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1COR.3:11

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ"

WHO WAS PASTOR KEDIR DELCHUME?

Full name: Pastor Kedir Delchume

Date and place of birth: Pastor Kedir was born on January 9, 1944 in Butajira in Guraghie Zone.

Childhood religion: Pastor Kedir was raised in a Muslim family before he came to believe in Christ.

Previous experience: Pastor Kedir was a schoolteacher before he became a fulltime minister in the Meserete Kristos Church. He taught in different schools in Wollega, Adami Tulu, Boset and later in Adama town



Ministry experience: Pastor Kedir was ordained as an evangelist at Nazareth (Adama) MKC in 1979 and later as a pastor in the 1980s. Since he became a fulltime minister in the church, he served God's people and the church faithfully.

He was known for teaching the Word of God, visiting believers, providing pastoral advice to people to make right decisions in their lives, and strict Christian living.

Pastor Kedir expected every Christian to tell the truth. He had compassion for people; however, when he found people lying to him or others, he was aggressive in his response. He was known by many as a punishing stick to Christians. He rebuked Christians whenever they misbehaved.

Persecution: During the Derge, communist regime, Pastor Kedir was one of the targets of the communist cadres in the Adama town. He was a known Christian leader in the town and they used to monitor his movements. He usually travelled by disguising himself.

He organized believers in several small groups and continued fellowship in the underground system.

He was the superintendent of the cell groups. He taught, mentored, and equipped the small group leaders to provide effective service to believers during the community regime.

The model of ministry developed by him, and his team was replicated in other MKC local churches to be used during the communist regime.

During the communist regime, he got an opportunity to travel to the US and to share the experience of the church. Some of his friends advised him not to return to Ethiopia. He told them that he would not desert God's flock and live in the US. He came back and continued his ministry. In one of his trips, he brought musical instruments to the Lidet Choir in Adama and they are still being used.

When Christians were persecuted in various places, Pastor Kedir visited and appeared with them in the courts so that they would not be afraid. His presence encouraged several persecuted Christians.

During the communist regime and in the later years, he served as a member of MKC executive committee and held various positions in the church. He was an interim General Secretary of the church when the MKC leaders were arrested and jailed because of their faith.



Personal life: Pastor Kedir spent time reading his Bible and prayers. He did not take vacation from the ministry. People usually found him in the church.

Family: After the death of his first wife Tsehay, he married to Aselefech Tegegn and they had four daughters.

Death: Pastor Kedir became sick with heart related cases and went to be with the Lord on July 13, 2007. His widow and children live in Adama.

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