

SPECIAL NEEDS



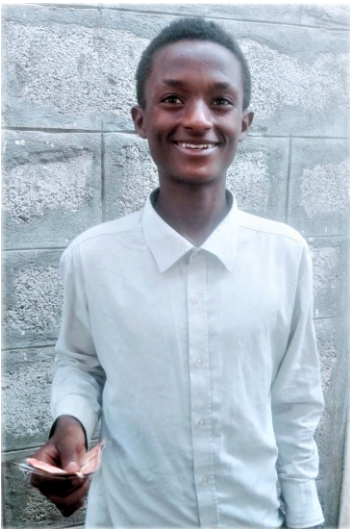
Laptop - \$590 USD

Estifanos Tariku is BCI’s first-ever medical student. He is currently attending medical school in the capital city of Addis Ababa, studying to become a doctor. He is in need of a laptop so that he can view a heavy load of videos to support his studies.



Eye Surgery - \$300 USD

Surafel Tefera’s mother is losing her vision due to a medical condition that can be surgically treated. For the cost of what amounts to less than a month of health insurance premiums for many living in western countries, she can receive this critical surgery.



Rent Support - \$180 USD

Wasihun lives with his mother and four siblings. After losing his rent support, he has been blessed to receive six months of support for 2023. He is in need of the remaining 6 months of support at \$30 USD per month to keep him in his current housing.



Electricity - \$190 USD

Tamrat Mulugeta’s mother was offered a wonderful opportunity by her landlord to receive electricity in the family home for only \$380 USD. She currently has half of the funds needed and for \$190 USD can complete this life-changing upgrade.

SUPPORT A SPECIAL NEED

Name: _____
Address: _____

E-mail (optional): _____
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I will support the following special need(s):

Receive receipt electronically (provide e-mail) ☐

Laptop for Estifanos	Eye Surgery for Surafel’s Mother	Rent Support for Wasihun	Electricity for Tamrat
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount: _____

University Fees for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bemenet \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Haben \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Helen \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Kaleb \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Marta \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Meheret \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Natnael \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sisay \$ _____



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A SECOND CHANCE

In Ethiopia, students take a national exam in grade 10, the results of which determine whether they will be granted the opportunity to advance to university prep (grades 11 & 12), Technical and Vocational Training (TVT), or repeat grade 10.



Grade 12 Students

Students who advance to university prep sit for another exam at the conclusion of their grade 12 year. This exam determines whether they are able to progress to university.

As a nation, grade 12 students in Ethiopia profoundly struggled with the exam in 2022, so much so that only 3% of students scored above a 50% on the exam. This caused the Ministry of Education to rethink the university entrance requirements. One of our students was able to progress to university based on his test result alone. An additional seven were given a second chance when the Ministry of Education created a plan to combat the low test scores. A certain percentage of students were permitted to enroll in university with conditions. These students must

take courses at university in their low-scoring subjects, and will then sit for a re-take of the exam, which will determine whether they can continue to stay enrolled.

Congratulations to Kaleb Teshome for passing the exam. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and places

him in the top 3% of students in all of Ethiopia.

Congratulations to the following students on their second chance to attend university: **Bemenet Olana, Haben Andualem Masresha, Helen Taye G’medihin, Marta Bedilu, Meheret Eresa, Natnael Teshome and Sisay Alemu.**

These students are eligible to remain in our extended support program and continue receiving sponsorship benefits so long as they are attending university with passing grades.

Each of these students will need \$250 USD to receive the essentials for relocating to university, including a suitcase, dorm furnishings and transportation fees. **Can you partner with one student on their university journey?**

A LIFE CHANGED

Zehara Abdulkadir is the mother of Elshadye and Siyam. Siyam has completed her schooling at the BCI Academy and is now studying in the medical field. Elshadye is a grade 6 student at the BCI Academy.

Previously, Zehara worked as a cleaner, earning 1,800 birr (\$33 USD) per month. Her rent is 1,000 birr (\$19 USD), leaving her with \$14 USD per month for all other expenses. It was a constant struggle to provide for her family.

In 2021, we interviewed Zehara regarding the possibility of starting an IGA business. She expressed great interest in participating in the first phase of our IGA project. We visited her home and reviewed her plan to start an injera business. She then completed a business training course and was provided with the resources needed to start a business making and selling injera.

Currently, Zehara makes 100 injera per day. She delivers 50 to our school feeding program and 50 to a small shop. It takes her six hours each day to make the injera. She begins preparing the injera in the middle of the night so that it's fresh for the morning. She delivers the injera and then goes to a clinic and works as a cleaner for ten hours to earn additional income.

Zehara never received an education but always



Zehara Preparing Injera



Elshadye



Siyam

dreamed of educating herself. Since starting her business, she has been able to put away funds to attend school. She studies at the end of the day after she has made the injera and cleaned for 10 hours. She attends two hours of night school and is currently in grade 2. Zehara is thrilled to now have the ability to count and to read her Bible.

Elshadye and Siyam help their mother prepare the dough and deliver the injera and they also help take care of the home. Zehara feels blessed by their support. She displays a great example of work ethic to her daughters.

Zehara is very appreciative of the support from the IGA program, including the provision of free firewood from the school campus, which has reduced her business expenses.

Zehara is a hard working, peaceful and grateful woman. She feels so blessed by the IGA program and is very happy to have fresh injera to feed her family as a bonus. She keeps BCI and all who support the program in her daily prayers.

It is Zehara's dream to one day hire an employee, which would allow her to increase her production to as many as 500 injera per day. With

her impressive work ethic, this dream may be well within reach.

GALLERY OF BLESSINGS



Delicious Meal



School Backpack



Pair of Shoes



Bedding



Mattress



Specialty Groceries



Clothing



Rent Relief

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

BCI President's Club

Reward excellence by sponsoring an A-student to participate in an academic field trip.

Need: \$600
Raised: \$0
Remaining Need: \$600



University Student Support

Help provide 8 university students with suitcases, dorm furnishings and transportation fees.

Need: \$250/student
Raised: \$0
Remaining Need: \$250/student



Taxi for Hewan

Provide transportation for Hewan Yeshigeta to keep her safe on the way to and from school each day.

Need: \$342
Raised: \$342
Remaining Need: \$0



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