

Changing Ethiopia, One Child at a Time



HMCHA Girls' Housing: the Sunshine House (the name of the part of town where the house is located)

HMCHA has purchased a home for our sponsored girls who are in high school. We look forward to welcoming 26 girls who are in high school, or who will be entering Grade 9 in the city of Bishoftu in September. Our office administrator/social worker and her husband will be moving in as houseparents. Until this purchase, our female students have lived alone in rented rooms scattered throughout the city. Bringing the girls under one roof has many advantages: we're able to work with them more closely, concentrate tutoring and mentorship, provide onsite house parents, and also help them support and learn from each other in a shared setting.

Since the villages don't have high schools, starting in Grade 9 students must go to the city to continue their educations. As they reach adolescence, they fear the possibility of rape and kidnapping for early marriage if they stay in their villages. Being in Bishoftu is a safer place for them to live.

We are excited to move forward on this new venture, and we are grateful for your ongoing support. Their lives are being changed and the future is bright.



Meet Martha Meyer from St. Thomaston, Maine

Martha has been going to Ethiopia with HMCHA teams since 2013. She's brought friends to work with us on projects, hauled rocks for the bridge, done crafts, taped books, worked on the murals, and taught kids and staff many games. She is a sponsor and leader, and we love having her spend time in Ethiopia with teams, our staff there, and board members.

Words from Martha Meyer, sponsor and traveler to Ethiopia

My first trip was to help build the bridge. Every day was an adventure: rutted roads, flat tires, stuck in the mud. The community wondered why we would want to help them. There were few sponsored children, and many people came to help or just watch.

Now, there is not only a bridge, but a community center, playground, school, and so much joy! Visit hmcha.org to read about the impact, programs, success stories.

The success of HMCHA's mission has led to the need for a house for high school girls. Endalew & Carol viewed so many houses with a sense of urgency to find one to be ready in September. I told her, "God's already picked out a place. It just needs to be found!"

HMCHA continues to expand. How many girls in the future will call this home? As long as HMCHA and all of us have supported it with our dollars, prayers and fund-raising, we can remain faithful to our mission: working with extremely poor families in Oromia. There are no limits to what God can and will do.

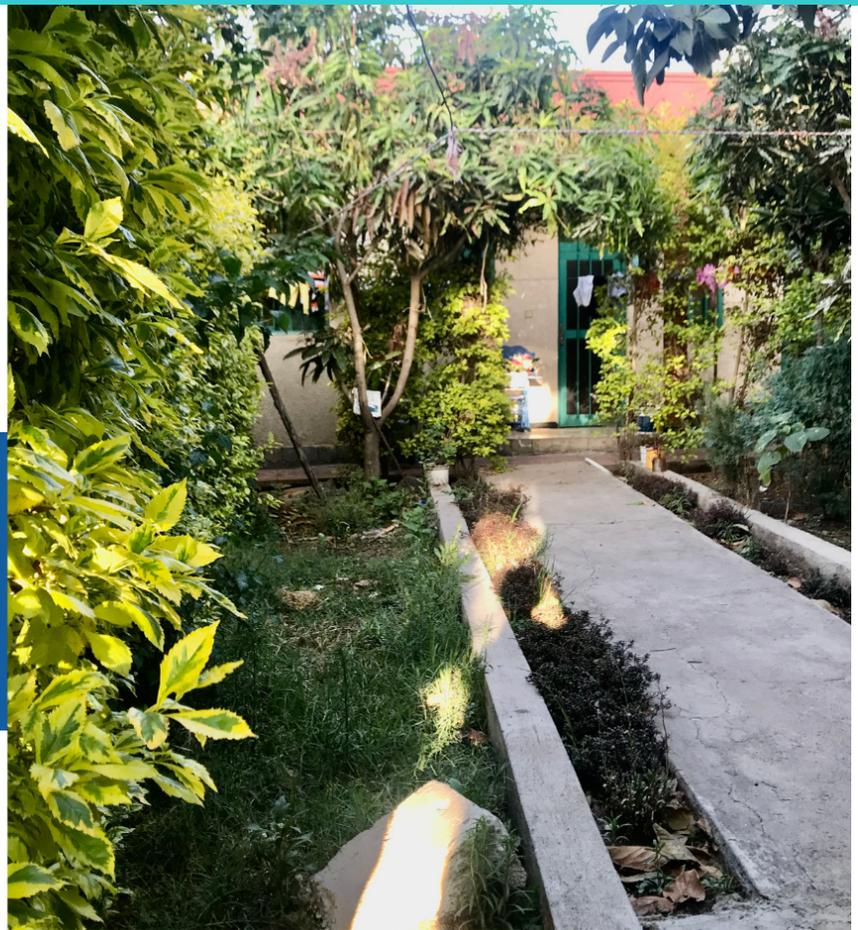
We're reminded: "To whom much is given, much is required." Luke 12.48

*Dream home for
28.
Move in in
September!*

**THE HOUSE IS PAID FOR,
THANKS TO BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN, PLYMOUTH
COVENANT, & GENEROUS
INDIVIDUALS**

**Help us get our new
home ready!**

BUNK BED	\$218
SOFA	\$600
MATTRESS	\$100
REFRIGERATOR	\$500
STOVE	\$500
DINING TABLE	\$200
DINING CHAIR	\$40
WARDROBE	\$70
FLOOR PILLOWS	\$37
KITCHEN REPAIRS	\$500?
POTS, DISHES	\$300



MODEST HOME, LARGE COMPOUND

We present to you the new home in Bishoftu for our girls: the perfect size, near a high school, and with a separate office for our staff.

- ✓ 8 bedrooms
- ✓ Living & Dining Room combined
- ✓ 2 bathrooms with squat toilets, 1 western
- ✓ Amazing compound

**TO DONATE FURNISHINGS OR TO SPONSOR A CHILD:
SEND A CHECK TO HMCHA, P.O. BOX 591, HOPKINS, MN 55343
OR
BY CREDIT CARD AT WWW.HMCHA.ORG**

WAITING CHILDREN



Abdi, age 8, gr. 1.



Tariku, age 14, gr.7

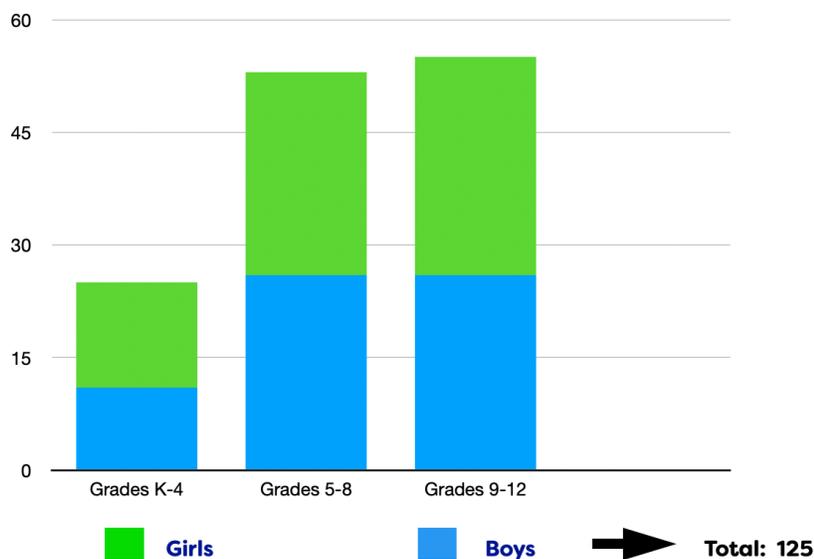


Itu, age 7, gr. 1



Ababa, age 10, gr 4

Sponsored children's grades in school in 2022-2023



In the blink of an eye it seems that the years have gone by, and our sponsored children are growing up. Every one of them is a success story, having overcome many obstacles to get to high school.

Only 54% of Ethiopian students complete Grade 8 and 24.6% of adolescents 15-18 are enrolled in high school. (UNICEF.ORG)

Sponsors and HMCHA staff can be proud of all 125 of our sponsored children. 92% of them finish high school.

The waiting children pictured here, and many others, are waiting and hoping to be sponsored soon so they can eat everyday, have uniforms, shoes and school supplies, and prepare for productive lives in their families and communities.

If you have room for one of our children in your life, please contact Carol Pfleiderer at carolpfl@aol.com or Jay Boyle at hmcha_mn@yahoo.com, or pay online at HMCHA.org or send a check to HMCHA, P.O. Box, 591, Hopkins, MN 55343 with a note to tell us if you prefer a boy or girl.

