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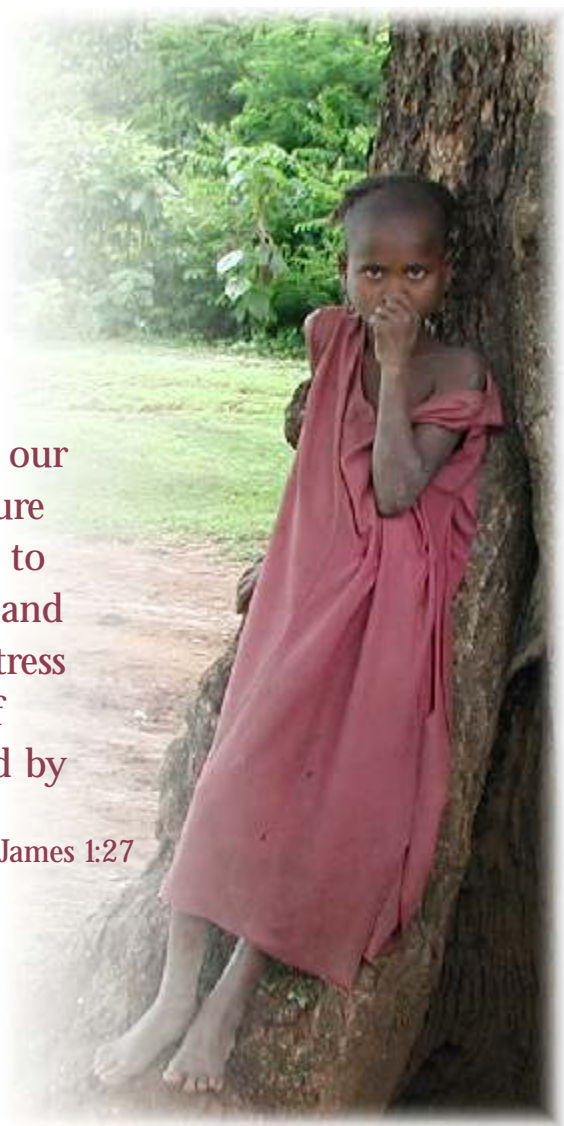


Child Information Booklet

# ADANA CHILDREN CENTER

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

James 1:27



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**Name** Abel Moges Tesfaye**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 3/31/2000 **Age:** 11**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Abel**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Moges Tesfaye <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Meaza Tariku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Hebret School **Grade** 4**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Living with his grandmother Abel is a willing helper when it comes to getting jobs done. He helps his grandmother wash the dishes and sweeps the floor. He likes to get the job done so that he can go play football with his best friends, Bereket and Efrem. Abel attends the BCI Academy where he works hard at science with the goal of being a pilot when he is older. He appreciates when his grandmother makes pasta as it is his favorite food. He takes pleasure in watching cats as they are his favorite animal. He loves the color yellow and likes morning when the sun is coming up.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Abel Moges Tesfaye to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Abenezer Kasu**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 4/17/1999 **Age:** 12**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Abenezer**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kasu Kebede <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Aster Gizaw <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Derara School **Grade** 9**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Abenezer is a mischievousness boy with lots of energy. He loves to go to church where he is involved in the singing and worship time; he also enjoys participating in the BCI Children's choir. Abenezer lives with his brother, sister, Grandma, Aunt, Uncle and two cousins. He goes to the Derara School looking forward to his favorite subjects of English and Math. He realizes school is important, especially since he wants to be a Doctor when he gets older. He helps his family by doing different chores. He cleans the house, washes dishes and does his own laundry. After his chores are finished he enjoys playing football with the neighborhood children. His favorite food is meat and enjoys the special times when his family has it as it is expensive.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Abenezer Kasu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** **Abi Sisay****Accepted** **03/08/2010****Boy** **Birthdate:** **2/14/2005** **Age:** **6****Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** **Abi****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** **Sisay Befekadu** <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** **1****Mother** **Mimi Wondimagn** <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** **1****Language** **Oromo** **Ethnicity** **Oromo****School** **Grade****Church** **Zion Mekaneyesus Church**

Abi used to live in a village called Dereä, before moving to Debre Zeyit with his mother, brother, and sister. They are very poor, living in a one bedroom house without the simple luxury of even a mattress to sleep on. Abi and his sister sleep on the floor in a corner, putting down the little bit of clothing they have to make it more comfortable for themselves. Abi would be in preschool this year, but does not attend school because he has an eye condition that makes it difficult to see. Abi says when he grows up, he would like to be a Doctor so he can help other sick people. He says he doesn't know his favorite color but his favorite food is Injera and his favorite sport is soccer.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Abi Sisay to be fully sponsored.

**Name** **Abigia Yirga****Accepted** **05/29/2008****Girl** **Birthdate:** **8/13/2005** **Age:** **5****Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** **Abigia****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** **Yirga Alemu** <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** **1****Mother** **Sisay Goshema** <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** **1****Language** **Oromo** **Ethnicity** **Oromo****School** **Mersha School** **Grade** **2****Church** **Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical**

Abigia is a high energy child who never fails to put on a show when you see her. She lives with her older sister, younger brother and mother. Her mom doesn't have a job right now, but Abigia helps her mom by doing the dishes. She enjoys the times her mom makes pasta for her as it is her favorite food. Abigia currently attends Beza School. Her favorite class is Amharic and she is fond of the color blue. After school she loves to play with her best friend Betty. Their favorite game to play is hide and seek. Her favorite day of the week is Saturday because there is no school. The job she is interested in right now is being a pilot so she can go look for her favorite animal the lion.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Abigia Yirga is fully sponsored)



**Name** Abonesh Deine Kebede**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 10/11/2005 **Age:** 5**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Mitu**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Deiene Kebede*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Berke Shibru*Deceased***Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church**

Abonesh is a shy girl who has grown up without much of her mothers involvement. Her mother is very ill and unable to care for Abonesh, so she is currently living with a gaurdian. Abonesh has not been attending school because her gaurdian cannot afford school fees, uniforms, supplies, etc. Abonesh spends most of her time at home helping her gaurdian by sweeping the floor, doing dishes and playing with her gaurdians baby. When time allows, Abonesh enjoys playing football with the neighborhood children. Abonesh only owns one pair of pants, one pair of old sandals, two shirts and no toys. So her and her friends have to borrow a ball to play. Abonesh loves the color red and loves to watch the baby lambs playing and frolicking.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Abonesh Deine Kebede is fully sponsored)**Name** Abraham Tefera**Accepted** 10/22/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 9/3/2000 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tefera Megla*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Wollela Bekele*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Derara School**Grade** 4**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Abraham is a shy young boy who has a lot of love to give. He lives with his mother and younger brother, who he clearly adores. Abraham has one small toy, a car, which he and his brother share. He shares most everything with his brother, very willingly. Abraham's mother works at the Zion Café, making 140 birr a month. Abraham attends school and says his favorite classes are math and English. After Abraham is done with school each day, he comes home to help around the house, cleaning up and making the beds. When he is finished, he enjoys playing school with his best friend, Zewdneh. He says his favorite animal to play with is a cat but his favorite animal to eat is the lamb.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Abraham Tefera to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Adana Shisema**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 2/2/2001 **Age:** 10

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**Nick Name:** Adane**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Shisema G'tsadik<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Tigistu Yilma<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** Emanuel Church

This remarkable little boy takes everything in with his eyes. He has two much older brothers who live far away and two older sisters that live around Addis Ababa. He lives with his fourteen year old sister in the BCI foster home where he is responsible for washing his clothes. He looks forward to the times that Tigist, his foster mom, makes duro wot. This is a sauce with chicken and boiled egg in it. He attends Nafiad School. His favorite subject is Amharic. This young boy only spoke Oromepha when he first came to Blessing the Children; he has since added Amharic where he is speaking more each day and English which he is learning slowly. He is always looking for a game of football and loves to go to Lion Park in Addis Ababa where he can see his favorite animal the lion. He thinks being a Doctor would be great when he gets older so he can help hurting people. Red is the color he is most fond of.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Adana Shisema is fully sponsored)**Name** Adanech Girma Demesie**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 10/28/2005 **Age:** 5

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**Nick Name:** Elsa**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Girma Demesie<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Brothers:** 1**Mother** Beshe Wamyelesh<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amharic**School****Grade****Church**

Adanech is a very happy go lucky girl who will bring a smile to anyones face. She loves to dance and sing, especially her favorite song "The Love of Jesus is so Wonderful". Adanech is a true testament to the resilience of a child. Her mother passed away when she was younger and her father, not wanting her or her siblings around, sent them all away to live with various relatives. Adanech now lives with her aunt, uncle and brother. She loves to play and have fun, but since she has no toys or games, her imagination gets quite a work out. Adanech loves small dogs and the color yellow. This bright, outgoing girl has so much potential and with a little help, we know she will grow into an amazing young woman.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Adanech Girma Demesie currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Alemayehu Endeshaw**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 1/18/2007 **Age:** 4**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Endeshaw Fekadu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 2**Mother** Tigist Chala <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** **Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Blessing the Children first met Alemayehu in his home after meeting his brother in the MKC church compound. After his father's death, the father's family chased Alemayehu's family away because they did not want his oldest brother to inherit the land his father owned. They came to Debre Zeyit along with other siblings and have been trying to survive ever since. When being taken for a home visit it was discovered along with the lack of food that there was a new baby in the house. After further investigation we found Alemayehu's mother is also HIV positive and not very strong. Alemayehu has been unable to attend school because of lack of money. Alemayehu sleeps on the dirt floor with his brothers; underneath him is a stuffed burlap sack. His favorite color is red and he enjoys pasta. He has no toys and he is too little to do chores. His best friends are his brothers Solomon and Tekaleng. His favorite animal is the

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Alemayehu Endeshaw to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Ashenafi Gadissa**Accepted** 03/17/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 11/10/2003 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Ashenafi**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Gadissa Debele <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:****Mother** Yeschi Gurm <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:****Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Adventist School **Grade** 3**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

We would like you to meet Ashenafi. This quiet, reserved, shy boy has seen a lot in his tender six years. His elderly Aunt has raised him along with his cousin. Ashenafi's Aunt is suffering from blood pressure problems and at times finds it difficult to chase after the children. Ashenafi's job is to collect water for the family and when his chores are finished he enjoys a rousing game of football with his friends. He attends Adventist School and likes the teacher to ask him to draw a picture. He has aspirations to become a church keyboardist when he is older. His favorite food is rice but he has to be careful of other things he eats as he has food allergies. Please consider sponsoring this young boy who has lost both of his parents due to illness.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month. Ashenafi Gadissa currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Aster Teferi**Accepted** 02/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 6/6/1995 **Age:** 16**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Aster**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teferi Haily <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 2**Mother** Zewde Neguse <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 3**Language** **Ethnicity****School** Bushoftu School **Grade** 9**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Who would think this young girl has known such loss in her few short years. She lost both her parents due to illness. She now lives with her aging grandmother and one brother. She has three old sisters all in their late twenties and another brother also in his late twenties. She looks forward to her favorite activities which are football and choir. She attends Beshoftu School and looks forward to her math class everyday which is her favorite subject. She also looks forward to having eggs for meals, whether it is morning or evening as they are her favorite food. Aster dreams of one day becoming a doctor, so she can help people who are very sick. Her favorite time is the morning where she watches the sun come up showing off her favorite color which is yellow.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Aster Teferi to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Ayu Megra Ede**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 5/26/2004 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Megra Ede <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Feyise Wordefa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** **Grade****Church**

Ayu is a sweet, sensitive girl who loves babies. Both of her parents passed away, leaving her with a guardian appointed by the church. Ayu is a bright young girl but has never had the opportunity to go to school because her guardian cannot afford school fees, uniforms and supplies. Her guardian can barely afford clothing, which is why Ayu owns one piece of clothing: a skirt. She was so ashamed of this, that for her BCI photo and interview, she borrowed clothing from the neighbors. She is overjoyed to be joining the BCI Program and to be starting school soon. Ayu likes to play football and her favorite color is red. She loves cats and has a tender spirit. Most of the time, you will see her carrying her guardians baby. Not only because this is her chore but because she enjoys doing it.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Ayu Megra Ede to be fully sponsored.



**Name** Behailu Terefa Zike**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 5/6/2001 **Age:** 10

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**Nick Name:** Behailu**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Terefa G'Mariam <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Enani Zeke <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 4**Church** Emanuel Church

After the loss of both his parents, Behailu went to live with his grandma and grandpa. They take good care of this energetic, bustling boy, but at the end of the day they are both very tired. His grandma works during the day as a daily laborer and his grandpa must stay home as he is blind. Behailu looks forward to the time his grandma makes pasta for him, as that is his favorite food. He also enjoys eating injera with wot. Behailu attends BCI Academy and anticipates his favorite subject which is math, taught in Amharic. He enjoys going to church because he likes to hear about God. He enjoys a game of football with his best friend Nottie. His favorite color is black. If he owned a piece of land he would build a house for his family. His goal is to someday become a doctor so that he can help the sick and suffering people around him.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Behailu Terefa Zike to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Bemnet Manaye**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 7/1/1999 **Age:** 12

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Bemnet**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Manaye Girma <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Muna Hailu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Melaekt School **Grade** 6**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Bemnet is an only child who lives with his Mother. She has no work as she and Bemnet are both HIV positive. Bemnet's mother practices being a secretary at home in the hopes of someday finding a job. Bemnet helps his mom out by hauling water home. He enjoys math because it is easy and the teacher's do a good job teaching it. His dream is to one day become a scientist. His favorite food is pasta, but for breakfast he usually eats bread. His favorite color is yellow and his favorite animal is the giraffe. When given the chance Bemnet gets a kick out of playing football with the neighborhood children. If Bemnet owned his own land he would build a house to help out his mother. He enjoys learning about God at church.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Bemnet Manaye to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Bereket Abush**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 8/25/2003 **Age:** 7

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Bereket**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Abush Melese*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Worke Abush*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Adventist School**Grade** 3**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Bereket is a cheerful, pleasant boy who enjoys singing. He was orphaned at a very young age as his father abandoned him and his mother died of a sinus infection, possibly a result of HIV. Bereket has been diagnosed as HIV positive. He helps out around the house by making the bed, doing the dishes and giving the house a general cleaning. Bereket currently attends the Adventist School. His dream is to be a doctor where he can help sick people. If he owned his own land he would make sure to build a toilet on it because his family doesn't have one. His grandmother has no other source of income apart from the begging that she does. Bereket's best friend is Ermayas and they enjoy playing hide and seek together. Bereket enjoys going to church, he especially likes the preaching on Sundays.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Bereket Abush to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Bereket Fasil Tamirat**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 6/27/2002 **Age:** 9

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Bereket**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Fasil Tamerat*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Bekelech Benaru*Deceased***Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 4**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Bereket lives with his mother and two sisters. Bereket's mother is a cleaner making 300 birr (\$22 dollars) a month. He helps his mother by washing the dishes. Bereket looks forward to the nights his mom makes pasta for him as this is his favorite food. He attends BCI Academy where he is considered to be an average student. His favorite subject is English because he wants to speak it well. He enjoys the teaching process and the challenge of learning another language. His best friends, Abel and Ephrem enjoy playing football with him, which is Bereket's favorite game. He likes cats, the color yellow and hopes to one day be a doctor. His favorite day of the week is Sunday when he gets to hear the choir.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.  
Bereket Fasil Tamirat currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Bereket Gebre**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 11/25/2004 **Age:** 6

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Gebre*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Tsedale Moshe*Deceased***Sisters:** 2**Language** Gurage**Ethnicity** Gurage**School****Grade****Church**

Bereket is a sweet boy who tends to be quiet and reserved most of the time. This may come from having three siblings who are all quite a bit older than him. Bereket lost both of his parents several years ago and has been staying with his aunt and uncle since. He has adjusted well to the change and feels like a feels happy to be a part of his aunt and uncles family. He doesn't have any household chores, but he willingly runs any errands his family needs, pleased to be able to help. He currently attends a village school and does well for himself there. While Bereket has no toys, he still enjoys making up games with stones and sticks and playing around with the neighborhood kids.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Bereket Gebre currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Berhane Mekuria Kebede**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 5/29/2007 **Age:** 4

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mekuria Kebede*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Gifti Birbo*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church**

Berhane lost her father in a car accident, leaving her mother to care for them on her own. Because they were not able to pay their rent, they were forced to move out of their home and stay with Berhane's aunt and cousin. The added expense of two extra people to support has put pressure on Berhane's aunt and they all are struggling to get by on what little she can provide. Berhane is a cheerful child though, even though she has no toys. She enjoys playing all kinds of games she makes up with the neighborhood children. She is too young to go to school or have chores, so she spends most of her day with her favorite friend, Dibora. Berhane likes cows and her favorite color is white. Her favorite food is eggs, when they can afford them.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Berhane Mekuria Kebede currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Beruk Getachew**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 6/11/1996 **Age:** 15

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Beruk**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Getachew Haile <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Belge Beyene <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Nigat Goh School **Grade** 10**Church** Emanuel Church

This reserved, tranquil, unpretentious child has a light and understanding in his eyes that most boys his age don't acquire. Beruk attends school at Nigat Goh where his favorite subject is biology. He does well in school which is helpful in fulfilling his dream of becoming a doctor so he can take care of sick people like his grandma. His grandma's only source of income is her retirement payment. She struggles with poor health and is concerned with her high blood pressure and diabetes. Admas is Beruk's best friend. They enjoy studying schoolwork together and squeeze in time to play football. Beruk's color of choice is red, he enjoys eating vegetables and likes to watch the sheep as they pass by his house.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Beruk Getachew currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Beruktawit Godana**Accepted** 08/20/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 5/22/1996 **Age:** 15

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Choo Choo**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Godana Elias <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Tigist Elias <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Nafiade **Grade** 11**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Beruktawit is the daughter of Blessing the Children's foster mom, Tigist. Everyone calls her Choo Choo. Having asked her mom how she got this nickname her mom's reply was, "It is what we fondly call babies." Choo Choo is a bright and capable young lady who enjoys having the extra children in the house. One of her favorite things to do is drawing. She is hoping to be an artist when she is older. She also enjoys the challenge of learning new handicrafts from different ones. She does basket weaving and beading necklaces. She helps her mom by washing clothes, doing dishes, and sometimes cooking meals. She attends Nafiade School. If she had her own land, she would build a house to share with beggars so she could help them and teach them.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Beruktawit Godana is fully sponsored)

**Name** Besha Asefa**Accepted** 04/02/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 1/1/1998**Age:** 13**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Asseffa Dable*Deceased*☐**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Getu Abebe*Deceased*☐**Sisters:** 4**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Although both of Besha's parents are alive, he is living with his grandmother because they are not accepting of him and will not care for him. Besha had polio when he was one year old and as a result, he now wears a brace on his right leg that covers his ankle to his hip, and walks with crutches. This does not slow Besha down, he attends school with all the other children and his favorite subject is Oromo language. His favorite color is blue and his favorite food is pasta. When he grows up, he wants to be a doctor so he can help other disabled people.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Besha Asefa is fully sponsored)**Name** Betlihem Asefa**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 4/8/1995**Age:** 16**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Betlihem**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Asefa G'Tsadik*Deceased*☒**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Bezuwork Ketewe*Deceased*☒**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Tokuma School**Grade** 10**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Betlihem has known heartache for only being fourteen years old. She was orphaned early as both parents died of unknown causes. She now lives with her aging grandmother who has no source of income and is having a hard time finding a job because of her advancing age. Betlihem helps her grandmother by cleaning the house and enjoys having the sherro her grandmother prepares for her supper. She attends Tookomme School and her favorite subject is Social Studies. She finds school a challenge and is pleased that Blessing the Children is now offering tutoring twice a week after school by our academy teachers; this will help her in her dream to become a doctor one day. Betlihem's best friend is Elsaybat and they enjoy studying together. Betlihem's favorite color is red and her favorite animal is a dog.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Betlihem Asefa is fully sponsored)



**Name** Betselote Mesembet**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 4/18/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Betselote**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mesembet Ketema <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tewabech Haile <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Harmen Academy **Grade** 7**Church** Emanuel Church

Betselote is a shy, quiet girl with much on her mind. Both of her parents are deceased and she lives with her aunt and sister. She told us she wants to help other children who have lost parents to HIV. She would like to build an orphanage to help children so they could have a family and a safe place to be. Betselote attends Harmen Academy. She has two favorite animals; cats and dogs and she has three of each at her house. Her best friends name is Dureti and they like to play football together, which is Betselote's favorite game. Her favorite time of day is morning and she enjoys going to church where worship and singing are special to her. She enjoys the special times when her aunt prepares meat as it is expensive and not prepared often. Betselote's favorite color is yellow.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Betselote Mesembet to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Biniam Chekel**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 3/23/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Biniam**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Chekel Zeleke <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 3**Mother** Ejigayehu Legese <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 3**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Madryodrenken Sch **Grade** 7**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Biniam is a quiet, shy boy who has lived a hard life. Both of his parents are deceased and he now lives with one of his sisters and cousin. His only chore is hauling water for the family. He attends Madryodrenken School. He finds school to be a challenge but his favorite subject is English because he likes the language. Fokeriob is his best friend. They study together and also find the time for playing. They often play football as that is Biniam's favorite game. His favorite food is duro wot which is chicken in a gravy, his favorite color is red and his favorite animal is the lion. He has aspirations of becoming a doctor to help the sick people in his city. He likes hearing the choir at his church. Biniam has three brothers and three sisters; who live far away and he is not able to see them very often.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Biniam Chekel to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Bizuayehu Sisay Bekele**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 12/11/1998 **Age:** 12**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Bezuayehu**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Sisay Bekele*Deceased***Brothers:** 2**Mother** Wubalem Mesfin*Deceased***Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

When one thinks of funny, whimsical and mischievous Bisuayehu comes to mind. This young boy delights in laughter, joking and always has a smile. God has changed his heart because he has had reasons not to smile in the last while. In February 2009 his mother, Wubalem, was hit by a car. She has been bed ridden several months but as of late March 2010 was starting to walk with a stick. She also has been waiting for surgery as she has a cyst on her kidney. He has aspirations to become a doctor so he can help people like his mother. Bisuayehu attends BCI Academy and his favorite subject is Amharic. He lives with 2 brothers, 2 sisters and his mom where his chores are to clean the house and wash the dishes. If he had his own land he would build a house for his family. He loves to play football, eat bread, and his favorite color is yellow. He hopes one day to own an ox which is his favorite animal.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$40/month needed in sponsorships for Bizuayehu Sisay Bekele to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Dagem Girma**Accepted** 08/10/2009**Boy Birthdate:** 6/27/2003 **Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Dagem**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Girma Abebe*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Shibre Tasew*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Tewodrose School**Grade** 3**Church** Emanuel Church

Dagem has lost his parents to HIV, and now lives with his grandmother. She works very hard making and selling injera. She makes \$15/month. When asked what he would do with his own land he replied, I would build a house for my family. This young boy attends Tewodrose School and math is his favorite subject; future ambitions include becoming a doctor. He has no chores so after school he plays his favorite game of football with his best friend Yonas. Sometimes they will also study together. His favorite part about church is the singing, his favorite color is yellow and his favorite animal is the cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Dagem Girma is fully sponsored)

**Name** Dagim Bacha Hordofa**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 11/19/2002 **Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Dagim**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Bacha Wordofa<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Meskerem Bekele<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Sisters:** 0**Language****Ethnicity****School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Dagim lives with his aunt, uncle, grandpa and grandma. His aunt is a daily laborer making \$12/month. His chores consist of running errands and going to the local shop. His favorite food is meat but he doesn't get it very often because it is very expensive. Dagim attends BCI Academy and his favorite subject is math because he understands it. He hopes one day to become a doctor so that he can help other people. Dagim suffers from severe sweating of the hands and feet and also suffers from recurring bouts with tonsillitis. Both of Daim's parents are deceased. Dagim loves the sun, and his favorite color is yellow. He likes to play football with his best friend Babe.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Dagim Bacha Hordofa to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Dawit Leta Bedada**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Boy Birthdate:** 3/12/2000 **Age:** 11**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Dawit**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Leta Bedada Gude<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Awetash Tesfaye<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 6**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Dawit is a mischievous, energetic, young boy with a passion for life. He lost his father in an accident while he was working in the Air Force. This has left his mother alone to care for him. Dawit's mom receives a small military pension but has no work otherwise. Her health is not stable. Dawit has one sister and two brothers but none of them live in their house. Dawit's chores consist of sweeping the floor and washing the dishes. Dawit attends BCI Academy and his favorite class is English. He is very quick to learn and is considered to be a good student which will come in handy as he dreams of becoming a Pastor. His favorite food is eggs and his favorite game is football. Morning time is his favorite time of the day, and he has tea and bread for breakfast. His color of choice is red.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Dawit Leta Bedada is fully sponsored)

**Name** Dibora Debebe**Accepted** 03/17/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 11/27/2003 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Dibora**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Debebe G'Medihn <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Meseret Fikere <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Joshua Academy **Grade** 2**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

This delightful, loving young girl lives with her grandmother, uncle, aunt and cousin. Dibora's parents both died of HIV shortly after she was born. Her grandmother suffers from failing eye sight and arthritis. Dibora lives with her family in a cement house far off the main road. It is a long journey by foot to get to and from town. Dibora attends Joshua Academy and her favorite subject in school is English. She looks forward to the time when she is old enough to become a doctor so that she can help sick and hurting people. She loves to eat pasta and red is her favorite color. Dibora's favorite animal is the cat and her favorite game is to play catch with a ball.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Dibora Debebe is fully sponsored)**Name** Dureti Aboneh Worku**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 7/25/2003 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Dureti**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Aboneh Wurku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 2**Mother** Alemnesa Tamiru <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Dureti is a friendly, cooperative girl who lives with her mom, two brothers and one sister. Her father died due to HIV, though the rest of the family has tested negative for the condition. Her mother makes \$30/month working. Dureti attends BCI Academy and her favorite class is English. Her favorite food is injera with wot which is a gravy with potatoes, carrot, onion and tomato. She has many friends and they often play ball together. Hide and seek is Dureti's favorite game. She dreams of one day becoming a pilot. She loves to attend church and her favorite part is praying to God. She lives in a small one bedroom house made of mud walls and dirt floors, with a 4 x 4 foot dirt courtyard.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Dureti Aboneh Worku is fully sponsored)

**Name** Eayasu Wondimu**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 2/17/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Eyasu**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Wondimu Tadesse <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Almaz Terfie <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Gurage **Ethnicity** Gurage**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Eayasu is a quiet boy but friendly and cooperative. Eayasu has no sibling but lives with his mom, grandmother and four uncles. His mom works at a flower shop where she brings home \$20/month. He helps the family by running errands to the local shop and washing the dishes. Eayasu attends BCI Academy where he works hard. He dreams of one day becoming a doctor so that he can heal sick people. His favorite food is cake. When asked what he would do with his own land he replied, "I would build a house for my mom." Eayasu's father, a paralyzed soldier, died of a kidney infection. Eayasu also has troubles with recurring kidney problems.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Eayasu Wondimu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Efrata Mesenbet Ketema**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 1/23/2002 **Age:** 9

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Efrata**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mesenbet Ketema <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tewabech Haile <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 4**Church** Emanuel Church

Efrata is a bright student and enjoys learning math and English, her two favorite subjects. Efrata has a sweet heart and her goal is to one day become a nurse so she can look after and help sick people. If she owned her own land she says she would build a hospital so she can help others. Efrata lives with her aunt and looks forward to the nights she has pasta for supper. Although she doesn't have chores to do, she still helps out around the house. For breakfast she eats bread and tea. Efrata has three dogs and three cats which happen to be her favorite animals. Her best friend is Dibora and they like to jump rope together because it is her favorite game. Efrata's favorite color is red, which seems fitting because it is very vibrant, just like her.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Efrata Mesenbet Ketema is fully sponsored)



**Name** Efrem Alebachew Getahun**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 12/21/2002 **Age:** 8

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Ephrem**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Alebachew Getahu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Medihen Desta <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Efrem is a very sweet, loving boy who always seems to be laughing and smiling. He loves to stand close and cuddle up against visitors, and is very curious about all equipment and paperwork! This seven year old boy lives with his father and older brother. His father is HIV positive and works as an evangelist and night guard. He makes \$40/month. Efrem is enjoying attending BCI Academy where he is in grade two but finds school challenging. His favorite part about church is Sunday School. He loves to eat pasta, play running games, and spending time with his best friends, Bereket and Abel. Efrem's favorite color is yellow and his favorite animal is a cat. Efrem lost his mother due to HIV complications.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Efrem Alebachew Getahun to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Elias Engeda**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 5/23/1999 **Age:** 12

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Elias**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Engeda Minase <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Bekelech Tariku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Bole School **Grade** 7**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

This gentle, quiet, curious ten year old always has a smile on his face. He lives with his mom, grandmother, older sister, twin brother and a new baby sister born the end of February. Elias and his family were abandoned by his father, left to care for themselves. They have just received a new two room government house and they are so excited! Elias goes to school and he comes home to do his chores: cleaning the house and sweeping. He says the best part of his day is nighttime because his chores are done and all his friends are out of school so they can play. Elias play most with his best friend Besufekad. Elias has no toys of his own.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Elias Engeda to be fully sponsored.

**Name Emanuel Sisay****Accepted 06/17/2010****Boy Birthdate: 6/7/2008 Age: 3****Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Sisay Befekadu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers: 1****Mother** Mimi Wendmagn <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters: 1****Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** **Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

When Blessing the Children found Emanuel and his family, his mother was working as a prostitute at a local bar and their home was a tent on the sidewalk outside the bar, build around a mattress. No one knows where their father is, or whether he is alive or dead. Upon meeting this family and seeing their desperate need, Blessing the Children immediately found a new home for them and accepted all three children into the program. Emanuel has experienced a lot in his young life but is a resilient child and has bounced back remarkably. His favorite (and only) toy is a spinning top, which he shares with his brother, Abi. He is a very easy going child whose favorite game is running and jumping. He likes cats and eating pasta.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Emanuel Sisay is fully sponsored)**Name Eskedar Asfea Beyene****Accepted 05/29/2008****Girl Birthdate: 1/29/1999 Age: 12****Adana Children Center****Nick Name: Eskedar****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Asfea Beyene <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers: 5****Mother** Aleme Abate <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters: 0****Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Eskedar lives with her uncle, two aunts and a brother. Although she has five brothers, the other four live in a remote village far in the north. Her Uncle is retired and receives \$35/month in retirement pay. This eleven year old attends BCI Academy where she is in grade 3. Her favorite subject is math and she dreams of one day becoming a teacher. She likes bread and tea which she eats for breakfast most mornings. Her favorite time of the day is afternoon, because that is when all of her family is home and they can spend time together. Eskedar enjoys making coffee for her family. Her favorite part about church is worshipping. Her favorite food is meat, which is a special treat because it is expensive.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Eskedar Asfea Beyene to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Eskedar Tefera**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 6/10/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Eskedar**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tefera Feyera*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Adanech Derersa*Deceased***Sisters:** 4**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Adearbegna School**Grade** 5**Church** Emanuel Church

Eskedar lives with her mom and four sisters. Her mom is a painter/daily laborer who makes \$15/month. This is a hardship on the mother who also is HIV positive. Eskedar's father left when she was young and they do not know what happened to him or if he is even alive.

Eskedar is an eight year old girl who attends grade three at Derora School where her favorite class is English. She dreams of helping the people of Ethiopia by becoming a doctor. Eskedar and Mahider are best friends and enjoy playing volleyball together. This also happens to be Eskedar's favorite game. Eskedar's favorite food is macaroni, her favorite color is white and her favorite animal are sheep.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Eskedar Tefera is fully sponsored)**Name** Esrael Melaku Terefu**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 5/7/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Esro**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Melaku Terefu*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Marta Melaku*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Esrael is an intelligent, outgoing child. He speaks both Oromo and Amharic and given the opportunity, is quickly catching on to English. He does very well in school and we are looking forward to what great heights he will soar, with the help of Blessing the Children and a faithful sponsor. He aspires to be a doctor when he is older because there are so many sick people to treat. His favorite color is red and in his spare time, when he isn't at school or studying, he likes to play football with his friends.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Esrael Melaku Terefu currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Esrael Yirga Alemu**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Girl Birthdate:** 1/11/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Esrael**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Yirge Alemu Woda <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Sisay Goshime Bel <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Beza School **Grade** 7**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Esrael, her mom, grandmother, and younger brother and sister live together in a small two room hut, sleeping four people in one bed. This eleven year old girl is in grade 5 at Beza School where she is an excellent student, and English is her favorite subject. Her dream is to become a doctor when she is older. Her favorite part about attending church on Sunday is hearing the choir. If she owned her own land she would build a house for her mother. Her breakfast consists of bread and tea. Esrael's favorite color is pink and she likes to play volleyball. Her favorite animal is the peacock. Esrael is a delightful young lady who has a glint in her eye and is always up for a challenge.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Esrael Yirga Alemu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Estifanos Tariku Bayinesagn**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 4/16/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Steve**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tariku Baynesagn <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Mesay Masresha <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Estifanos lives with his mom who is paralyzed from the waist down and also HIV positive. They get help from the church to pay the rent. Estifanos's mom also has need of a wheelchair to help her get around more effectively. His father passed away in 1994. This nine year old boy attends BCI Academy where he is in grade 3 and it is reported that he excels in school. His favorite subjects are math and English and has the goal of becoming a doctor to help people like his mother. Estifanos's chores consist of cleaning the house and hauling water. His favorite food is rice and cake and the game he likes best is football. He enjoys spending time drawing pictures.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Estifanos Tariku Bayinesagn is fully sponsored)

**Name** Eyoatam Gedion**Accepted** 07/17/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 2/7/2006 **Age:** 5**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Booti**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Gedion Tesfaye <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tigist Demisse <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** **Grade****Church** Emanuel Church

Upon first introductions, Booti appears shy and quiet but after spending a little time with him, watch out! He blossoms like a flower into an outgoing, lovable little boy. Despite his affectionate nature, Booti's story is a hard one. His father was a pilot in the air force and was accidentally shot by a police officer, only one year before completing medical school. After this happen, his 19 year old mother had a break down and was no longer able to care for Booti, so she ran off, leaving him with his grandmother. Booti has adjusted well to the change and has retained his fun, silly attitude. Booti loves to play soccer and sing, and says he would like to be a singer when he grows up. His favorite animal is sheep and when asked why, he simply responded, "eat it".

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Eyoatam Gedion to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Eyob Husen**Accepted** 02/15/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 7/31/2000 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Eyob**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Husen Dube <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Haregewoin Zene <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Chelekleka School **Grade** 8**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Eyob is a very happy and cheerful child who it a typical strong, active ten year old boy. He enjoys people and is very social with his community and other children in his compound. His mother is a daily laborer who makes \$15/month. She is also HIV positive. His father died of unknown causes. He has no siblings and no chores to do. He attends school at Libnedingil where he struggles with learning. He enjoys dismantling radios and has aspirations to become a mechanic. His favorite food is macaroni but rarely get it because of the cost. His favorite part about church is the worship time. Eyob enjoys his cat, the color red and likes cows.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.  
Eyob Husen currently has no sponsors.



**Name Eyob Teklu****Accepted 05/29/2008****Boy Birthdate: 10/5/1998 Age: 12****Adana Children Center****Nick Name: Eyob****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father Teklu Abebe***Deceased***Brothers: 0****Mother Wolela Tsegaye***Deceased***Sisters: 1****Language Oromo****Ethnicity Oromo****School Mendube School****Grade 8****Church Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical**

Eyob is a funny, quiet, thirteen year old who also has a serious side. If you watch him for a while you will see him practicing his martial arts moves. He likes to watch action movies when he has a chance. Eyob lives with his mom and younger sister. His mom suffers from illness and doesn't have a lot of strength. Eyob does dishes, washes clothes and does some of the cooking. His favorite food is injera with wot. He attends Chelekleka School where he is in grade 6. His favorite subject is math and he also like to spend time in the library. He would like to be an engineer when he is older. One of his favorite pastimes is to sing in the Blessing the Children choir. Eyob's best friend is Sulaman and they study together and also find time to kick around the football. His favorite color is red and he thinks crows are very interesting.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Eyob Teklu to be fully sponsored.

**Name Fekadu Alemu****Accepted 10/22/2010****Boy Birthdate: 9/17/1998 Age: 12****Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father Alemu Kabtimer***Deceased***Brothers: 1****Mother Aynalem Kefelegn***Deceased***Sisters: 2****Language Oromo****Ethnicity Oromo****School Tokuma School****Grade 5****Church Zion Mekaneyesus Church**

Fekadu is a very active, outgoing young man. Living with his mother and two sisters, Fekadu is the man of the house. A few years ago, his father became very sick and could not walk or get around. His mother began working a lot breaking cobblestone to pay for the medical bills to help him get better, and once he was better, he left and divorced Fekadu's mother for a younger woman. Fekadu is a resilient young man and still as outgoing as ever. He loves playing soccer with his best friend Abel, after he has finished his school and chores. Fekadu says his favorite bible story is David and Goliath and he likes to pray to God. His favorite color is red and he wants to be a pilot when he grows up.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Fekadu Alemu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Fekerite Tilahun**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 2/13/1995 **Age:** 16**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Fekerite**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tilahun Mola*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Like Teshome*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Libnedingil School**Grade** 4**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Fekerite has had her challenges in life; she lost her parents and younger brother to HIV and she struggles with hearing impairment in both ears. She is almost fully deaf in both ears since birth. She has been moved in the Foster home, along with her younger brother since her elderly grandfather can no longer take care of them. Since the move to the foster home we see improvement in Fekerite's self esteem, ability to communicate in sign language, and her friendly smile. She attends Libnedingil School and aspires to become a teacher some day. She loves to play on the swing. This fifteen year old girl washes dishes and cleans the floors showing that just because your handicapped doesn't mean you are unable to rise above it. Her favorite food is duro wot and her favorite animal is the cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Fekerite Tilahun is fully sponsored)**Name** Ferehiwot Sisay**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 3/18/2002 **Age:** 9**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Ferehiwot**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Sisay Befekadu*Deceased***Brothers:** 2**Mother** Mimi Wendmagn*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Bekelicha School**Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Ferehiwot is a darling little girl who has started school since she has been in the Blessing the Children program. She attends the Bekelicha School taking the nursery program. Her favorite class is English. She lives with her mom and two younger brothers. Her father died when she was little and she does not remember him. Ferehiwot's home consisted of a single bed with walls around it. They cooked and played outside. Due to the unhealthy nature of this arrangement Blessing the Children was able to step in along with her Social Worker and place Ferehiwot and her family in a bigger home for less rent. Ferehiwot has aspirations to become a lady taxi driver. She helps her mom with the cooking. Her favorite color is yellow and her favorite animal is the cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Ferehiwot Sisay is fully sponsored)

**Name** Fiker Ali**Accepted** 08/17/2010**Girl Birthdate:** 11/8/2003 **Age:** 7

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Ali Mohamed*Deceased*☐**Brothers:** 1**Mother** Selam Berhanu*Deceased*☒**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Fiker has recently lost her mother to cancer and her father has been unavailable to her for some time. Her father, who is Muslim, was crippled during the war. He was shot in the back and lost part of his leg. Because of this, he has been unable to care for Fiker or support her financially. Fiker and her baby brother were living with their mother, until she passed away, and are now being housed with BCI staff, until they can be placed in a permanent home. Even though Fiker's circumstances seem grim, she is able to smile and tell us about herself, although we wish it were on better terms. When Fiker grows up, she wants to be a teacher. Her favorite food is cake and banana and her favorite color is green. She likes to play football and says if she had her own land, she would build a game station.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Fiker Ali to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Fraol Geremew Bayu**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Boy Birthdate:** 4/11/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Fraol**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Geremew Bayu Ay*Deceased*☒**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Arare Dinsa Setta*Deceased*☐**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Nafiade**Grade** 2**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Fraol lives with his mom. They are both HIV positive. Fraol's father died of unknown causes. His mom is a daily laborer who makes \$25/month. Fraol helps his mother by cleaning the house and washing clothes. He hopes to one day be a doctor so he can help the sick people of Debre Zeyit. Fraol's best friend is Keya and they play together as much as they can. Fraol's favorite food is pasta and his favorite color is red. He likes watching the sheep in his neighborhood which are his favorite animals.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Fraol Geremew Bayu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Geleta Birhanu Gemechu**Accepted** 03/17/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 9/5/2004 **Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Geleta**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Birhanu Gemechu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Worke Shume <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

This energetic boy is full of mischief and smiles as he darts around Zion Church compound. Geleta's mom works at Zion church café and makes \$10/month. Geleta lost his father in a car accident. He lives with his two sisters, mom, uncle and cousin. He is excited when his mom makes pasta for supper because that is his favorite food. He enjoys helping do all kinds of things like cleaning the house. He attends BCI Academy where he keeps his teachers on their toes. His favorite subject is English. He would like to be an evangelist when he grows up. He loves dogs and his favorite game is football where he can wear off some of that energy!

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Geleta Birhanu Gemechu is fully sponsored)**Name** Genet Mamo Bune**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Girl Birthdate:** 4/19/2000 **Age:** 11**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Genet**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mamo Bune Rasha <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Aleme Tufa Mori <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Joshua Academy **Grade** 4**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

This little girl has had lots of responsibility in her short years. Genet's mother is blind, unable to even cook for her family due to her sight loss. Genet has had to become very responsible. Genet's father abandoned the family after his wife accepted Christ. He has never returned. Genet helps her mom by washing clothes and hauling water. She has an older brother. Genet attends Joshua Academy. She dreams of one day becoming a doctor. Genet's favorite part of church is the choir. Her best friends name is Tigist and walk to school together and also try to find time to play when school is done for the day. Genet's favorite meal is pasta and her favorite color is green. She loves to jump rope and sheep are her favorite animal.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Genet Mamo Bune is fully sponsored)

**Name** Getachew Teshome**Accepted** 03/17/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 3/30/1997 **Age:** 14

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Getachew**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teshome Tadesse <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Shito Megersa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 3**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Tokuma School **Grade** 8**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Getachew's parents both died of TB. He and his three sisters went to live with his aunt. She has been unable to find work and struggles to care for Getachew properly but through the Blessing the Children program has found some extra help. There are seven people in the house. He attends Tokomma School and his favorite class is English. His life's ambition is to become a doctor. When asked what he would do if he owned his own land, he said he would build a house for his family. For breakfast most mornings he has bread and tea. He helps around the house but his specific chore is doing the dishes. His favorite food is pasta and his favorite color is red. He enjoys the local neighborhood football games. His favorite animal is the monkey.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Getachew Teshome to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Haben Andualem Masresha**Accepted** 08/20/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 5/15/2004 **Age:** 7

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Haben**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Andualem Medres <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Mulu Soresa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Tigre **Ethnicity** Tigre**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Haben is a coy, fun loving, easily distracted little girl who has lots of energy. Haben has gone through some recent changes (March 2010) as she has been moved into the Blessing the Children Foster home. Her young aunt who had been taking care of her found she was no longer available or had the time because of commitments to school and work. Haben attends BCI Academy and her favorite class is English. Her goal is to be a doctor. She loves to jump rope with her best friend Lidiya. Her favorite animal is sheep. She says if she owned her own land she would grow cabbage although her favorite food is pasta and rice.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Haben Andualem Masresha is fully sponsored)



**Name** Hana Kebede Kefeni**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 6/20/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Hanna**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kebede Kefeni <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tsehay Hailu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

You have to do a triple look when Hanna walks towards you and wonder if it is really her or one of her sisters! Hanna is unique in the fact that she is a triplet! This is a rare occurrence in Ethiopia. They live with their mother who works as a daily laborer making \$20/month. Hanna's father died suddenly leaving her mother alone to care for the three girls. Hanna is a happy, congenial, cooperative girl. She has her sights set on becoming a doctor. Her favorite meal is pasta and she likes the color red. Her best friends name is Lidia and they like to play hide and seek together. Hana's favorite animal is sheep and she loves games that involve running.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Hana Kebede Kefeni to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Haymanot Sisay**Accepted** 03/08/2010**Girl Birthdate:** 7/20/2002 **Age:** 9

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Sisay Bekele <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 3**Mother** Wubalem Mesfin <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** **Grade****Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Haymanot lives with her mother, sister and three brothers. Her father was killed in the war, and her mother was in a car accident, leaving her unable to work. Haymanot and her siblings do their best to help out around the house, when they are not in school. Haymanot says that her favorite animal is a fox, and her favorite color is green. She doesn't have any toys, and her favorite game is to play house with her little brother. Her best friends name is Mendu, and Haymanot's favorite time of day is the morning because she gets to play with her best friend.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Haymanot Sisay to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Helen Taye G'medihin**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Girl Birthdate:** 1/12/2002 **Age:** 9**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Helen**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Taye*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Elfineh Niguse De*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Helen has known sad times in her life for being such a young girl. Her father died before she was born and her mother died shortly after her birth of TB. She was left in the care of her aunt. Helen's aunt works as a daily laborer earning \$15/month. They live in a small one room house with mud walls and a dirt floor. Helen helps her aunt by cleaning the house, sweeping the floor and washing dishes. Helen attends BCI Academy and her favorite subject is English. She hopes to one day be a doctor. Mitu is her best friend and they study together and during play time use the jump rope. The best thing about church is the choir. Helen's favorite food is duro wot, which is a chicken dish with gravy and her favorite animal is the tiger.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Helen Taye G'medihin is fully sponsored)**Name** Hirut Tesfaye**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 10/14/1996 **Age:** 14**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Hirut**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** not known*Deceased***Brothers:** 3**Mother** not known*Deceased***Sisters:** 3**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Nafiade**Grade** 10**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Hirut attends Nafiade School. She is considered to be a good student and dreams of one day becoming a pilot. She lives with three sisters and three brothers. She helps out by cleaning the house and washing dishes. She is very shy, quiet and withdrawn. The history of Hirut's parents is unknown. Hirut's best friend is Nardos and they enjoy studying together. Her favorite food is duro wot, which is a chicken dish with gravy and her favorite animal is a dog. Her favorite color is green and she also likes to get in on the neighborhood football games.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Hirut Tesfaye is fully sponsored)

**Name** Huluyalfal Bisenebit**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 10/21/2005 **Age:** 5**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Bisenebit*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Shura Abera*Deceased***Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School****Grade****Church**

Huluyalfal and his 16 year old sister lost both of their parents to an unknown illness and it has been just the two of them ever since. They currently live in a one room house, which doubles as a café. They share a burlap sack behind the serving counter. Huluyalfal's sister does the best she can for him, while running the café during the day and attending classes at night school. Huluyalfal has been unable to attend school himself because of financial restraints. He is a very shy, reserved boy and with the hard life he has had so far, it's not hard to see why. Huluyalfal owns only two shirts and two pairs of pants, all of which are too small for him. Although Huluyalfal doesn't talk very much, we were able to find out that his favorite color is red and he occasionally enjoys playing football with the neighborhood boys.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.  
Huluyalfal Bisenebit currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Joy Endale Glyesus**Accepted** 06/10/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 9/21/2009 **Age:** 1**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Bitiko**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Endale Glyesus*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Mekiya Mufter*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School****Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

This little girl has a glint in her eye and mischievousness written all over her face, but that just endears her to the hearts of the missionaries. Joy is living in the foster home after her young mother signed over guardianship to the Zion Church. Mekiya, Joy's mother, is working as a prostitute since her Muslim husband left her. The paternal extended family wants nothing to do with little Joy or her mother. After speaking with Mekiya, it is clear she hates her lifestyle but she only has an eighth grade education and cannot survive and support Joy otherwise. She was happy to find Blessing the Children and was adamant that her daughter not continue to live in the environment she was raising her in. We welcome Joy with open arms and pray that she will grow in the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Joy Endale Glyesus to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Kaleab Tsegaye**Accepted** 04/01/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 1/17/2007 **Age:** 4

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kalu**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tsegaye W'Tekle <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Adugna Eshetu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** **Grade****Church** Emanuel Church

In January 2011, Kaleab's fourth birthday, this precious little boy's life went from good to bad. After a long days work, his mother and father were riding home in a bajaj (small taxi) and were struck from behind by another vehicle. Kaleab's father did not survive the accident. His mother survived but her arm was seriously injured. Due to the necessary recovery time for her arm, Kaleab's mother lost her job at Sara's Supermarket, where she was working as a cashier. Both Kaleab and his mother are struggling to get by, both emotionally and financially. Kaleab's favorite animal is a cat, which can often cheer him up. He also loves to hear stories about Moses, and enjoys eating pasta with tomato sauce and lots of pepper.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Kaleab Tsegaye is fully sponsored)**Name** Kaleb Godana**Accepted** 08/20/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 4/3/1997 **Age:** 14

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kaleb**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Godana Urmilia <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tigist Elias <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Nafiade **Grade** 11**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Kaleb is unusual in the fact that he shares his mom with the foster children in the Blessing the Children program. We appreciate Kaleb's willingness to share. Kaleb has an older sister. Kaleb attends Nafiade School where his favorite subject is English. He is considered to be a good student and has aspirations to become a doctor. He helps his mom out by cleaning the house and washing clothes. He likes to sing in the Blessing the Children choir and he also thinks study time is important. His favorite food is duro wot and his two favorite colors are yellow and red. His favorite animal is the rabbit and his favorite game is football.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Kaleb Godana is fully sponsored)

**Name** Kaleb Teshome**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 9/14/2005 **Age:** 5

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kaleb**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teshome Worku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Sada Cheru <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Adventist School **Grade** 2**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Kaleb has a sparkle in his eye and doesn't miss a thing as he looks around. He lives with his mom who is HIV positive. She works as a teacher's assistant. His father died due to complications from HIV. He has an older brother and sister. Kaleb enjoys playing with his two trucks. He even convinces his mom that she should play with him. He helps his mom by going on short errands. Kaleb goes to the Adventist School. His favorite subject is math because it is fun. He dreams of becoming a Pilot because he wants to fly an airplane. Kaleb's favorite food is macaroni and his favorite color is yellow. He likes to play the pretend game with his best friend Radet. Kaleb's favorite animal is the lion.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Kaleb Teshome is fully sponsored)**Name** Kalekidan Kebede Kefeni**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 6/20/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kalkidan**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kebede Kefeni <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tsehaye Hailu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Kalkidan is a sweet, cooperative girl. She dreams of becoming a doctor when she is finished with school. I wonder if the teacher has trouble telling her apart from her sisters as she is one of triplets. Can you imagine the chaos they could cause! Kalkidan's mom is a daily laborer in a factory and makes \$20/month. Kalkidan's father died suddenly leaving her mother to look after the triplets. For breakfast Kalkidan eats bread and tea. She looks forward to the evening meal when her mother fixes rice because it is her favorite food. Her best friend is Samrawit and they play Kalkidan's favorite game which is hide and seek. Kalkidan is fond of the color yellow and her favorite animal is the dog. She looks forward to church and the part that is special for her is the praying.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Kalekidan Kebede Kefeni to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Kibruyisfa Teshome**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 8/5/1998 **Age:** 12

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kibruyisfa**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teshome Worku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Sada Cheru <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Tokuma School **Grade** 10**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Kibruyisfa lives with a family member after finding out his mom is HIV positive. His dad died due to complications of HIV. Kibruyisfa's brother and sister live with a family friend. His caregiver has no job but rents her home out for a daily payment. He attends the Tokuma School where he has aspirations to become an engineer. Physics is his favorite subject at school. After school Kibruyisfa likes to study and do his homework. He also enjoys playing football with the neighborhood boys when he is finished studying. Kibruyisfa said if he owned his own land he would build a home for his family.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Kibruyisfa Teshome to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Kidist Gezahegn Mekuria**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 2/2/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Kidist**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Gezahegn Mekuria <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Wolela Tsegaye <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Kidist is a delightful, fun loving, caring girl who lives with her mom and older brother. Her mom has been ill with TB but with the help of medication is starting to feel better. Kidist helps her mom out by doing the dishes and cleaning the house. Her father has passed away. Kidist attends BCI Academy. Her favorite subject is math and she dreams of becoming a doctor one day. Kidist loves cats, especially kittens, and likes taking care of them. Her favorite food is cake and her favorite color is yellow. She enjoys playing hide and seek with her best friend Bemnet. She loves to go to church and sing to the Lord.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Kidist Gezahegn Mekuria to be fully sponsored.



**Name** Latera Aboneh Worku**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Boy Birthdate:** 12/13/2002 **Age:** 8

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Latti**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Aboneh Wurku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Alemnesa Tamiru <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Latera lives with his little sister and mom. He has an older brother and sister but they don't live with him. His father died due to HIV. The family lives in one room with a dirt floor. The walls are made of straw, mud and cow manure. The only noted possessions were a few wood benches and a single bed. He attends BCI Academy and his favorite subject is Amharic because it is easy. Latera has aspiration of becoming a doctor so he can help people. This seven year old has one toy which is stuffed dog. He likes to play football with his best friend Abenezer. In his spare time he likes to draw. His favorite animal is a cat and he has two pets a cat and a dog. His favorite food is meat but he doesn't get it often because it is expensive. Latera's favorite color is yellow.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Latera Aboneh Worku currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Lidia Hailemariam**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 8/22/1999 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Lidia**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Hailemariam Belay <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Meseret Sorsa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Tigre **Ethnicity** Tigre**School** Nafiade **Grade** 7**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Lidia has undergone many changes recently. She has been moved to the Blessing the Children foster home due to complications with her guardian. Lidia lost both of her parents to AIDS and has been living with her Aunt. Lidia is a cheerful, loving, caring child who attends Nafiade School. Her favorite class is English. She aspires to become a scientist. Her best friend is Mekdes and they enjoy playing volleyball together. Her favorite food is meat and her favorite animal is the kangaroo. She says she loves the smell of flowers and if she had her own land, that's what it would be filled with.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Lidia Hailemariam is fully sponsored)

**Name** Mahider Chekol Angaw**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 5/18/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Maheder**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Chekol Angaw*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Genet Worku*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language****Ethnicity****School** BCI Academy**Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Mahider is a shy girl but inquisitive with big beautiful eyes. She lives with her mom and aunt in a one room house. Her mom works at a hotel restaurant preparing food. She makes \$25/month. Her father is deceased. She helps her mom by cleaning the house. This delightful girl attends BCI Academy. Mahider is considered an average student. She has a dream of becoming a teacher so that she can help other children receive a quality education. After school she enjoys doing homework and studying.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Mahider Chekol Angaw to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Martha Bedilu Zeberga**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 3/15/2002 **Age:** 9

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Marta**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Bedilu Zeberga*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Unknown*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Marta is a fun child with a rich sense of imagination. As you get to know Marta you can see that she lacks in social skills and has not received a lot of positive attention. She is a child who loves to be loved! Her father is deceased and her mother's location is unknown. Marta lives with two aunts, two uncles and her grandparents. She helps out by washing the dishes. Marta attends BCI Academy and her favorite subject is Amharic because it is familiar. School is a struggle for her and she appears to have ADD. Marta enjoys playing with her cousins. She says her favorite game is Lions and Tigers and when asked how to play, she says, "It's easy! You just pretend to be a lion or tiger." Her favorite animal is a sheep.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Martha Bedilu Zeberga to be fully sponsored.

**Name Mastewal Adugna Alemayeh****Accepted 02/15/2008****Boy Birthdate: 6/22/2001 Age: 10****Adana Children Center****Nick Name: Mastewal****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father Adugna Alemayeh***Deceased***Brothers: 2****Mother Abebech Tegabu***Deceased***Sisters: 3****Language Oromo****Ethnicity Oromo****School BCI Academy****Grade 6****Church Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical**

This young boy always has a smile plastered on his face! Mastewal's mother died of HIV, and his father died due to "an unknown emergency illness". He also had an aunt who died of HIV. His surviving aunt helps look after Mastewal and his two brothers. He helps his aunt by sweeping the floor. Mastewal attends BCI Academy and his favorite classes are math and English because they are easy. His goal is to one day become a pilot. He loves to attend church and his favorite part is listening to the choir. Mastewal and his best friend, Nicolay get a kick out of playing football together! It happens to be Mastewal's favorite game. His favorite food is pasta and his favorite animal is the cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Mastewal Adugna Alemayehu to be fully sponsored.

**Name Meheret Eresa****Accepted 07/15/2008****Girl Birthdate: 7/30/2002 Age: 8****Adana Children Center****Nick Name: Meheret****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father Eresa Tafa***Deceased***Brothers: 0****Mother Helen Tote***Deceased***Sisters: 0****Language Oromo****Ethnicity Oromo****School Lemlem Tesfa School****Grade 2****Church MKC - Meserete Kristos Church**

Meheret is an only child who lives with her mom who suffers from asthma. Her mom is a factory worker who earns \$25/month. Meheret doesn't have any chores, but she tries to help clean the house and do the dishes because she does like to help. She attends Lemlem Tesfa School and she dreams of one day becoming a doctor so that she can help sick people. Meheret doesn't have any toys of her own, and she calls her favorite game "Ka Ka". She explains you play the game by finding old things, give them new names and then play with them. Her best friend is Hirut and they like to play hide and seek together. They also find time to study together. Her favorite food is potatoes, her favorite color is red and her favorite animal is sheep.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Meheret Eresa to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Meheret Erestu Asfaw**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Girl Birthdate:** 3/27/2004 **Age:** 7

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Mita**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Erestu Asfaw*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Elfu Shikurago*Deceased***Sisters:** 1**Language** Gurage**Ethnicity** Gurage**School****Grade****Church**

Meheret (affectionately known as "Mita") is an amiable, yet shy little girl. She has two older siblings, so she is constantly being bossed about although she handles it with grace. She enjoys helping her mother around the house however she can and never refuses a task. She also enjoys playing with her best friend Suzi, when she isn't in school or helping her mother. She is an average student. Mita loves lions and her favorite color is yellow. She only has one shirt, two pairs of pants and a well used pair of leather shoes, which she was delighted to receive from a recent missionary.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Meheret Erestu Asfaw currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Mekdes Shisema**Accepted** 07/15/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 9/20/1995 **Age:** 15

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Mekides**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Shisema G'Tsadik*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Tigistu Yilma*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Nafiade**Grade** 9**Church** Emanuel Church

Mekdes is a reserved, kind, loving girl, who has a desire to help other people. Mekdes lost both of her parents to HIV and has recently been moved into the Blessing the Children foster home with her younger brother. Mekdes attends Nafiade School and her favorite subject is Social Studies. She has a dream of becoming a nurse to help the sick people around her. If she owned her own land she would build a medical clinic. Mekdes loves to attend church and can be found going quite often during the week. Her best friend is Betlihem but since being moved to the foster home is unable to spend as much time with her as she would like. Her favorite color is pink and her favorite game is volleyball. She enjoys dogs and cats.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Mekdes Shisema is fully sponsored)

**Name** Mekdes Tadesse**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 5/16/2002 **Age:** 9

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Mekdes**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tadesse Metaferia <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Almaz Getachew <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Bushoftu School **Grade** 4**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Mekdes and her best friend Betty enjoy playing ball together. She attends Bushoftu School where her favorite subject is English. She works hard in school and aspires to be a pilot so she can travel the world. This young lady lives with her uncle, aunt and cousin. She has an older sister but she lives in a different area of Debre Zeyit. They are able to see each other, although Mekdes wishes they could live together. Her chore is mainly sweeping the floor. Her favorite game is volleyball and her favorite food is injera with potatoe wot; this is potatoes in a sauce. The best part of Mekdes' day is mid-day because her chores are done and she can play. Mekdes lost both of her parents to HIV.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Mekdes Tadesse to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Menase Alebachew**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 8/21/1996 **Age:** 14

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Menase**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Alebachew Getahu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Medihem Desta <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Bethlihem School **Grade** 9**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

This tranquil, observant, kind boy always has a smile on his face. Menase's mother has passed away and his father has been diagnosed with HIV and has been undergoing treatment. His father works as an evangelist and also a night guard. He makes \$40/month. The landlord keeps raising their rent, making bills unpredictable ends harder to meet. Menase also has a younger brother who lives with them. Menase attends Bethlihem School. He dreams of one day becoming a doctor so that he can help sick and hurting people. Menase helps out by preparing food for the family and washing the dishes. His favorite food is brad and his favorite color is red. He likes cats! Menase's best friend is Edidya and they study together and also find time to play football.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Menase Alebachew is fully sponsored)

**Name** Mercy Elias Teshome**Accepted** 02/15/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 5/28/2004 **Age:** 7

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Marcy**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Elias Teshome*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Yejotework Benty*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Mercy is a cheerful, friendly little girl who likes to laugh. She attends BCI Academy. Her mom works as the BCI janitor making \$25/month; she is so grateful to have a steady income. Mercy's father abandoned the family when Mercy was only two years old. He had a history of drug, alcohol and mental problems. She loves to curl up in your lap and talk. She says she has some toys and her best friend is Maylot. She dreams of being a doctor some day and injera and wot is her favorite meal. Their home is high up on a hill and it quite a steep walk. Her mother keeps the small home clean. This family has been praying that God will supply them a bathroom.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Mercy Elias Teshome to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Meron Deresu**Accepted** 02/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 12/12/1997 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Meron**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Deresu Kebede*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tibereh Kidane*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Nafiade**Grade** 8**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Meron is a very mature, pleasant, happy girl. Meron's father's whereabouts are unknown, but her mother died due to complications of mental problems. Meron was left to the loving hands of her parents servants, who have taken her in and care for her as one of their own children. Her guardian suffers from asthma and has a retirement income of \$25/month. Meron helps out around the house by washing dishes, clothes and helping to clean the house. Meron attends Nafiyad School. She has aspirations of becoming a doctor some day. Her favorite subjects are math and English. Her favorite food is pasta and she enjoys cats. Her favorite day of the week is Sunday when she gets to go to church.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Meron Deresu to be fully sponsored.



**Name** Metasebia Yohanes**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 4/20/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Metasebia**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Yohanes Bekele <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Medehin Tarekgn <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Gurage **Ethnicity** Gurage**School** Tewodrose School **Grade** 8**Church** Emanuel Church

Metasebia has had to struggle to care for her grandmother who has arthritis since her father died of AIDS and her mother abandoned her. She has one brother. Her grandmother receives a retirement income. She helps out around the house by washing clothes, washing dishes and making the meals. Metasebia attends the Tewodrose School where her favorite subject is English. Metasebia attends the Blessing the Children choir and her favorite part about church is the singing. Her favorite food is pasta and her favorite color is blue. Metasebia and her best friend Yenu enjoy playing football together which is also Metasebia's favorite game. She also likes cats. This young lady has had a lot of responsibility growing up!

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Metasebia Yohanes is fully sponsored)**Name** Mikias Engeda**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 5/23/1999 **Age:** 12

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Mikias**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Engeda Minase <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Bekelech Tariku <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Mekias is a shy, quiet observant boy who enjoys playing football with his twin brother! Mikias's father abandoned his family, and his mother and grandmother do some babysitting to help bring in some much needed income. Mikias also has two sisters, one older and the other is just one month old. Mikias helps out however he can, generally cleaning the house and sweeping the floor. When he is done with his chores, he likes to play with his best friend, Yoseph. Mikias enjoy his favorite food chicken and he loves the color red. Like most children his favorite game is football. When asked what he would do with his own land, Mekias answered he would like to build a big house for his family.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Mikias Engeda is fully sponsored)

**Name** Mistre Kebede Kefeni**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 6/20/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Mistire**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kebede Kefeni*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tsehay Hailu*Deceased***Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Mistire is a happy, sweet cooperative girl. She is also special because she is a triplet which is very rare in Ethiopia. Mistire's father died very suddenly leaving her mother to care for the three girls. Her mother is a daily laborer who makes \$20/month. Mistire attends BCI Academy and her favorite class is math. She is an average student. She hopes to one day be a doctor. She loves to play hide and seek with her best friend Yepsira. Her favorite part about church is praying. Mistire loves the color green, her favorite animal is the chicken and her favorite food is rice. She and her sisters enjoys playing hopscotch and a form of jacks, with rocks only.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Mistre Kebede Kefeni currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Muluemebet Tadesse**Accepted** 06/17/2010**Girl Birthdate:** 2/15/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tadesse Mola*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Asnaku*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Muluemebet was living with her father until he recently passed away, and she was then taken in by a distant relative. Muluemebet has no brothers or sisters, and has no immediate family left. She is a sweet girl who cares about the well-being of others, which is why she wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She is attending school regularly and also does a few chores around the house. Her favorite game is volley ball and her favorite animal is sheep. She likes the color red and eating pasta with her best friend, Bemnet.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Muluemebet Tadesse is fully sponsored)

**Name** Mulugeta Kebede**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 12/27/1997 **Age:** 13**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Mulugeta**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kebede Hailu<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 1**Mother** Shewaye Birbo<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Hebret School**Grade** 8**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Mulugeta is a serious, gentle, observant boy who has seen a lot at his young age. He and his younger brother lost both of their parents. Mulugeta's dad died of a stomach illness and his mother has died since. He lives with his aunt, uncle, two cousins and his brother. His aunt is jobless. Mulugeta attends Hebret School and his favorite subject is English. When he is older he would like to be a pilot. If he owned his own land he would open an animal shelter. His favorite part of church is hearing the preacher. Mulugeta's best friend is Fraol and they like to play football together which is Mulugeta's favorite game. His favorite food is injera and his favorite color is red. Mulugeta's favorite animal is the ox.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Mulugeta Kebede is fully sponsored)**Name** Nahom Gebeyaw Takele**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 2/11/2002 **Age:** 9**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Nahom**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Gebeyaw Takele<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Alemitu Woldema<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Nahom's father died of TB leaving his mother to care for 3 young children. Working as a daily laborer and earning less than \$20/month has brought Nahom to the Adana Children's Center. Although he suffered a terrible burn when he fell into a fire when he was 2 yrs old, he is in excellent health, with normal eye sight and hearing. Nahom is shy, but very cooperative and eager to learn and explore new things. His favorite food is rice and his best friends name is Bereket. He loves horses, and helps out around the house sweeping the floor. He is thin and small for his age, but now, under the watchful loving care of a sponsor, Nahom will receive healthy meals and the education he dreams of.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Nahom Gebeyaw Takele to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Natanim Wasyihun Teshager**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 1/4/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Natanim**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Wasyihun Teshage <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tsega G'hiwot <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Natanim comes to the Blessing the Children Program after the death of her mother and father, due to HIV. Natanim herself has been diagnosed HIV positive, and has been undergoing medical treatment. She is strong and basically healthy given her diagnosis, except for hearing loss since birth in her right ear. She is being cared for by a young newly married family member. Natanim is a good student. With Blessing the Children, Natanim will receive the special care in which she deserves; to be a member of a church family, receive 3 meals a day, attend school and receive the medical attention she deserves. She loves to study in her free time and enjoys playing with her friend Tatem.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Natanim Wasyihun Teshager to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Nathanael Mulugeta Gizaw**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 1/15/2005 **Age:** 6

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Natnael**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mulugeta Dabi <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Roman Ababاهر <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 3**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Mersha School **Grade** 2**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Natnael's mother died during childbirth and his father has been out of the picture since he was born. Natnael's sister has taken care of him since he was born and she struggles to feed him by doing what little work she can on computers. Natnael doesn't have any chores or go to school, he is too young for both, his sister says. Natnael likes to run and play football. He says his sister is his best friend and his favorite time of the day is nighttime because that's when his sister comes home.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Nathanael Mulugeta Gizaw to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Natnael Getahun**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 12/20/2004 **Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Nati**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Getahun Shewangi <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Aynalem Shumi <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Bekelicha School **Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Natnael's father was a soldier in the Eritrean/Ethiopian war and was killed. Soon after, Natnael's mother suffered great despair and depression and left him, leaving his grandmother to care for him. His grandmother makes about \$10/month by making and selling clothing. Nati goes to school and occasionally runs small errands for his grandmother when she needs him to. He has one small toy and a soccer ball that he enjoys playing with, along with his best friends Yosef and Behailu.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Natnael Getahun is fully sponsored)**Name** Natnael Melkamu Abebe**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 7/14/2005 **Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Abi**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Melkamu Abebe <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Genet Nigusie <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** **Grade****Church**

Natnael is quiet boy who has endured much pain and suffering for his young age. When Blessing the Children found him, he was wandering the streets, crying and very hungry. During his intake interview, it was discovered that Natnael had been in Debre Zeyit for about 20 days. His parents recently passed away and someone put Natnael on a bus to come to his uncle's house. Natnael's uncle works as a guard and has his own family to support though, so an additional mouth to feed put quite a strain on him. Upon admittance, Blessing the Children immediately took Natnael to the doctor for a physical, where it was discovered he has a heart condition. Natnael has an appt. with a specialist in Addis Ababa to run further tests in hopes of diagnosing the problem and getting treatment as soon as possible.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Natnael Melkamu Abebe currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Natnael Mesele**Accepted** 06/17/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 6/6/2002 **Age:** 9**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tigist Adugnaw <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** **Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Natnael is a boy with dreams and ambitions. He is currently attending school regularly and doing great. He wants to be a medical doctor when he grows up. He would also love to own a farm one day, if he had his own land. He loves the mornings and is always up bright and early. His favorite color is yellow, bright and cheery, like his personality. He loves to play football and his favorite animal is the hen. He has a few chores, which consist of washing the dishes sometimes and cleaning up the house.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Natnael Mesele is fully sponsored)**Name** Netsanet Assefa Yimam**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 12/30/2010 **Age:** 0**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Assefa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tikedem Assefa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** **Grade****Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

If this young man could talk, he would have quite a story to tell. During his intake interview at his house with his mother and grandmother, it was discovered that this young man was never given a name because his grandmother worried his mother would severely harm him or worse. Blessing the Children missionaries quickly discovered the reason behind this when they felt led to pray for his mother and while praying for her, a demon manifested itself. The local church prayer team was called in to fast and pray for her. A week later, she arrived at church and came forward to receive Christ as her Saviour. The church elders were able to pray for her and cast the demon out. Netsanet now lives in a house of freedom and despite his circumstances, is a very cheerful boy.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.  
Netsanet Assefa Yimam currently has no sponsors.



**Name** Nicolay Dmitry Shekov**Accepted** 11/12/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 3/23/2001 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Nicolay**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Dmitry Zerkov*Deceased* ☐**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tiruwork Bereje*Deceased* ☐**Sisters:** 3**Language****Ethnicity****School** BCI Academy**Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Nicolay lives with his mother and cousin in a small house that is kept very tidy. Nicolay was abandoned by his father. Nicolay's mother is retired and receives \$15/month retirement pay. He helps out around the house by running errands and going to the local shop for supplies. Nicolay is a clever, wily, happy boy who misses having a father in his life. He attends school at the BCI Academy where he keeps the teachers on their toes. He dreams of one day becoming a doctor. Most morning he has tea and bread for breakfast. He has an allergy to the sun that causes discoloration on his skin. His favorite food is pasta and his favorite color is green. Nicolay can be found playing soccer with the rest of the neighborhood boys and he also plays a mean game of marbles.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Nicolay Dmitry Shekov to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Rebirra Ali**Accepted** 08/17/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 12/8/2009 **Age:** 1**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Ali Mohamed*Deceased* ☐**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Selam Berhanu*Deceased* ☒**Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Rebirra has recently lost his mother to cancer and his father has been unavailable to him since he was born. His father, who is Muslim, was crippled during the war. He was shot in the back and lost part of his leg. Because of this, he has been unable to care for Rebirra or support him financially. Rebirra and his sister were living with their mother, until she passed away, and are now being housed with Blessing the Children staff, until they can be placed in a permanent home.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Rebirra Ali is fully sponsored)

**Name** Sara Abiy**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 9/1/2004**Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Sara**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Abiy Lemecha*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Tigist Nigusie*Deceased***Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Lemlem Tesfa School**Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Sara is a caring, sweet, lovable girl. She lives with her mom and younger sister. Her mom gets paid daily and also makes baskets on the side for missionaries as a source of income. Sara's dad is handicapped and does not live with them. Sara helps her mom out by doing errands and going to the corner shop to get supplies. She attends Right Academy and her favorite subject in school is math. She dreams of one day becoming a doctor. Her favorite part about church is the singing. Sara enjoys drawing, the color blue and has a pet cat; even though her favorite animal is the sheep. She looks forward to times when her mom makes a meat dish because it is her favorite. This is rare because meat is so expensive.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Sara Abiy is fully sponsored)**Name** Saron Solomon**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 5/30/2003**Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Saron**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Solomon Bogale*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Rahel Alemu*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Modern School**Grade** 2**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Saron is a unique little girl in the sense that she loves to serve other people. She lives with her aunt and uncle and her sister. Saron lost her father several years ago. He was having lung problems and became sick. They were unable to get him the care he needed and he passed away. A short while later, her mother sent her and her sister away because she couldn't support them. Saron attends Modernuse Academy and enjoys all of her subjects. She usually has bread and tea for breakfast but her favorite food is eggs. Her best friend is Ruth and they like to play all kinds of different games; but Saron's favorite game is "swinging". If she owned her own land she would grow vegetables on it. Her favorite animal is the dog.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Saron Solomon is fully sponsored)

**Name** Selam Abebe**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 10/5/2003 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Selam**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Abebe Tilahun <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Worknesh Kebede <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Meleniam School **Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Selam lives with her mom who is a daily laborer. She washes clothes and makes injera for different families. She makes \$10/month. Selam's father abandoned her and her mother several years ago and recently found out he has died. Selam usually has bread and tea for breakfast but her favorite food is pasta. Selam helps her mom by doing the dishes. She attends Meleniam School. Her favorite class is Amharic because she understands it. She aspires to become a doctor when she is older. Selam likes to draw in her spare time and her favorite color is white. She enjoys cats and in fact she has a pet cat. Selam and her mom are both HIV positive.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Selam Abebe to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Selamawit Teklemuz**Accepted** 04/22/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 1/25/1996 **Age:** 15**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Selamawit**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teklemuz Hailu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Tigist Arefaene <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Tigre **Ethnicity** Tigre**School** Bushoftu School **Grade** 11**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

This young girl is gentle, soft spoken, and beautiful. She has such a caring, servant's heart. She willingly helps her aging grandmother who is unable to work. She rents her home to the church for \$15/month. Both of Selamawit's parents have passed away. Selamawit has one older brother. She helps out around the house by washing the clothes. She attends Bishoftu School. She loves everything about school and it is the best part of her day. She dreams of one day becoming a doctor so that she can help the sick people in her city. Her favorite activity is playing football, her favorite color is red, and she has two favorite animals, cats and chickens. Selamawit has a couple of hens. Her favorite part about church is the singing.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Selamawit Teklemuz is fully sponsored)

**Name** Semira Adem

**Accepted** 02/15/2008

**Girl Birthdate:** 3/11/2000 **Age:** 11

**Adana Children Center**



**Nick Name:** Semira

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**Father** Adem Sirai

*Deceased*



**Brothers:** 0

**Mother** Busunesh Regasa

*Deceased*



**Sisters:** 0

**Language** Oromo

**Ethnicity** Oromo

**School** BCI Academy

**Grade** 4

**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Semira is a sweet, cheerful, very personable girl. She lives with her mother who was working as a cleaner at BCI Academy but due to poor health was unable to continue. Semira attends BCI Academy and her favorite subject is math. It's her dream to one day be a doctor and "help other people who are sick, too". She and her mom have both been diagnosed as HIV positive. If she owned her own land she would build a hospital. Semira's best friend is Efrata and they enjoy playing jump rope together. Semira's favorite color is blue and her favorite animal is the cat. She eats bread and tea for breakfast most mornings but her favorite meal includes meat. She is unable to have it often because it is expensive.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Semira Adem to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Seyoum Dibaba Hailu

**Accepted** 05/18/2011

**Boy Birthdate:** 7/12/2005 **Age:** 6

**Adana Children Center**

**Nick Name:**

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**Father** Dibaba Hailu

*Deceased*



**Brothers:** 2

**Mother** Bezunesh Nigusie

*Deceased*



**Sisters:** 0

**Language** Oromo

**Ethnicity** Oromo

**School**

**Grade**

**Church**

Seyoum is the middle child of three boys and talk about energy! He loves to tear up the soccer field and is equally as energetic in the house with his chores. He washes clothes, sweeps the floors and does dishes, at record speed. Seyoum is currently attending a local school but we look forward to transferring him to the BCI Academy. His favorite color is red and he has two favorite animals because he just can't choose which he likes better, dogs or cats.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month. Seyoum Dibaba Hailu currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Sisay Alemu Kebtimer**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 10/4/2004 **Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Sisay**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Alemu Kabtimer <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 2**Mother** Aynalem Tesema <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 3**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Sisay lives with her mom, two brothers and one sister. Her mom sells onion and potatoes at the market making \$10/month. Her father abandoned them about a year ago and recently divorced Sisay's mom. This young girl is very social, friendly and has the spirit to cheer people up. Sisay helps her mom by going to the local shop. She attends BCI Academy and her favorite subject is math and she dreams of one day becoming a doctor. Her favorite games are games she can play with her hands. Her favorite food is pasta. Her favorite animals are dogs and cat; in fact she has a cat of her own.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Sisay Alemu Kebtimer is fully sponsored)**Name** Sisay Bekele Deta**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 7/4/2001 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Sisay**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Bekele Degefa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Boge Bekele <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Sisay lives with his mom and brother. Sisay's mom works hard making and selling bread and injera. She makes \$25/month. Sisay attends BCI Academy. This young man is a good student and with his fun loving, playful nature he keeps his teachers on their toes. His favorite subject is English because he likes to read it. It is Sisay's dream one day to become a doctor. After school Sisay studies and they he races off to find his best friend Natnael so they can kick around a football. Sisay lives in a very rural part of the village, in a single mud room with his family. They have a single habchi open flame cook top for cooking food, one small pot at a time. Sisay's favorite food is meat but it is expensive and doesn't have it often. His favorite animal is the lion because it is dangerous.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Sisay Bekele Deta to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Sitota Aschalew

**Accepted** 02/29/2008

**Girl Birthdate:** 12/1/1999 **Age:** 11

**Adana Children Center**



**Nick Name:** Sitota

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**Father** Aschalew Kebede <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0

**Mother** Werknesh Dereje <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 0

**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo

**School** Nafiade **Grade** 7

**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

This friendly, pleasant, affectionate only child lives with her aunt and her cousin. They live in a small house but it is kept very tidy. Sitota's parents both died of TB. Sitota attends Nafiade School and her goal is to one day become a doctor. Sitota helps out her aunt by cleaning the house. Her favorite food is meat although she seldom is able to have it due to cost. Sitota's favorite color is red. She enjoys singing in the Blessing the Children choir. After her chores are done she goes looking for a game of football to join in along with the other neighborhood children. Sitota also enjoys playing jump rope with her school friends.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Sitota Aschalew to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Sitota Mesfen

**Accepted** 05/13/2011

**Girl Birthdate:** 2/28/2011 **Age:** 0

**Adana Children Center**



**Nick Name:**

**FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**Father** Mesfen Mideksa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 3

**Mother** Tigist Chala <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0

**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo

**School** **Grade**

**Church**

Sitota has a sad story for one so young. She was abandoned by her father, leaving her mother, who is HIV positive, left to fend for herself, Sitota and her three other children. Sitota's mother is very weak from the disease and is unable to work. The family has no food in their home and Sitota sleeps on the floor with her mother on a burlap bag.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Sitota Mesfen is fully sponsored)



**Name** Siyam Mohamoed Abdulkadi**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 12/26/2003 **Age:** 7**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Siam**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mohamoed Nur<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Zehara Abdulkadi<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Siam lives with her mother, who works in a factory as a daily laborer earning about \$25/month. Her mother is HIV positive. Her father passed away awhile ago and was also HIV positive. Siam tries to help her mother out around the house by washing the dishes, making coffee and helping to cook the meals. Siyam attends BCI Academy and her favorite school subject is English. It is her dream to one day become a doctor so she can help other sick people like her mother. When she has free time, she enjoys playing hide and seek with her best friend Ayemalem. If she had her own land, she would like to grow vegetables to give to her mother so that she didn't have to work so much. Siam's favorite food is pasta and her favorite animals are dogs and cats.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Siyam Mohamoed Abdulkadir is fully sponsored)**Name** Solomon Endeshaw**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 10/4/2002 **Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Soul**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Endeshaw Fekadu<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Tigist Chala<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Blessing the Children first met Solomon in his home after meeting his brother in the MKC church compound. After his father's death, the father's family chased Solomon's family away because they did not want Solomon to inherit the land his father owned. They came to Debre Zeyit along with other siblings and have been trying to survive ever since. When being taken for a home visit it was discovered along with the lack of food that there was a new baby in the house. After further investigation we found Solomon's mother is also HIV positive and not very strong. They are very poor and Solomon doesn't even have a pair of shoes. But that doesn't slow down this outgoing, energetic boy! He loves to play football with his brothers and enjoys helping his mom wash dishes and keep the house tidy. His mother's illness has made him want to become a doctor.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Solomon Endeshaw to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Surafel Tefera**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 10/27/2005 **Age:** 5

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Surafel**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tefera Megra*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Wolela Bekele*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Beta School**Grade****Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Surafel is extremely bashful but he also has an inquisitive nature about him. He lives with his mom and his brother and often times you can find him wandering the yard at Zion café. He attends Beta School and he loves everything about school. He doesn't have any chores because his mom says he is too young. His favorite color is red and his favorite animal is the cat. Most days you will find him out playing football with his friends. Surafel is a very picky eater and does not like injera, only macaroni, which are his favorite along with other pastas. He will eat injera with tomato if there is no pasta.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Surafel Tefera to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tekalign Endeshaw**Accepted** 05/13/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 11/4/2006 **Age:** 4

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Teklay**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Endeshaw Fekadu*Deceased***Brothers:** 2**Mother** Tigist Chala*Deceased***Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Blessing the Children first met Tekalign in his home after meeting his brother in the MKC church compound. After his father's death, the father's family chased Tekalign's family away because they did not want his oldest brother to inherit the land his father owned. They came to Debre Zeyit along with other siblings and have been trying to survive ever since. When being taken for a home visit it was discovered along with the lack of food that there was a new baby in the house. After further investigation we found Tekalign's mother is also HIV positive and not very strong. Tekalign has been unable to attend school because of lack of money, although he is being tutored by a family friend. Tekalign doesn't have any chores but he often helps his mother sweep the floor. He enjoys playing football with his friends and was recently given a jump rope by a visiting missionary, which he thoroughly enjoys. This is his only toy. His favorite color is

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.  
Tekalign Endeshaw currently has no sponsors.

**Name** Tekia Bekana**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 6/17/1998 **Age:** 13**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Tekia**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Bekana Nedi*Deceased***Brothers:** 3**Mother** Mulatuwa Many*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Joshua Academy**Grade** 9**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Tekia is helpful, curious and enjoys living on the small farm his step-mother has. He lives with his step mom and three brothers. He helps out by cleaning the house. He attends school at Joshua Academy and says he doesn't have a favorite school subject. His goal is to become a famous singer when he is older. On their farm they have a dog, cats, donkeys and cows; which happens to be his favorite animal especially when he is able to milk her. Tekia helps his stepmom plant a garden. His favorite things to grow in a garden are cabbage, carrots, tomatoes and green beans. He likes cabbage and often eats it with injera. His favorite food is a special kind of wot called "duro"; or chicken. Tekia's favorite time of day is morning, because he likes to watch the sun rise.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Tekia Bekana to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Terefe Kebede**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 2/12/1998 **Age:** 13**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Terefe**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Kebede Hailu*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Shewaye Birbo*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Hebret School**Grade** 8**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Terefe is a kind, gentle, sensitive boy; he lives with his aunt, uncle, two cousins and his brother. He helps out by cleaning the house. He attends Hebret School and his favorite subjects are math and English because he understands them and they are easy. He aspires to be a doctor some day. For breakfast he eats bread and tea but his favorite meal is one made with meat. He doesn't have this often because it is expensive. His favorite part about church is the preaching. He enjoys gathering the neighborhood children for a rousing game of football. Terefe's favorite color is red and his favorite animal is a cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Terefe Kebede is fully sponsored)

**Name** Tewodros G'Alif**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 3/10/1996 **Age:** 15

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Tedi**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** G'Alif Asgedom <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Tazeb Miruts <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Tigre **Ethnicity** Tigre**School** Hebret School **Grade** 10**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Tewodros lives with his mom and brother. She works at her hair shop where she braids hair bringing home \$20/month. Tewodros help out by washing the dishes. His father died of unknown causes leaving his mother to care for Tewodros and his brother. He attends Tokuma School and he struggles with school especially math. He eats bread and injera for breakfast; but his favorite meal is duro wot, which is chicken in a sauce. His favorite day of the week is Sunday because he is able to go to church. Tewodros's favorite game is football and often times you will find him playing with his best friend Sisay. His favorite color is red and his favorite animal is a bird.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Tewodros G'Alif to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tewodros Tilahun Mola**Accepted** 03/07/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 1/20/1997 **Age:** 14

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Tewodros**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tilahun Mola <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Like Teshome <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

After the death of both his parents, Tewodros and his sister, Fekerite, went to live with an elderly uncle. Still working at his old age as a guard, he was earning less than \$18/month. He was unable to take care of them and they were moved into the Blessing the Children foster home. They now receive the love and attention they deserve from a kind and caring woman who considers them her own. Tewodros attends BCI Academy and his favorite subject is math. This twelve year old boy likes to study and do homework but struggles in school. He dreams of one day becoming a doctor. His favorite food is duro wot, which is chicken in a sauce and his favorite animal is the rabbit.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Tewodros Tilahun Mola to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Teyent Asrat**Accepted** 03/17/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 6/30/1999 **Age:** 12

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Teyent**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Asrat G'Mikael <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Amarech Hailu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amhara**School** Bekelicha School **Grade** 8**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Teyent is a kind, capable and willing helper. God has gifted him with the talent of music and he plays keyboard for the Blessing the Children choir. Teyent lives with his mom and sister. Teyent's father died of liver TB when he was an infant. His mother contracted the disease when she was caring for her husband. Teyent's mom tries to keep their small home appealing and tidy. Teyent attends Bekelicha School and he is considered to be a good student. He is working hard towards his goal of becoming a doctor. Teyent studies a lot and he enjoys studying. Teyent tries to help his mother by sweeping the floor and washing the dishes and says his favorite meal is bread and eggs.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Teyent Asrat to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tigist Debebe**Accepted** 02/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 11/8/1995 **Age:** 15

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Tigist**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Debebe Guchi <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Alemtsehay Shifer <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 2**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Fana/Bole School **Grade** 9**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

After the death of both her parents due to HIV, Tigist went to live with her grandmother who, at the age of 49, was making less than \$8/month and was caring for two other grandchildren as well. She found herself unable to care for Tigist properly. She lives in a rural village with a fenced in area where their horse and dogs roam free. The windows have steel shutters but no glass. Tigist is a quiet, but cooperative young girl. She showed signs of malnutrition and dehydration, but seems to be in good medical health at this time. She is a good student, and in excellent medical health. Monday is her favorite day of the week and white the best color. She loves milk and dreams of one day being a doctor and building her own house.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Tigist Debebe to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tigist Legesse**Accepted****Girl Birthdate:** 7/12/1999 **Age:** 12**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Tigist**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Legesse Deceased ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Meselu Yeshitila Deceased ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Amharic**School** Joshua Academy **Grade** 6**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Tigist attends Joshua Academy. She likes her teachers and her favorite subject is Amharic because it is her language. Her mother works as a cleaner and she earns \$15/month. Her mother struggles with ill health due to her HIV positive condition. Tigist also lost her father to HIV. Tigist helps her mom by hauling water. Wednesday is her favorite day because she doesn't have to wear her school uniform. Tigist's favorite game is jump rope and often times you will find her with her best friend Lidiya playing together. Tigist favorite thing about church is the choir. If Tigist had her own land she would build a house and have a family. Her favorite colors are red, yellow and green.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$5/month needed in sponsorships for Tigist Legesse to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tinsae Teklu**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 4/23/2006 **Age:** 5**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Tinsae**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Teklu Workeneh Deceased ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Meseret W'Maha Deceased ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Berosenmodern Aca **Grade****Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

At his young age, Tinsae has been through a lot. He lives with his grandparents who are retired and receive \$20/month retirement money. His grandmother suffers from kidney problems and asthma. Both of Tinsae's parents are deceased. Tinsae has an older sister. He attends Berosenmodern Academy and he has no chores because he is too young. He likes to play football and enjoys playing on the keyboard and singing. His favorite food is milk and meat but is unable to have them often. His favorite color is red and his favorite animal is the dog. They have a dog Tinsae likes in his compound.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Tinsae Teklu is fully sponsored)



**Name** Tizita Dawit Abreham**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 12/5/2000 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Tizita**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Dawit Abraha*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Moadi Halefom*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language****Ethnicity****School** BCI Academy**Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Tizita is a sweet, lovable affectionate girl. She lives with her mother who works as a daily laborer doing cleaning. She makes \$20/month. They live in a small one room house but it is kept neat and tidy. Tizita's father abandoned them. She helps her mom by making bread, cleaning house and washing dishes. Tizita attends BCI Academy. She dreams of becoming a doctor when she is older. Her favorite part of church is the choir. Tizita's favorite color is red and she can be found having jump rope contests with her best friend Lidiya. Tizita's favorite food is pasta and her favorite animal is the cat.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Tizita Dawit Abreham to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Tsion Andualem Daniel**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 7/23/1999 **Age:** 12**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Tsion**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Andualem Daniel*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Seble Girma*Deceased***Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amharic**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 6**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Tsion lives with her mom, brother and sister. They all help their mom run a small café close to the bus station. Her mom works very hard at the café and earns \$10/month profit. Tsion's mom suffers from eye, kidney and gastric problems. Tsion helps her mom by cleaning the house, washing dishes and giving a hand at the café. Tsion's father left them when she was very young. Tsion attends BCI Academy and she likes all of her teachers. Her favorite subject is Amharic because it is her language. She longs to be a doctor to help the sick and suffering in her city. Her favorite game is volleyball, her favorite food is meat and her favorite animal is a bird.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Tsion Andualem Daniel to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Wasihun Tesfaye**Accepted** 03/08/2010**Boy Birthdate:** 1/2/2005 **Age:** 6

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tesfaye Teodros<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Wubalem Mesfin<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 2**Language** Amharic**Ethnicity** Amhara**School****Grade****Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Wasihun lives with his mother, two brothers, and two sisters. He is the youngest of his siblings and does not have any chores. He does not currently attend school because his mother could not afford to send him, but he will start school next year with the help of your support! Wasihun says his favorite animal is the lion, although he doesn't get to see them. He has one small musical toy that he likes to play with, and he says his favorite time of the day is morning because the sun isn't too hot and that allows him to play with his best friend, Zion.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Wasihun Tesfaye is fully sponsored)**Name** Wogayehu Alemayehu**Accepted** 06/17/2010**Girl Birthdate:** 6/2/2000 **Age:** 11

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Alemayehu Haile<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 2**Mother** Aberash Denka<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church** Emanuel Church

Wogayehu and her two brothers moved to Debre Zeyit from Mojo (20 km away) to live with their aunt, after their fathers death. Wogayehu does not have any toys, but that doesn't mean she doesn't have fun! Her favorite game is hide and seek. Her favorite color is red and she likes sheep. Before joining the Adana Program, Wogayehu had never been to school but she now attends with joy! She likes eating pasta and she often sleeps with her aunt. Although she doesn't have to, Wogayehu often helps her aunt by cleaning the house and washing dishes.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Wogayehu Alemayehu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yabsera Yonas**Accepted** 07/11/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 6/30/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yabsera**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Yonas Kemaw<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☒**Brothers:** 0**Mother** Yeshihareg Goben<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Beza School**Grade** 6**Church** Emanuel Church

Yabsera lives with her mother who is a shop keeper and earns \$15/month. Yabsera's father is deceased. Yabsera attends Beza School and her favorite subject in school is English. Her heart's passion is to become a doctor so she can help sick people. If she owned her own land she would build a house for her family. She loves to go to church and her favorite part is praying. Yabsera likes to spend time with her best friend Gedenshe. They enjoy playing Yabsera's favorite game "house". Yabsera likes to eat meat and injera and her favorite color is yellow. She is enthusiastic about playing football and enjoys cats.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yabsera Yonas to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yabsira Belete Tamerat**Accepted** 05/18/2011**Boy Birthdate:** 12/28/2007 **Age:** 3

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Belete Tamerat<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Brothers:** 1**Mother** Mulu Wurgesa<sup>Deceased</sup>  
☐**Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School****Grade****Church**

Yabsira is 4 years old. He is very quiet and shy. While interviewing him, no words were spoken by him. Yabsira's mother is a stay at home mom with no income. His father is alive, but has no association with his son. Currently, rent is paid for by her friends. Yabsira is just recently a big brother to Fikado, he is 2 weeks old. Yabsira sleeps on a single mattress with his mom and baby brother. His favorite food is bread with tea. He helps his mother by running errands and messages. He enjoys playing soccer with his best friend Abanet. His favorite animals are the lamb and cow, but he has no favorite color. He enjoys them all. When Yabsira grows up he wants to be able to drive and ride a bike. This quiet boy is looking for someone to show him that someone cares. Do you care enough to sponsor this little boy. In God's eyes he has great potential.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yabsira Belete Tamerat to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yakob Berege**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 5/18/2005 **Age:** 6

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yakob**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Berege Mengistu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Almaz Tulema <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Amanuel **Grade** 2**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Yakob is a quiet, shy boy, but very friendly and loves to giggle. He attends Amanuel School and he dreams of one day becoming a pilot. He lives with his parents and brother. Both parents are HIV positive and are finding it difficult to care fully for their young family. Neither parent complains of "feeling sick", but they are often tired. His father works as a daily laborer earning \$10/month. Yakob will often run errands to help out his parents. His favorite food is injera and his favorite color is green. Yakob's favorite animal is the tiger. Yakob also suffers from some eye problems.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yakob Berege to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yebsira Girma Desalegn**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Girl Birthdate:** 11/11/1996 **Age:** 14

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yeabsira**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Girma Desalegn <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Yesunesh Shumye <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Yebsira is a social, cooperative girl who likes to be pampered. She lives with her mother, grandparents, great grandmother, uncle, cousin, and her brother and sister. Her mother is jobless. She helps out around the house by doing light housework and washing the dishes. Yebsira has been diagnosed with epilepsy. She attends BCI Academy and her favorite class is English because she likes the teaching and learning process. Her favorite part about church is the choir. If she owned her own land she would build a hospital on it. Yebsira's best friend is Samrawit and they enjoy studying together. Yebsira's favorite color is red and her favorite animal is the dog. She enjoys the nights she has pasta to eat. She also enjoys playing a game of football.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Yebsira Girma Desalegn is fully sponsored)

**Name** Yegele Getachew**Accepted** 05/29/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 6/30/2003 **Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:****FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Getachew Yitna*Deceased***Brothers:** 0**Mother** Ayelech Abebe*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** Zion Mekaneyesus Church

Yegele has high energy and is at full throttle all the time! He lives with his mom and his father has passed away. Yegle helps his mom by running errands to the corner shop. He goes to school at BCI Academy and his favorite class is English. Yegle's typical breakfast is bread with tea, although his favorite food is macaroni and he could eat it all day long. When asked who his best friend was, he says he likes to play with all the children, not just one. Yegle dreams of the day he can be a "taxi man" and we are all in trouble because he will tear around Debre Zeyit at full throttle! His favorite animal is the lion and Yegle's favorite game is football.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yegele Getachew to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yeshak Dereje Mengistu**Accepted** 12/31/2007**Boy Birthdate:** 9/11/2002 **Age:** 8**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Yisak**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Dereje Mengistu*Deceased***Brothers:** 1**Mother** Almaz Tulema*Deceased***Sisters:** 0**Language** Oromo**Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy**Grade** 3**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Yisak is a friendly, soft spoken boy who loves to curl up in your lap. . He lives with his parents and brother. Both parents are HIV positive and are finding it difficult to care fully for their young family. Neither parent complains of "feeling sick", but they are often tired. Yisak's father works as a daily laborer earning \$10/month. This eight year old attends BCI Academy where he is in grade 1. He likes to spend time studying. The family lives close by the MKC church and his father works as a guard at the church. Yisak longs for the day he can speed up and down the road of Debre Zeyit. His passion is to be a taxi driver. Yisak's favorite color is red and his favorite animal is the tiger. His favorite food is eggs.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Yeshak Dereje Mengistu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yohannes Bune**Accepted** 02/04/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 2/22/1998 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yohannes**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mamo Bune Rasha <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Alema Tufa Wori <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** Joshua Academy **Grade** 5**Church** Misgana Ethiopian Evangelical

Yohannes is a pleasant young man who has become very responsible due to his mother's loss of sight. Yohannes's father abandoned the family after their mother accepted Christ. He has never returned. Yohannes helps look after his younger sister. He helps around the house by hauling water, gathering wood and making coffee. Yohannes attends Joshua Academy. Yonahhes and his best friend Ameha play football together and they also study their lessons together. Yohannes like to hear the preaching at church. His favorite color is red and his favorite animal is a cat. He likes it when his sister makes pasta for their evening meal.

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Yohannes Bune is fully sponsored)**Name** Yohannis Fitsum**Accepted** 07/15/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 7/6/2001 **Age:** 10

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yohanes**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Fitsum Tafere <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Asegedech Taddess <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Pending E **Ethnicity** Pending Ethi**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 4**Church** Emanuel Church

Yohannis is a sweet spirited, easy going child. He lives with his mother who works as a daily laborer. She makes \$20/month. Yohannis isn't an only child, but his sister lives in a far away village in North Africa. He attends BCI Academy where his favorite classes are math and English. Yohannis aspires to be a doctor when he is older. He loves to eat macaroni, rice and meat but not all at once! Yohannis and his best friend Papai often play football together which happens to be Yohannis's favorite game. His color of choice is red and his favorite animal is the dog. His favorite part about church is hearing the Word of God.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yohannis Fitsum to be fully sponsored.



**Name** Yonas Alemayehu**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 3/4/2005 **Age:** 6**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Yonas**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Alemayehu Haile <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Aberash Denka <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** **Grade****Church** Emanuel Church

Yonas lives with his grandmother, and seven other children in the house. Yonas lost both of his parents to HIV. Yonas says the favorite part of the day is the morning because he gets to go to "Priesthood School", which is a school offered by the church for kids who are too young for kindergarten. His favorite class is Amharic because it is easy. His dream is to become a doctor. His favorite part about church is the singing. Yonas likes to spend time with his best friend Dougam. They can often be found playing football together. His favorite food is injera with wot. Yonas likes the color green and his favorite animal is sheep.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$60/month needed in sponsorships for Yonas Alemayehu to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yosef Getachew**Accepted** 06/16/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 10/26/2000 **Age:** 10**Adana Children Center****Nick Name:** Yoseph**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Getachew Belihu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 1**Mother** Birke Tufa <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** Emanuel Church

This young boy lives with his grandparents, who are both retired. His grandpa struggles with nerve/muscle problems and his grandma has kidney problems. Both of Yosef's parents have passed away. His favorite class is math. His job of choice right now is a doctor. Yosef and his best friend Behailu get a kick out of playing football together. He enjoys the color green and he likes chickens, to play with, not eat. If he had his own land he would build a house. Yosef's favorite part about church is the singing and worship. Yosef also like to play with dogs.

**Sponsors Needed:** \$30/month needed in sponsorships for Yosef Getachew to be fully sponsored.

**Name** Yosef Mideksa Begna**Accepted****Boy Birthdate:** 10/8/1997 **Age:** 13

Adana Children Center

**Nick Name:** Yosef**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Mideksa Begna <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 3**Mother** Tadelech Feleke <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Oromo **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 6**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Yosef lives with his grandparents, uncle and aunt. He has 1 sister and 3 brothers. His grandfather is retired and receives \$10/month retirement pay. Yosef's father died before he was born due to an infection he developed after a witchcraft practice. His mother abandoned the family after Yosef's birth. Yosef attends BCI Academy. He dreams of one day becoming a pilot. He helps around the house by washing the dishes. His favorite class is music class. His favorite time of day is the afternoon after school. He can't choose what his favorite color is saying "the rainbow is the best".

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Yosef Mideksa Begna is fully sponsored)**Name** Yosef Tesfaye**Accepted** 01/11/2008**Boy Birthdate:** 1/22/2000 **Age:** 11

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**Nick Name:** Yosef**FAMILY BACKGROUND****Father** Tesfaye Chala <sup>Deceased</sup> ☒ **Brothers:** 0**Mother** Fanaye Beshadu <sup>Deceased</sup> ☐ **Sisters:** 1**Language** Amharic **Ethnicity** Oromo**School** BCI Academy **Grade** 5**Church** MKC - Meserete Kristos Church

Yosef is a quiet, gentle boy whose eyes never stop searching. He lives with his mother and sister. His mother works as a daily laborer earning \$15/month which is a daunting task considering she is HIV positive. His father abandoned them and has since passed away. He enjoys playing football with his neighborhood friends. Until June 2010, Yosef had always been self-conscious about the extra digit on his hand but a doctor from a visiting team met Yosef and graciously offered to pay for the surgery to have the digit removed. To look at Yosef now, you would never know he lived most of his life with an extra digit!

**Sponsors Needed:** None (Yosef Tesfaye is fully sponsored)

**Name** Zenu Tafa Bekele

**Accepted** 05/18/2011

**Girl Birthdate:** 9/25/2006 **Age:** 4

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**Nick Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

**Father** Tafa Bekele

*Deceased*



**Brothers:** 1

**Mother** Dida

*Deceased*



**Sisters:** 2

**Language** Oromo

**Ethnicity** Oromo

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church** \_\_\_\_\_

Zenu is a gentle, kind-hearted girl who loves dogs, but as she said twice in her interview, "They must be small." When she grows up she wants to be a doctor because she sees the need for so many children to be treated for illness. Zenu's favorite color is yellow and she enjoys playing football and any games that have to do with running. Zenu attends school and does well in her classes. She is diligent about doing her homework and also spends part of her afternoon helping out around the house by sweeping the floor and washing dishes.

**Sponsors Needed:** 3 sponsors for \$30/month or one full sponsor at \$90/month.

Zenu Tafa Bekele currently has no sponsors.

# WHAT'S SPONSORSHIP?

The Adana Children Center provides a loving home and solid education for orphaned children like Temesgen. The project was launched in January 2008, in response to the pleas from local churches of Debre Zeyit, Ethiopia. These churches were attempting to reach out to the poor in their communities, but with their congregations made up of people living themselves on less than a dollar a day, they don't have the resources to help.

Sponsoring a child provides them a home with a loving family and a solid education.

## Personal Care

In the home, children are provided plenty to eat, a warm bed and a clean environment along with nurturing care from loving parents who attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. Each home considers it their ministry to love and care for the children as their own. While fun things are planned to provide diversion, they are rounded out with daily chores, Bible reading and devotions.

## Christian Education

Each sponsored child receives a quality education. They attend private schools where available and all have personal tutors available as needed, providing

academic excellence while instilling Christian principles and values.

## Trained & Challenged

It's our goal to produce the best educated young adults, and to send them forth with purpose and a challenge to make a difference in their country.

Teachers and staff pour themselves into these previously hopeless lives, pointing them to Jesus, the children are transformed into dedicated, hope-filled, contributing members of society – fully equipped to fulfill their God-given destiny.

Less than a dollar a day – just \$30 per month – will make the difference between life and death for an orphaned or abandoned child, providing food and clothing.



When you sponsor child, we will send you a photo of your child along with their personal information. Plus, you will get to know your child more personally as you receive letters written by your child along with progress reports and updates.

Some sponsors prefer to be a child's only sponsor by supporting them with \$90/month – the actual cost to fully care for every aspect of raising their sponsored child in Ethiopia.

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