

CHANGING SELAM'S STORY



Selam Terefe, age 10

Selam is a 10-year-old girl with a bright, happy smile and a sad story. While her name means "peace" in her native language of Amharic, her life has been anything but peaceful. Her mother used to live in rural Ethiopia with her husband and three children. Her husband would often get drunk and abuse her. After many years of abuse, she fled to Debre Zeyit with her youngest son and began making a living by washing clothes until one day while at work she was raped by a man she washed clothes for. This painful experience is how Selam was brought into the world. Currently, the family lives in a tiny house in poor condition. We pray for God's provision and protection so that Selam can overcome her family history and have a safe and happy future. She is in need of \$40 USD / month of support to complete her full sponsorship. If you want to join her sponsorship team, please reach out. We would be thrilled to connect you with Selam and to have you as part of her team.



Selam at age 5

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STITCHING TOGETHER A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Last month, we introduced you to 5-year-old Tamrat Mulugeta, a lovely boy with an electric smile. Tamrat was abandoned by his father at the age of 1 due to his father's addiction to drugs and alcohol. He currently lives with his mother, Bizuayehu.

During a recent mission trip, a missionary saw potential in Bizuayehu and took time to help her learn a new skill - professional sewing. Bizuayehu had some limited knowledge of sewing due to a previous job she held at a factory. The missionary helped her further advance her skills, and this has turned into a full-time job working for the ministry.



Bizuayehu and Tamrat

Bizuayehu now sews uniforms for the teachers and janitorial staff. She also sews mattress covers. She has been given an office on the Bethlehem campus of the BCI Academy, and can often be found there helping Tamrat rehearse his ABC's while she works.

This is the start of a new way for mothers to earn an income to support their families, and a way for the ministry to produce a needed product in-house, which has cost-saving and quality control benefits. The missionary who started this project will soon return to Ethiopia to train more mothers and help expand the project. We hope to someday be able to make the school uniforms in-house, as they're currently difficult to source.

Praise God for His provision for this new project.



New Uniforms for the Janitorial Staff

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to announce a scholarship opportunity to join our 2023 Teach to Reach program. We welcome anyone with a heart for teaching children to join us in beautiful Ethiopia next July. Teach to Reach is an educational summer camp that combines fun and learning. We will customize the camp to use the skills and talents of our team of volunteer educators.

Team members may choose a 2-week option (July 1-15 or July 16-30) for \$3,395 USD or 4-week option (July 1-30) for \$3,985 USD. This fee includes round trip airfare from an international airport in a major US city as well as meals, local transportation, translators and guest house accommodations while in Ethiopia. One missionary will be chosen to receive a scholarship covering 50% of their trip fees. How to apply:

1. Submit your mission trip application and \$40 application fee
2. Write a one-page response to the following questions:
 - a. What inspired you to take this trip?



- b. What skills / talents / passion / knowledge do you hope to use during your trip?
- c. What personal experience can you leverage?

Requirements must be met by December 31st, 2022.
Information: <https://blessingthechildren.org/teach.html>

DIRECT DELIVERY

Did you know you are welcome to send packages directly to our ministry in Ethiopia at any time? All packages will be received at our PO Box and processed by our ministry staff. Mail to:

Shipping to Ethiopia typically costs around \$10 per pound. You may consider US Postal Service flat rate boxes to maximize your shipment.

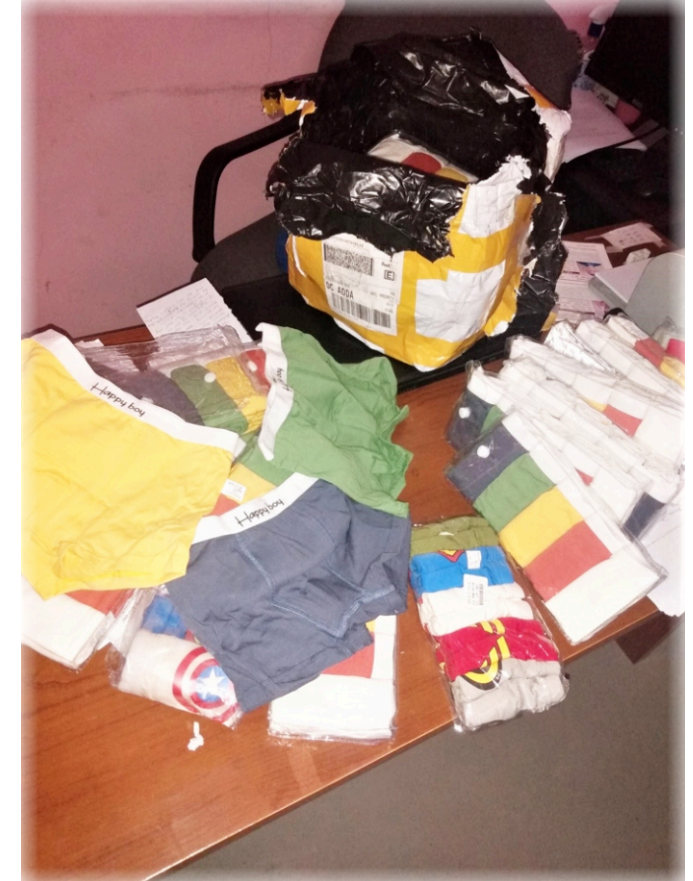
Blessing the Children
PO Box 1410
Debre Zeyit, East Shoa
Ethiopia

If your package is for a specific child, be sure to include the child's first and last name on the *inside* of the package.

Items that are always useful include:

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| •Underwear | •Reading glasses | •Blankets |
| •Bras | •Books | •Sheets |
| •Socks | •Bibles | •Tote bags |
| •Sanitary pads | •School supplies | •Cooking utensils |
| •Clothing | •Backpacks | •Dental products |
| •Shoes | •Dry erase markers | •Vitamins |
| •Sunglasses | •Teaching aides | •Toys |

If you would like confirmation that your package was received, please send a note to info@blessingthechildren.org when your package ships to let us know it's on the way.



Gift of underwear received from overseas

IGA PHASE II UPDATE



IGA Phase II Grant Recipients



Mother of Nebeyu Shimeles

We recently held a ceremony for grant recipients from Phase II of our IGA project. Each mother was provided with funds to begin her IGA Open Market business along with business training. The room was filled with hope and excitement. Please join us in praying for the success of these new business ventures.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Changing Selam's Story

Change Selam Terefe's story by joining her support team and completing her monthly sponsorship.

Need: \$90/mo.
Raised: \$50/mo.
Remaining Need: \$40/mo.



IGA - Phase 2

Meet the business start up needs for a mom looking to work at the Open Market to support her family.

Need: \$2,025
Raised: \$1,035
Remaining Need: \$990



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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