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Ethiopian Jewish News Update

Children need milk, especially newborn infants. For them, milk is a matter of life or death. In Ethiopia, many new mothers are unable to give their own milk, because they have been malnourished for so long. Hundreds of sickly children are in need of milk in Ethiopia. This is why the House of Israel International Ministries (HIIM) is starting to provide this needed food essential to infants and children.



Our goal is to provide milk to as many children as possible, and we can only do this with your help. Milk like everything else in Ethiopia is outrageously expensive. It's not like here in America, where you and I can go to our nearby grocery store and purchase a gallon of milk for \$3-\$4 when we need it. One gallon of fresh milk in Ethiopia for one month cost \$50 to feed a child. One gallon of powdered milk costs \$35. One-quarter gallon of infant formula powdered milk costs \$16.

If we are to save the lives of infants and children we must raise the funds that will enable our workers in Ethiopia to purchase and distribute milk to needy families. We are not being unrealistic in how much we can accomplish. Our initial goal is to provide milk for 50 infants and children every month. That is a very modest goal but we must start somewhere, which is why I am asking for your help.



With an initial goal of 50 children in mind, we estimate it will take \$2500.00 to \$5000.00 a month to provide milk. Any size tax-deductible gift this month toward this effort will go toward providing milk, but some of you might be able to sponsor four children for an entire month for \$200.00. Others might be able to send a \$50 gift to provide one gallon of fresh milk for one month for a needy child. Whatever you can send will be immediately used toward getting milk to the neediest children. It is sad that this situation exists today, given the industrious history of the Beta Israel Messianic Jews.

Many were successful farmers and livestock owners before they sold what they owned at very low prices in order to migrate to Addis Ababa and Gondar province in anticipation of what they believed would be a short wait before making Aliyah to Israel. They suffered great difficulties migrating. They gave up everything for the hope of living in the Promised Land. While some have made it to Israel, many others are still languishing behind in Ethiopia with very little means of support.

This is why they are experiencing present hardships when it comes to even the most basic of daily needs. Thank you for doing what you can this month to reach out to children who need milk to survive and grow strong. Remember, \$50.00 will supply one month's milk for a child. A \$35.00 gift will provide one gallon of powered milk for one week for one needy child. Please help as you best can!

Sincerely,
Kokeb Gedamu
Messianic Rabbi and Founder

Passover begins this year on the evening of March 29 and Easter is April 4. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous holiday season.



Passover in Ethiopia is a special time for the Beta Israel because it renews their hope that they will make Aliyah to Israel soon.

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