

Connected Church

Christmas Greetings from 'Ethiopia 'KaleHeywet Church'

Season's greetings from Ethiopia! **Thank you so much for your love, prayer and financial support this past year.** We could not do the work we do without you!

Christmas at EKHC

Christmas here in Ethiopia is celebrated on the 7th January! Most people will go to church and eat and share stories together on Christmas day. Everyone who goes to church will be given Christmas candle. Most people will wear white and get dressed in a traditional garment called a Netela. **Christmas is a time for families and communities to come together in love, goodwill and peace.**

Looking Back

This past year has brought both many joys and many trials. Self help groups have gone from strength to strength, in both numbers and quality. Relationships are being built which are **enriching communities, empowering people to work together** to address their needs. We are so excited to see where this leads next year.

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However, we have also had a constant struggle with the impacts of climate change leading to a food crisis across the country. **We need more rain and healthy crops next year.** Please pray for God to intervene and for people to wake up to the real life impact of climate change on poor communities across the world.

And so as we look forward with God to 2018, we pray that He **bless you, and keep you, and make His face shine** upon you. Amen!