM compound during special sunrise prayer services in September at Myung Sung Church. The services were held at the small auditorium of Good News Church from September 20th to 22th.. Even though it was early, the congregation who love God’ s word blessed while Pastor Sam-Hwan Kim preached about Jesus Christ who is the ‘Corner stone’ . Even though there is hardship we hope that all the members in Good News Church will live by Jesus only, who is the corner stone and who controls everything.

## Visitation of Somang church shor term mission team

Rev. Sun-Yung Kim and other 17 members from So-Mang church (located in seoul) visited our compound From September 9th (Fri) to 16th (Fri). They helped our missionary work such as Gerji church mobile clinic and visitation local church (Koka and Arerti church). They spread love of God to many Ethiopians through this visitation.



Sep. 9th (Fri) – Arrived at Ethiopia



Sep. 10th (Sat) – Mobile clinic at Gerji church



Sep. 13th (Tue) – Visited Koka church



Sep. 14th (Wed) – Visited Arerti church





## New volunteers

### ► Couple of Jae–Chul Lee and Hae–Eun Lee

We want to introduce the couple of Jea–Chul Lee who came to serve in the Medical Equipment department of MCM Hospital and Hae–Eu Lee. He has worked in a engineering company for 12 years, after which he moved to Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia 15 years ago. He was director of engineering of the Asian division of his company for three years.

Though he heard about MCM hospital when the hospital opened he could not come to MCM until he resigned from his company. Jea–Chul Lee and his wife want to be volunteers at MCM making the hospital stronger who serve quietly without applause. Their first priority is to learn many things from the missionaries already at MCM.

The couple promises to be workers who serve the will of God, Lord willing, as it says in James Chapter 4 Verse 13. We ask for a lot of prayer and encouragement for them to avoid any shortcomings while they take on this precious ministry.



### ► Young–Hum Nam

Hello, my name is Young–Hum Nam and I am 24 years old. I graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a BA in International Studies and a Masters of Public Administration. Before I arrived in Ethiopia, I worked as a barista at Starbucks and as a street outreach member for a small local nonprofit organization called Family Connection: Project Hope, whose goal was to provide a brighter future for the homeless and endangered youth in the city. I attended church at the Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, AL, where I served as a preschool Sunday school leader for four years. I have had the privilege of going on a few international mission trips over the years, and my desire to serve overseas became stronger after each trip.

The last thing Jesus ever told his disciples before he ascended into heaven was to “go and make disciples of all nations,” and I believe that is the duty of every follower of Jesus. I found out about MCM from my parents, who told me about the opportunity to serve in Ethiopia. So I left my jobs and decided to come and serve for one year. Ethiopia is a beautiful country full of history, culture, warm–hearted people, and some of the best food I have ever tried. One of the first things that stood out to me about Ethiopia–Addis Ababa in particular–was the lack of structure when it came to traffic. I have come to discover that the Ethiopians are a very kind, generous people who seem to be open to hearing more about the gospel. MCM is a nice hospital that seems to have a strong reputation among the Ethiopian people as one of the best hospitals in the country. After I leave Ethiopia, I hope to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector, ideally related to serving underprivileged children and orphans. I want to live in a developing country and establish services that will serve the least of these. There are still over a billion people on the earth who have never even heard the name of Jesus, so by God’ s grace I will be faithful to obey his commands and go to the ends of the earth, serving those that are marginalized, suffering, and ignored, and boldly sharing with all the gospel of the grace of Jesus Christ. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:18  
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### ► Hyung–Joo Kim

We met the Hyung–Ju Kim, intern, who visited MCM compound from August 7th to September 19th. He got the chance to visit MCM hospital as an intern while attending the Northwestern University 4 years, preparing the school of medicine. After he watched the “Secret of the Human Life” which is a medical documentary about MCM hospital, He applied to the Hospital to learn and see missionaries who served in Africa. He could study a variety of things while working in OPD and the operating room and giving support to administrative work. And He said “the biggest learning experience was seeing the anguish and the efforts of missionaries” . We hope that the grace of God will be with Hyung–Ju Kim in everyplace he serves poor people as seen in missionaries in MCM.

## Professor Son–un Ik Interview



Q. Introduction

A. I graduated from Kyung–Buk University College of Medicine in Korea and have worked at Dong–San hospital in Dea–gu as a professor of neurosurgery.

Q. How did you come to MCM hospital ?

A. Every year Dong–san hospital went abroad for a short–term mission trip, I visited MCM hospital in 2009. There was a variety of things I observed. I once witnessed a patient who had a blood in his brain, so he had to have an emergency operation performed on him at midnight. The Ethiopian neurosurgeon performed the operation successfully. Now he became professor in Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa. I was deeply moved by sharing these experiences. I had the chance to meet Chul–Soo Kim who was director of MCM at Dong–San hospital in Korea. He asked me if there was any way to treat poor patients within the ministry of MCM hospital and medical school, I told Dr. Kim that I will provide free treatment for epileptic patients. This is one of the reasons I came to Ethiopia to advise.

Q. I heard that you are a pastor as well as a doctor

A. I was born in a Christian family, had attended church and even got an appointment as an elder in my church. Although I was religious I did not know God personally. One day in my early 30’ s I realized that I just knew about religion. I realized this while reading 1 Corinthians 13. I perceived Jesus Christ as life. I grew to know God more by studying theology in university. I became a reverend and an assistant pastor. Although the ministry of being an elder and pastor is important, I believe what matters most is the work I do for God and how He sees me. I want be the person who can share God’ s word with people who have not heard God’ s word.

Q. How was your time in Ethiopia? What are your ideas moving forward for the direction of MCM

A. I think that the beauty of this Ethiopian hospital is not the most important issue. I hope that all employees look at this hospital with the mind of Christ and have same attitude of love that the first missionaries had when they planted this hospital. May all of the employees move forward in unity of the Spirit. The hospital is only a tool to further God’ s kingdom. Dong–san hospital which was established by American missionaries 117 years ago, where I used to work, lost the vision of working together in the unity of the Spirits.

Q. What do you want to say through this interview?

A. I hope that all people who work at MCM Center live with a desire for God and the attitude of their first love. If you live with the mind of Christ, you can be a real Christian who can hold the hand of a sad patient and grieve with them. To help and to cheer others is God’ s will. These are some ways to show we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

## View of MCM Compound



### Please Pray for MCM

To Lift His name and glorify Him only by ministering through taking care of patients at MCM.

To become the cornerstone of God's kingdom in Ethiopia and the front line to spread the gospel beyond Africa, Middle Eastern countries, and to the end of the world.

Attract more qualified, dedicated and experienced medical specialists to serve in the new wing of the hospital, and invite all the necessary basic science faculty members at the MMC.

May the students studying at the medical college become people of God with a vision for medical missions across Africa, May they have God's strength to study hard.

To promote evangelic activities and educate the young leaders in health care systems of developing countries to cooperate together towards interested medical schools, hospitals and mission organizations from the developed countries.

May all the staff and volunteers cooperate in harmony as they understand the mission and vision of MCM.

To make a harmonious mission body by overcoming the difference of backgrounds and cultural diversity as serve to responding to the 'Call from the Above'.

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