



**HMCHA**  
HOLISTIC MINISTRY OF CHILDREN  
OF THE HORN OF AFRICA

Changing Ethiopia, One Child at a Time  
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Fall, 2022



**2022 is drawing to a close, and the HMCHA families, staff and board full of gratitude for :**

- + A year of learning and playing in person again**
- + Your prayers and donations, which enable us to continue our work with impoverished families**
- + The beautiful home for high school girls that you purchased and furnished**
- + Your school in Keteba that is truly educating and enriching children's lives**
- + Newly sponsored children who are so excited to be part of HMCHA, thanks to faithful sponsors**
- + Healthy, safe families whose lives are better, thanks to you**
- + Four sponsored teens who are waiting to hear if they passed the Grade 12 exam; forty sponsored teens in high school this year, 19 boys and 21 girls!**
- + The addition of grade 3 to the HMCHA-run school serving grades K-3**

## HMCHA SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3



Kindergarten students finally have tables instead of desks that were too big. Pat Berktoold, HMCHA supporter from Minnesota, made chair bags for everyone to store their supplies. They make the room look beautiful and the children love them! Thank you, Pat!



On her recent trip, Carol Pfleiderer met up with four of our HMCHA high school grads! One of our HMCHA graduates is studying nursing and another received an accounting degree from Rift Valley University. We are grateful for these successes.

## HMCHA SCHOOL GET HIGH MARKS

A recent visit by the Ethiopian Ministries of Education and Finance was a big success, as the officials reviewing the K-3 school pronounced our students far ahead of children in government schools. We're getting raves from the parents of students, too. Here is a comment from the dad of first-grader Kalkidan:

"I was so surprised one night when Kalkidan read a book to us. Even her older brother and sister, who attend government schools, can't read and they are in the eighth grade. But Kalkidan can read.



## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS THRIVING



Fifteen girls are so happy to be living in a safe, nurturing house in Bishoftu while attending high school. Their house parents ensure a safe environment while they further their education. For the first time, we have more girls than boys attending high school.

Can you sponsor me and open the door to a better life?



### WAITING BOYS



Guta G, Age 13, Grade 1.



Dejene, Age 12, Gr 6



Dereja T., Age 9, Gr 1



Kume, Age 13, Gr 4



### WAITING GIRLS



Tigist, Age 8, Gr 1



Deborah, Age 7, Gr 1



Emabet, Age 6, KGN



Chaltu, Age 7, Grade 1

*Change the life of an Ethiopian boy or girl!*

Imagine trying to feed your family on an income of less than \$25 per month. With so little income, and when that income is sporadic, inflation hits hard. The poorest of the poor in Ethiopia have had to deal with inflation rates of 35 percent and more – and that's just this year. Cooking oil, tomatoes, fruit and teff – staples of the Ethiopian diet – are beyond the reach of most families.

The children above don't eat on a daily basis. In fact, most of them have four to five meals a week, and this affects their health, their growth, and their chances to learn. When you sponsor a HMCHA child, you are literally sharing the Bread of Life.

**SPONSORSHIP IS LESS THAN \$1 PER DAY.** Your \$360 donation provides your child with school expenses, food, tutoring, medical care, and more. There are parent meetings and family visits to support them and their families.

## YOUR DONATION IS DOUBLED UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2023

### HOW CAN I HELP?

**PRAY** for the children and staff, and for peace in Ethiopia. Though the war did not encroach into our HMCHA villages, we continue to pray for safety and peace for all citizens.

**CONTRIBUTE** to help build a much-needed STOREROOM for grain and food at the girls' house, or for TUTORS for our young children who live too far away to walk to the tutoring, health lessons and Bible stories we provide at the Community Center or Yerer Church. Designate your gift, or indicate that you would like it used "where most needed".

**GIVE A HOLIDAY GIFT** in the name of someone who has everything. A gift to HMCHA will help us continue the work of Christ in these communities of need.

### ALL DONATIONS ABOVE DOUBLED!

### CREATE OR CONTRIBUTE TO A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Many investment companies have donor-advised funds to allow their participants to contribute to charitable organizations of their choice while providing potential tax advantages. Is a donor-advised fund right for you? Speak with your investment, tax advisor or IRA custodian to explore this option.

**Other Ways to Give:** Employer Match, Thrivent Choice Dollars, AmazonSmile, Donor Advised Fund, Qualified Charitable Distribution sent directly from your IRA custodian can be counted toward your required minimum distribution.

**SPONSOR A WAITING CHILD.** Fill out the form below to indicate your preference.

You may pay (annually \$360; semi-annually (\$180 x 2), quarterly (\$90 x 4) by check or credit card.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred contact: mail \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK: ENCLOSED AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sponsoring a child, do you prefer

\_\_\_\_\_ boy \_\_\_\_\_ girl \_\_\_\_\_ either

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