

ADANA'S HOME FIRE

Adana Kasu has been in our sponsorship program for many years. He lost both of his parents before his fifth birthday. He was sent to live with his aunt, who passed away when he was nine years old. With no adult to care for him, he was picked on by other children. BCI stepped in and put him in a better situation and enrolled him in the sponsorship program.

Adana overcame his hardships and excelled in school. He began university in 2019, only to have his dorm robbed and his belongings stolen. He escaped danger by exiting through a window. Violence kept his school closed for some time, then the pandemic hit. Recently, Adana lost his long-time sponsor.

In early April, Adana received his degree program placement and learned that he would be studying to become a textile engineer. Less than two weeks after this happy news, his neighbor's home caught on fire. Because the houses are attached, the fire spread into Adana's home, destroying his bed, mattress, sheets, blanket, and cooking materials. The total cost to replace these essential items is \$425 USD.

Adana is humble and resilient and never gives up despite his many setbacks, but he has no means to replace the lost items. He will have no bed to sleep on during his summer break from university. Can you help us restore his home?



Adana's Home After the Fire

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THE GATHERING PLACE

This winter, God blessed our ministry with wonderful Ms. Ray, a missionary from the United States who reached out last year when she felt drawn to serve in Ethiopia. After months of preparation, Ms. Ray joined us in Debre Zeyit full of passion and with a clear vision for creating an after-school art program called The Gathering Place.

when they run. In addition to the young children, art students from older grades joined in as well as teachers and staff. They worked together to create murals on the side of the BCI Academy.

The program was well-received by the children and staff alike. Older children were often plastered to the



In all, 338 children participated in Ms. Ray's program. Most of the children were kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 students. Arts and crafts projects included 3-D pop-up cards, origami, painted wooden objects and construction paper creations. The younger students learned how to cut with scissors, paste and glue objects, and color. They had fun creating pinwheels that spin

windows, gazing in to watch the classes. The students who participated were excited to practice their new skills at home and share their creations. We're so grateful that Ms. Ray joined us in Ethiopia to teach and love our children and help them grow. God moved her heart to serve with us and she trusted His lead. What is God nudging you to do?

THE GATHERING PLACE GALLERY



Ms. Ray Displaying the Children's Artwork



BCI Academy Teacher



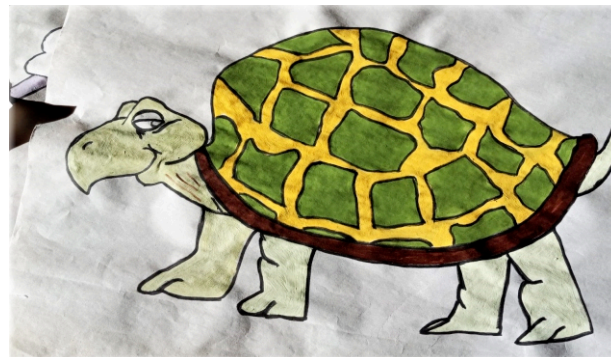
Receiving Balloons as Rewards



Student with her Creation



Frog Painting



Turtle Painting



Bird Painting

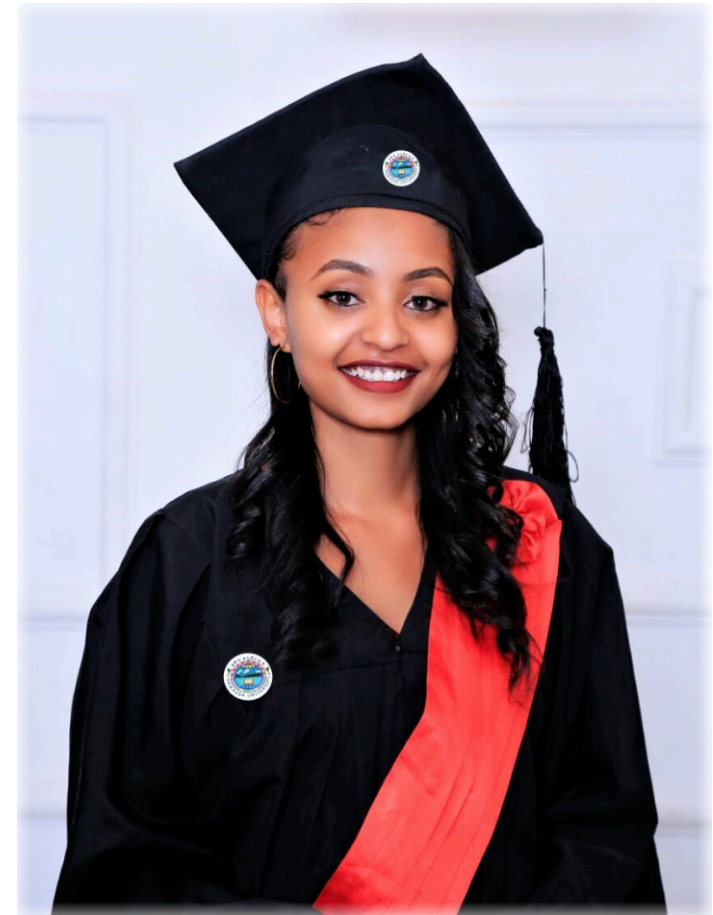
ESRAEL ACCEPTED TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

Last month, we shared news that Esrael Yirga graduated from university with a degree as a lab technician. Shortly after graduation, Esrael took a written exam to apply for medical school. We were thrilled to learn recently that she has been accepted. In a whirlwind of activity, she moved to Addis Ababa and began attending classes on April 18th.

Esrael will attend university for five years followed by a one-year internship. At the conclusion, she will be a fully licensed medical doctor. Esrael is our second sponsored child to attend medical school. We are in awe of God's handiwork.

A gift from our friends in Canada made it possible for Esrael to cover her school tuition; however, she has an immediate need for rent and living expenses. Her expenses are \$125 USD per month.

God is doing amazing things in this young woman's life. We're looking to partner with a few people in support of Esrael's journey from sponsored child to medical doctor. If you are able to provide any portion of Esrael's monthly expenses, we invite you to join her support team.



Esrael Yirga, Medical Student

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Sponsorship of Kalkidan

Provide monthly sponsorship for 8-year-old Kalkidan Kasahun to meet her needs and help her thrive.

Need: \$90/month
Raised: \$30/month
Remaining Need: \$60/month



Adana's Restoration

Provide a bed, mattress, sheets, blanket and cooking materials to help Adana Kasu recover from his house fire.

Need: \$425
Raised: \$0
Remaining Need: \$425



Esrael's Medical School

Support Esrael Yirga's living expenses as she studies at medical school to become a doctor.

Need: \$125/month
Raised: \$0/month
Remaining Need: \$125/month



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