**BNB: A Legacy of Love and Learning**

In 1999, Hawassa City witnessed the birth of a legacy defined by love and dedication, giving rise to what we now know as BNB School. This institution’s foundation is deeply rooted in the profound loss of Dagmawei Yissahek Boncato Bekalo, affectionately known as Bubbah, along with his two young cousins, Biniam Tesfaye Bekalo and Nathanael Samuel Bekalo, who were taken from this world too soon. The acronym “BNB” honors these cherished individuals, representing their lasting presence in the school’s identity.

Initially envisioned as a small kindergarten to commemorate Dagmawei’s memory, BNB School was founded by his parents, Prusevie and Isaac Bekalo, alongside his siblings, Pearl and Krystle. Under the leadership of Ato Samuel Bekalo, Nathanael’s father and Bubbah and Biniam’s uncle, this humble beginning blossomed into a fully established high school that now stands as a beacon of academic excellence in Hawassa City, the capital of the Sidama regional state.

What started with just 49 young learners in the summer of 1999 has since grown into a thriving K-12 institution, currently educating a vibrant community of 2,250 students. The journey has not only enriched the lives of countless students but also provided a livelihood for over 150 regular and part-time teaching and non-teaching staff. Beyond the school’s walls, BNB has positively impacted the broader community, benefiting suppliers, builders, transporters, service providers, and local small businesses. These individuals, both directly and indirectly connected to BNB, not only sustain their families but also educate their children, thereby contributing to the creation of a stronger nation.

Strategically located in the heart of Hawassa City, BNB’s expansive 2-hectare campus is surrounded by lush greenery and modern facilities, embodying the school’s commitment to providing a contemporary and conducive learning environment. Today, BNB is one of the three largest and most prestigious schools in Hawassa, a testament to its unwavering dedication to educational excellence.