



# Equipping the Saints

*"for the works of service, so that the body of Christ can be built up"*  
**Ephesians 4:12**

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## IS IT WORTH IT?

Dear Friends of ETS,

Once a shipment leaves our facility, we usually do not think about what happens on the other end. In the busyness of helping other ministries, we tend to file away completed projects in the archives of our memory.

However, the other day we were discussing a ministry for which we recently shipped a container. We went to the website for that ministry to get an update on what is happening with them. We were impressed with the Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia!

The very first picture we encountered showed students unloading a container of cafeteria tables, dorm beds, dressers, folding chairs and numerous other items. It gave great satisfaction to know that the container had arrived safely.



We continued looking at photos and saw dorm furniture, auditorium seating, and student desks already in place from previous shipments sent. It was rewarding to see the end results of our work of procuring the equipment, preparing the shipment and finalizing the paperwork involved. Many of the supplies came from nearby universities upgrading their facilities. We were able to refer the personnel we deal with at those schools to the website to see the end result of their labors also.

Meserete Kristos College



The Meserete Kristos College currently has 509 students preparing for ministry to their people. They began in 1994 and have graduated 1,636 students. They saw the need for training — ***"With so many thousands of new believers entering the church every year, there is a tremendous need for trained leaders to disciple and shepherd them."*** God has blessed and the college continues to grow.

Each of these graduates represents a congregation or ministry seeking to reach their people with the Gospel. What a joy to be able to help them with this task.

Is it worth it to become involved with ministries such as this one? Last year 25,000 new believers were added to this church association in Ethiopia! Thank you for helping us provide what is needed to get the job done. You are a blessing!

ETS Staff



## More About Meserete



Chapel Program

The current student body is made up of mature people who have been out of school for some years. About 95% of them have served faithfully and sacrificially in their congregations for some years as evangelists and full time church workers with very low, and in some cases without pay. About 70% of them are married students who have left their wives and children back in their home areas. Their local congregations pay 75% of their salaries to maintain their families while the breadwinner comes to college. They get to visit their families on semester breaks every 4 months.

Some of the students have given up careers in the secular sector, often at great personal sacrifice because they have heard the call of the Lord to full time spiritual ministry.

In the student body can be found former school teachers, accountants, government employees, medical personnel, military men, Orthodox priests, Muslim sheiks, policemen, business people as well as many farmers who have heard the call and became servants of the Lord. There are even a few former shamans, witch doctors and wizards. These various backgrounds all make classroom discussions interesting!



Group Discussion



Class Room

This training means a lot to the students. In their lives as pastors, evangelists, teachers, and leaders, they encounter many difficult questions, conflicts, and ethical situations that tax their creativity and understanding. There is also a flood of new doctrines and teachings, some of them heretical, and others unbalanced, that trouble the immature Christians. Leaders are challenged to provide answers and guidance.



Graduation 2017