

Yaregal Gebreyesus



Yaregal Gebreyesus was born and raised in Ethiopia. He played soccer for St. George and the Ethiopian National Team before he moved to the United States on a soccer scholarship in UCLA to pursue his higher education. After he received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA, he later obtained his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering with emphasis in Hydraulics from CSULA.

He worked for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) over 35

years. He held different positions during his service in Caltrans and served as the District Division Chief, Principal Transportation Engineer when he retired. He was responsible for projects that vary from half a billion to billions of dollars. Since the early seventies, he has been active in the Ethiopian Community and organization. He is also a co-founder of the Ethiopian Educational Association in Los Angeles and SEED. He has been serving as SEED's Vice-Chairman since its founding. At present, he runs a non-profit organization, "The Life Wells Foundation" he established. Through this organization he aims to fulfill one his long-life dream to bring clean potable water to the villages in Ethiopia.