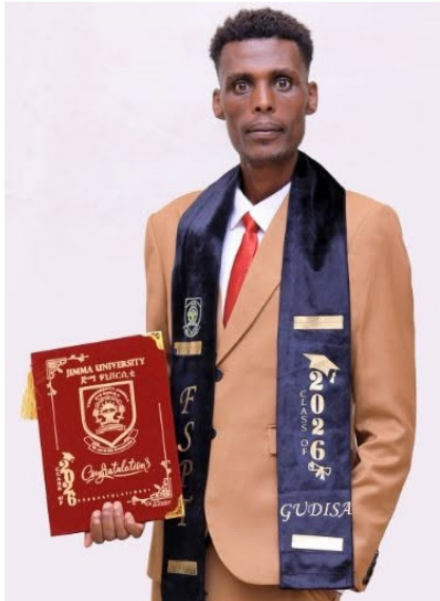


"Giving hope to Ethiopian children through sponsorship"

HMCHA's Highest Achieving Student – Congratulations Gudisa Dhuba!



Gudisa Dhuba proudly displaying his Diploma

Gudisa Dhuba's journey is a powerful testimony to what long-term child sponsorship can accomplish. Sponsored by HMCHA from elementary school through university, Gudisa recently graduated from Jimma

University with a degree in Food Science. His outstanding performance on Ethiopia's 12th grade national examination earned him entrance to a free government-funded university, opening the door to higher education. Today, Gudisa expresses deep gratitude for the encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support he received from HMCHA staff throughout his journey. The following excerpts from his Facebook post, "A Memoir of Scars", reflect on that remarkable path.

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Gudisa wrote, *"challenges create opportunities for some people to become successful, while leaving others behind. Many struggle and succeed, while many others struggle and fail. The same is true in the field of education. My story is no different.*

...God became my assurance. When I had no power to determine my own destiny, He became my strength... He became the staff that supported me on my journey, and when nothing seemed certain, He became my unshakable hope. Glory and thanks be to God, my Creator!

During my childhood, I often watched my friends carrying school bags and books as they walked to school, and I longed to be like them. Even as I grew older and became somewhat able to stand on my own, enrolling in school was not easy. I was not allowed to attend school. Eventually, after much perseverance, I was able to enroll and begin my education. Along the way, difficulties forced me to leave my birthplace and live in other people's homes. I sold my time and physical strength just to support myself while continuing my education.

...It meant endless hard work, sweat, and tears. Yet, through those difficult circumstances, I completed elementary school, high school, and university, and today I have reached this achievement. It was never easy. Hard work, suffering, and tears accompanied me at every stage of my journey."

A powerful testimony for all.

Hope for the Entire Family



Nardos at work on her computer skills

For children in rural Ethiopia, sponsorship through HMCHA is opening doors to hope and opportunity. Four years ago, Nardos Nasir began first grade and entered the HMCHA sponsorship program. Now 11 years old, she has successfully completed fifth grade and is thriving in school.

Nardos's mother, Mardiya, is a single parent raising four children. Before HMCHA's support, she went from door to door begging for food and money just to keep her family alive. "That situation is changed now because of HMCHA," she says.

Nardos was selected for sponsorship, and the entire family has been blessed. "HMCHA helps me in every way and helps my mother too," Nardos shares. "We have food to eat now. A HMCHA social worker visits me at home and at school, helping me stay strong in my education. Every Saturday I learn computer skills and English at the HMCHA office in Bishoftu. I am so happy for everything HMCHA has done for me. My future dream is to be a doctor."

A yearly sponsorship of \$360 provides for this family's daily needs, Nardos's education, and a savings account—offering hope that can transform the future of the entire family.

Help us achieve **20 MORE** years of giving hope. **Here's how:**

1. Sponsor a waiting child - \$360 a year (\$30 a month)
2. Donate to the summer Math/Science Camp - \$30 per student (a one time donation)
3. Support an entrepreneurial mother with a business grant - \$250 (a one time donation)
4. Share this newsletter with family and friends!



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HMCHA opened in 2014

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