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Ethiopian Jewish News Update

## *Amidst absolute hopelessness, poverty and suffering, two success stories . . .*

There is a school in Gondar City that serves that city and the surrounding villages. Over 1,000 students in grades K-8 attend this school, including Beta Israel children that our ministry sponsors.

Two Beta Israel children that we sponsor at the school come to mind because, sadly, they are not unusual in the hardships they faced in getting something that is not a given in Ethiopia – an education. Birhane and her little sister Yeshareg lost both their parents, one after the other to chronic disease.



*Thanks to friends like you, children are receiving an education and having their daily basic needs met.*

**Orphans like Birhane and Yeshareg in developing nations like Ethiopia confront a wide range of struggles.** Orphanages are overcrowded and cannot easily accommodate new children. Food and medicine are scarce. Even the most basic education is often unobtainable. Adoption doesn't always work out. The government does what it can, but it is overwhelmed by the number of orphans it must care for.

Every child has a right to an education. An education is critical to the future of a nation, and it is critical when Beta Israel orphans are finally allowed to make Aliyah to Israel. An education will ease their process of assimilation into Israeli society.

**When Birhane and Yeshareg's situation came to my attention, it tore at my heart.** No children should have to face such an uncertain future like what they were looking at, so our ministry stepped in to help them. We didn't stop with just sponsoring their tuitions to the Gondar City school. We are also providing for their other needs including food, medicine and clothing.

Thanks to friends like you who have been so generous in the past, Birhane and Yeshareg's future now looks promising. The girls are doing well in their school. Their daily needs are being provided. Nothing can take away the pain of losing their parents but, in time, the ache in their hearts will be replaced by the achievements these two bright girls will experience.

**Yes, Birhane and Yeshareg are a success story of sorts, thanks to you, but there are many other orphans who face an absolutely hopeless future.** Without our help, they will never attain even the most basic skills needed to function in modern society. Worse yet, they may never be able to return to their promised homeland Israel.

It only takes \$300 a year to pay for an orphan's school tuition for one year. Another \$300 a year will provide food, medicine and clothing for that orphan. Just imagine . . . the mere sum of \$600 can provide an entire year's worth of **total care** for one boy or girl in Ethiopia. While \$300-\$600 may be seem like a lot to many of us during this time of economic recession, it is a mere pittance when you consider all that it can accomplish in the life of a child.

Please help us as best you can. Your \$300 gift will sponsor a child in the Gondar City school for one year. An additional \$300 gift will provide for that child's other needs for one year. **If you cannot totally sponsor a child, give what you can.** Every gift we receive will go toward helping these precious children who have been dealt a cruel blow so early in life.

There are many other Birhanes and Yesharegs in need of our help. Let's not forget them. Please help us to help them. I can see no greater satisfaction for us than to have a part in reshaping a child's life.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued prayers, encouragement and support on behalf of the Beta Israel!

Sincerely,

***Kokeb Gedamu***

Messianic Rabbi and Founder

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