



Ethiopian Education Fund Newsletter | Spring 2018

Dear Friends of the Ethiopian Education Fund,

As we start to think about summer plans, our 30 students in Ethiopia are studying diligently for their exams. For Grade 10 and 12 students, final exams are long, hard and extremely important. The score a student gets determines whether one can continue school at a University, College, or Vocational School. An extremely high score means a student will be automatically enrolled in a University in medicine or engineering (like our own Eletu). A slightly lower score means enrollment in a Teaching or Nursing College, and a passing score (still very difficult to obtain because of intense competition) means the opportunity to enroll in a Vocational School and become an accountant, electrician, or machine operator.

Of our 30 students, 10 are College and University students. We are hoping our 12th and 10th graders will also pass to higher education, which will enable them to receive 3-5 more years of school.



An Invitation

Join us this summer to find out about how the students are doing. Learn about Tigist, her nursing job and new baby, Eletu's 2nd year in University studying engineering, our three newest students, and our youngest students, now in 4th grade. And learn how to roast your own coffee!

Mark Your Calendar: Summertime Fundraisers

- Seattle Coffee Roasting Party June 3rd, 1:00-4:00
- Olympia Dinner at Shiro's Ben Moore July 20, 5:30-7:30
- Penn Cove Whidbey Island House Party & Coffee Roast, August 25th, 2:00- 4:00



We will roast coffee, see pictures from our recent trip to visit the students, enjoy African food, and meet friends new and old.

Call or email us for more details. We will also be sending invites closer to the date.



Your support makes a difference

As always, your donation supports kids who are motivated to make a difference in their lives by studying and passing their grades. In spite of having grown up in poverty, with little means for success, they have managed to study hard and pass their grades. Without your help, they would remain where they are with little opportunity for living a better life. The EEF commitment means that when a girl or boy passes a grade, the EEF supports the student for another year whether that is university, college, vocational school, or simply moving through grade school. One more year, we like to say, makes a difference.

You can support the students in several ways:

- Please go to our website (www.ethiopianeducationfund.org) and click on the "Donate" button. Consider a yearly subscription so we can be assured that our commitments to the students will never be threatened.
- Attend one of our summer fund-raising events.
- Purchase Ethiopian coffee from us (please contact us for details)

Photos for this newsletter were taken by Rochelle during last winter's trip to Ethiopia!
See you this summer!

All the best from the EEF Board,

Stephanie, Rochelle, Annie, and Jeff