



EthioFaith USA: Providing Christian Special Education for Ethiopia

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Our Third Year

The third year of Faith School began earlier this fall with one more student, bringing the total to 7! One of the needs the staff there has expressed relates to training. While our lead teacher and teacher aide have been trained in teaching, their preparation didn't include special education, since there are no teacher preparation programs for special education in Ethiopia. The good news is that an Ethiofaith board member, Vinnie Adams, will be going to Addis Ababa late in December to do some training with the staff. Vinnie is a Trinity Christian College graduate, taught at Elim Christian School, and now leads disability ministries at Faith Church in Dyer, Indiana.



Despite these challenges, the days are filled with learning as the following pictures show. We're happy to report that the support of you and other friends in the U.S. is making a difference in the lives of these students, giving them opportunities to learn and participate more fully in their families and communities.



It's about the students!

When the US board met earlier this fall, we learned of some of the ordinary challenges families in Addis Ababa face. Even though Addis Ababa is a major city with 4 million people (or more), rainy season makes getting to school difficult. Also, students' families don't own cars, so a parent has to accompany the student to school, usually by a vehicle that looks like the Bajaja shown below; but when that parent is sick, the student stays home too. We're working on ways to address these challenges.



Please pray for the work of ministry and education at Faith School. While these students come from Christian and Muslim homes, we trust the Holy Spirit is working as the love of Christ is shown to all. Pray, too, for the upcoming training trip. In addition to Vinnie, Fekadu Timmermans (a Trinity Christian College student) and Emmanuel Zewde (a college student from Ethiopia who is studying in Grand Rapids) will be assisting as translators.

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