



ETHIOPIA IS GOING GREEN - AND SO ARE WE!



Over the past 100 years, the amount of forested land in Ethiopia has dropped from 30% to less than 4%. Combined with a climate crisis that is causing droughts, flooding, and soil erosion, Ethiopia is facing a severe threat to the livelihood of 80% of its population that relies on agriculture. To combat this, the country has pledged to plant a staggering four billion trees before the end of the year. They kicked off their efforts on Monday, July 29th by planting more than 353 million trees in 12 hours, a feat that is believed to be a world record.

We are joining in on the conservation efforts by going green with our donation receipts. If you have not already joined our Go Green list and would like to help the environment by receiving your monthly donation receipts by e-mail, please drop us a note at Info@blessingthechildren.org with "Go Green" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name in the body of the e-mail.



A Young Tree at the BCI Academy

Every day in the United States, we trash enough office paper to build a 12-foot wall from Los Angeles to New York City. (momstastic.com)

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TIZITA ABREHAM: PEER MENTOR & TV STAR

Tizita Abreham is 18 years old and has been in the BCI program for more than 10 years. She is entering 12th grade in the fall, with hopes of progressing to university next year. Her ambition is to become a doctor to save people from illness and early death. She admires a singer named Meri, who encourages women to exceed the limits society has placed on them.

Tizita lives with her mother, stepfather, and 8-year-old stepbrother. On a typical day, she helps with housework at home and spends time with her friends at church. She enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and chatting about school with her best friend, Feven. Her favorite subject at school is biology because she finds it simple and she enjoys the fact that it relates to life. Her most difficult subject is physics.

Some friends from church saw an advertisement for an opportunity to participate in a TV drama that is televised on a Christian TV channel. Tizita received an acting role in the

series and travels to Addis for three hours every Thursday for filming.

Tizita is a strong young woman who has become a leader in the youth community that helps lost youth come to Jesus. Tizita chooses to spend her time with "bad kids" in order to influence them like Jesus did. She is the BCI mission in action – taking what she has gleaned from the ministry and spreading seeds to create change in the local community. When asked what she would like others to know about her, she stated that she would like others to know that she is a good person and to not judge her by the people she spends her time with.

We asked how we can help her prepare for her University entrance exam, which she will take in June of 2020. Tizita stated that she needs tutoring in English. The cost for tutoring from September through June is \$250 USD in total. Please reach out and let us know if you'd like to provide this inspiring teen with a one-time gift of English tutoring.



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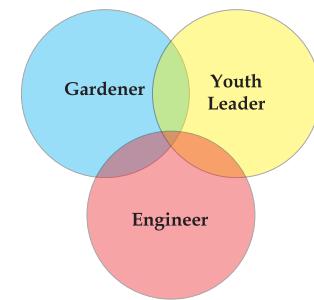
Abbey is a 20-year-old university student who is pursuing a pharmacy degree. This summer, she spent six weeks serving a medical internship with the ministry. She also spent time sharing her passion for soccer with students at the BCI Academy.

It's been said that innovation happens at the intersections. Mission trips to our ministry site in Ethiopia allow each missionary to combine their skill sets and interests to serve in a way that uniquely suits them. There is an intersection of cultures, ideas and experiences that happens during each mission trip, and this intersection is where the magic happens. For example: Gardener + Youth Leader + Engineer = Teaching youth how to build and maintain a vegetable garden to help feed their families.



Abbey with Child

What would your intersection look like? We would love to chat about it:
Info@blessingthechildren.org



Leading a Soccer Game Warm Up



Fun with BCI Academy Students

CLASS OF 2019

Please join us in congratulating our 2019 high school graduates! Their national exam results are in and we are awaiting word on whether they have been approved for vocational training or university, and in what fields.



Adana Shisema



Bemnet Manaye



Beruk Gemechu



Besha Asefa



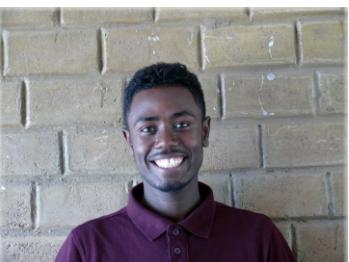
Estifanos Tariku



Fekadu Alemu



Sisay Bekele



Tewodros Tilahun

DO YOU "LIKE" US?

We want to connect with you! We are on multiple social media platforms and invite you to interact with us to stay informed and help spread the word of the ministry. Below are the platforms we are currently active on, and information regarding how you can engage directly with us on these platforms.



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Provide sponsorship of 11-year-old Merone Yakob Dhabi

Need: \$90/mo.

Raised: \$0

Remaining Need: \$90/mo.



Academic Incentive Program

Incentivize students and staff for academic achievements in 2019/20

Need: \$2,000

Raised: \$125

Remaining Need: \$1,875



Sponsorship of Yohannes

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Need: \$90/mo.

Raised: \$0

Remaining Need: \$90/mo.



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