

Report from Ethiopia

Message from the school for the blind

Since a number of years TTAF contributes to the operation of the School for the Blind in Debre Zeit.

The school for the blind has experienced a positive development in recent years. Two Dutch women, Marleen Wassink and Belinda Hendriksen, come to the school every Tuesday morning to teach. One of the most important things they noticed, they recently told us: "There is real love and warmth for the children". And that has a positive effect, as shown by the story of director Wondimu (he is also blind) about Yordanos. He tells:

"Yordanos joined our school two years ago. Her mother Emebet had four children, one of them is Yordanos who went blind when she was one year old.

One of her neighbours told her that she had to go to our school for the blind in Debrezeit and when we first saw her, Yordanos did not let herself be touched, except by her mother.

We advised her mother to take her to the school for 2 hours a week. The school paid the travel expenses, put her in contact with other blind children and gave her different kinds of toys. She did this for six months and finally Yordanos familiarized herself with the situation of the school.

Now, after a year, Yordanos, like other blind children, started Grade 1. She always smiles, feels happy, and is a smart child".



You can contribute to the school with, for example, a gift for a toy, a radio CD player, Braille books or other game material.

By the way, the children love Duplo, so if you still have it at home in a corner, we are interested in it!

Dirk Thienpont

In memoriam

After a long sickbed Dirk Thienpont died on November 16 in Ninove (Belgium) at the age of 74 years. Dirk has been involved in the TTAF foundation since 2016 and has meant a lot to the foundation. He has contributed both financially and operationally to the realization of the Burka Faya Health Center in Sashamene. In the last years of his life he has given a lot of attention to this and has done a lot of work for it. He often said: "TTAF is my best medicine." Regularly, solicited and unsolicited, he served the board with his advice and ideas.

During the mourning ceremony Albert Fieret and Ayano Burka were present.



Donations

Great gift for schools

In November we received a large donation of € 10,000 for school desks and blackboards. With this donation the foundation, in cooperation with Ayano Burka, can provide two schools in the vicinity of Shashamene with the necessary material. A total of 120 school desks and 10 blackboards will be provided.

The big advantage is that the children can now learn to write in a decent way. Good material definitely increases the quality of education. And who has the youth, has the future.

The next ones are the schools:

- Kumbi Elementary School (61 km from Shashamene)
- Bitacha Elementary School (29 km from Shashamene)

If you want, you can also support a school. A school desk costs € 75 and a blackboard costs € 65 (including transport costs). Meanwhile, we have also drilled a well at several schools. This is especially important for young girls: they don't have to walk kilometers anymore and can therefore go to school. A well costs € 1,250. Can you imagine what an enormous impact a well with clean drinking water (hygiene, disease prevention!) has on



Nieuwe situatie



Huidige situatie

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Greetings from Addis Ababa

From the office in Addis Ababa you will receive warm greetings from Ayano and Zenebe. Every day they are busy with the implementation and monitoring of your and our projects!

From the board

Herman Koudijs



Herman Koudijs joined the board of the TTAF Foundation in November 2019. Herman works as an auditor at PwC Accountants and will fill the position of treasurer.

