# The Harvest

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." (Proverbs 25:25 NIV)









## A Time of Gratitude ...

EvaSUE has experienced many blessings despite all the challenges passed through. We are grateful for the ways God has provided and how He has positioned us to do great things for Him in the new school year!

One provision God has given is new staff!

EvaSUE has been blessed with 12 new campus staff. Thank you to those of you who have been praying, for this is indeed an answer to prayer. After going through the recruitment process, these new staff took part in the first phase of staff orientation training from December 2 – December 19, 2022. The training, one of the components of the overall staff development program, focused on EvaSUE's core purpose, values, and strategies. The new staff will start serving in their respective placements beginning January 1, 2023. We hope and believe they will be instrumental in advancing the kingdom of God through teaching and directing students and living Christ-like lives.

One of our new staff in training shared his story....

#### **MEET NATI....**

Natneal (Nati) Solomon grew up in a rural area of Shashemene around 250 km from Addis Ababa. He was one of ten children in his family. He says his family was "Christian" but it was largely just culture and he didn't fully understand about Jesus or what it meant to follow Him.

During elementary school into high school, Nati became very rebellious and aggressive. He was going the wrong way and lifting his life to wrong things.

When it was time for college, Nati chose a college that was as far away from his home as possible. He was placed in the Bishoftu area at the Addis Ababa University branch campus with a major in Veterinary Medicine. Little did Nati know that God was going to get his attention on this campus and redirect his life!



In the 2nd semester of his second year (of a six-year program), Nati visited the EvaSUE campus fellowship and this is where He saw Jesus in the lives of the staff and students there. He learned about Jesus thoroughly and gave his life to follow Him! A physical problem he had also suffered with for years was healed after joining the fellowship.

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Nati's life began to change more and more as he was poured into by EvaSUE staff. One campus staff, Dave, mentored Nati and impacted him deeply by showing him servant leadership and a servant lifestyle. Nati became a family group leader and would end up leading the entire fellowship in his final two years!

Nati is passionate to pour into others and tell people about Jesus and see lives changed as his has been!



God can redirect any life and use them to advance the kingdom! Praise God! We are so excited to have Nati join the EvaSUE staff team!

We thank God for Nati and all our new staff in training!

What will God do in and through these new young staff in the coming years?

We know God has an amazing plan! Please keep all of our new staff in your prayers!





### **Prayer Requests**

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16 NIV)

We invite you to pray with us over the following topics;

- Please pray for God may provide support for our newly joined staff.
- Please give praise as we have already finished the phase 1 of the Building project; and pray for God's provision as we start the next 2nd Phase, which is building the structure of the G+9 Building.
- Please pray for the newly assigned staff workers for them, they would have smooth transition.

#### SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

EvaSUE also conducted a Scripture Engagement Consultation from December 11 –16 in Bishoftu for all of its staff and a few associates. The consultation was facilitated by EvaSUE's scripture engagement team and the IFES scripture engagement global team. Among the topics covered were convictions and motivation in scripture engagement, principles of interpretation, and biblical responses to contextual issues. The consultation also included Bible exposition, small group discussions, and corporate prayer. Each participant was challenged to stop and rethink what the word of God is to them, why they engage with it, and how relevant it is to the problems they are facing in their respective contexts. We are excited about the way these transformed participants will impact the students and communities they serve.

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