



Ethiopian Education Fund
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Dear Friends of the Ethiopian Education Fund,

This was a great year for the Ethiopian Education Fund. All ten of our students passed to the next grade! We now have students in grades 6 through 12, and seven of our students are girls. At the EEF, we continue to focus on girls and students from marginalized peoples; these are the children who so often get left behind. Many girls attend school when they are young, but when they can contribute to the household chores or become suitable prospects for marriage, they often are pulled from school. That's why EEF focuses on girls who are 10-14 years old. We have found that it takes just \$1 per day to ensure that bright kids continue their education.

We also have good news about Tsegaye. The EEF has supported his education for many years, all the way through the university. He graduated in 2010 and now works back in the village of Chiri as a sociologist for the government focusing on, coincidentally, gender issues. He also helps administer our program and provides tutoring to the students.

Our partnership with the local school is growing. With Tsegaye in the village and our continued relationship with the school director, we will continue to strengthen our relationship. It really does take a village to educate a child from a disadvantaged background.

Another piece of good news is that Jeff is now working in Ethiopia full-time in agriculture with the Ethiopian government. He is able to talk to Tsegaye on a mobile phone and plans to visit the students before the end of the year. Jeff is happy to be back in Addis Ababa and helping not only the students supported by the EEF but also contributing to improving the lives of farmers throughout the country.



Our website is up and running and we continue to modify and improve it. Please check it out at www.Ethiopianeducationfund.org.

Please think of our students at this time of the year. We are a 501(c)3 organization so all your donations are tax deductible and go right to the students. Consider that \$30 will support a young girl for a month as she reaches for a better life. Every year a child goes to school, they will better contribute to their own lives and their community. Thank you for donating \$10, \$50, \$100, \$360 (support a student's full year) so that bright students from poor families can stay in school for another year.

You can donate online at <http://ethiopianeducationfund.org/donate/>, by mail or in person since Stephanie now has an app on her phone that takes credit cards. We are so grateful for your continued support of the Ethiopian Education Fund students!

All the best,

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