

Heritage Mission News

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Remember the Lord Your God, Creator of Heaven and Earth

Congratulations, Graduate!



We are pleased to announce the graduation of Zenash Tekle-Wold!

Zenash came from Ethiopia to the United States 4 years ago.

Upon completion of her high school academics, Zenash enrolled in a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) training course at Ivy Tech. She studied hard and, with the help of staff and volunteers, received her state certification.

Zenash has been working as a CNA at The Cedars since receiving her certification. She enjoys working with the residents and learning new skills.

Travels in China, by Desta Tekle-Wold

Student Desta Tekle-Wold recently traveled to China with members of The Chapel.

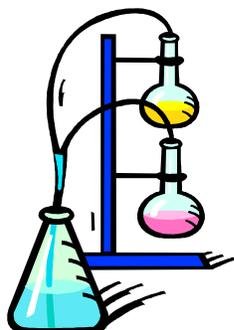
Have you ever wondered what it really feels like to know that your mother and father have abandoned you? On my mission trip to China, I saw many abandoned children. There were also children in China who have families, but they cannot afford anything. My trip was full of inspiration, challenges, and insights. Many children live alone on the streets and have no food, clothing, or housing, but most importantly, they have no knowledge of God.

The Chinese seek the true meaning of life through their struggles and troubles. We went to China to show the Chinese people that American Christians care about them.

We shared Christ's love. I would like to give a special thank you to a very generous person who sponsored my mission trip.



Science at Heritage Mission



A science fair project requires an immense amount of hard work, but provides students with an incredible opportunity to utilize skills across the curriculum to apply to a real-world problem. This year, the students of Heritage Mission were required to complete a project. They spent much of their free time this winter preparing for the Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Desta and Tizeta opted to enter their project in a non-competitive Science Expo. They learned about the enzyme bromelain, found in pineapple, and its ability to break down the protein in jello.



Desirea also entered the Science Expo with her project about the way that weaknesses in Earth's plates affect the manner in which they crack during earthquakes.

Abebech entered her project in the Science Fair. She investigated whether liquids such as milk and orange juice would provide better nutrients for germination of her plant seeds. She was awarded second place in the Plant Sciences division.

Meseret explored the role of weight in the angular momentum of ice skaters and involved spinning volunteers on an office chair. Volunteers enjoyed helping out with testing her project!

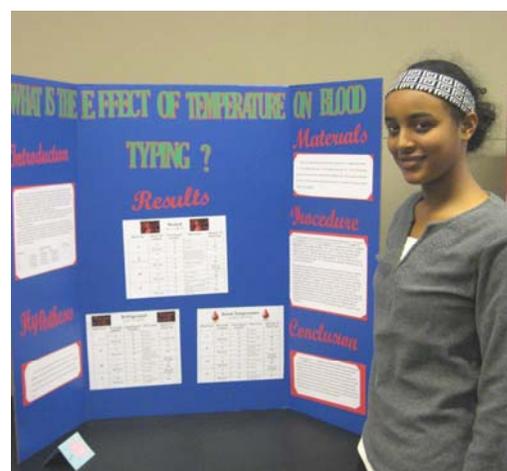
Dirshaye learned how to create MP3 files from CDs and then explored how the compression rate affects her ability to enjoy her favorite music. Her project received second place in the Computer Sciences Division.

Mehedia received first place in the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering division for her project analyzing the affect of kite size on a kite's ability to fly. She also received an award and backpack from the U.S. Air Force.

Zenash was interested in determining whether a student's reaction time changes throughout the day. She learned that each student's reaction time pattern was different, and she received first

place in the Behavioral and Social Sciences division for her efforts.

What happens if your blood sample is placed in a refrigerator or left in a hot car? Can the technicians still determine your blood type? **Sewlanchi** answered this question in her science fair project, which received first place in the Medicine and Health Sciences division, a \$500 scholarship from IPFW, and a cash prize.



Our students' success was in part due to the great assistance received from Kathy Richards and Matt Stein. Thank you!

Our students joined over 200 others competing from schools all around the Northeast Indiana region. We are proud of all of our students' projects.

Students Hard at Work

BELAY

Belay is currently employed at SensorTec. He is also attending classes at Ivy Tech in pursuit of an associates degree in construction technology with a concentration in architecture.

DIRSHAYE AND MESERET

Dirshaye and Meseret volunteer each week at Parkview North Hospital.

MEHEDIA AND DESIREA

Mehedia and Desirea have been making “Cool Ties” to send to troops serving in the Middle East. The ties contain a hydrated polymer that causes the tie to swell when it is soaked in cool water. Wearing the tie around your neck can lower your body temperature by as much as five degrees.

ABEBECH

It is quite likely that when you next spot Abebech at Heritage Mission, she'll be in a soccer jersey and cleats. Abebech has been regularly attending soccer camps and practices. She is currently a member of the Fort Wayne Fever soccer team and plays in league games throughout the state.



Extracurricular Activities

GEOGRAPHY FAIR

Students once again participated in a Geography Fair in March, along with over 150 other students. Heritage Mission represented the countries of Ethiopia, Portugal, Israel, North Korea, Jamaica, and Greece, and the continent of Antarctica. Each student learned about his or her

country, wrote a letter to an ambassador of that country, wrote several paragraphs about various aspects of the country, and prepared a display board and a native food for the fair.

BALLROOM DANCING

Abebech, Meseret, and Dirshaye have been attending a weekly

ballroom dancing class. They have learned such steps as the Fox Trot and the Cha-Cha.

ETHIOPIAN CHOIR

The Ethiopian student choir has been invited to sing at several church and community meetings. They sing worship music in their native language of Amharic.

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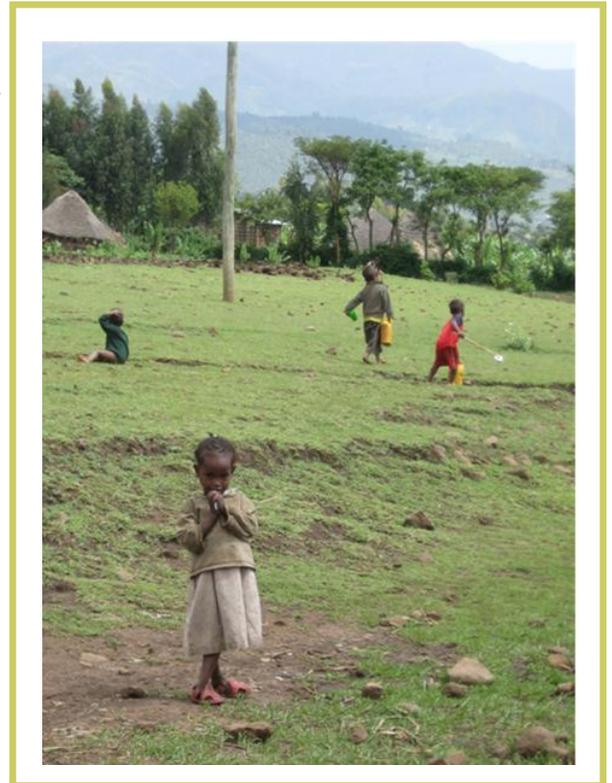
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Ethiopia 2011, by Adam Mains

At Heritage Mission, it is a tremendous privilege to work with children from Ethiopia. It is equally a privilege to be able to go to the place of their birth and minister to their people. This July, I was able to be part of a team of eleven Americans that went to Ethiopia with the primary goal of teaching the children at Project Mercy about the love that Jesus has for them and the responsibility that they, as His followers, have to pursue the plan He has for them with fervor.

Each morning we gathered the students (approximately 65-70) for Bible school. We began each day with a Bible story and explained to the students how that story related to their lives. Although we required an interpreter, the truth of God's Word penetrated the hearts of all those who were willing to accept it.

In addition to working with the children at Project Mercy, we had the opportunity to visit other mission sites. One of the most heart-wrenching and inspiring visits was touring the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital. Fistula is a tragic condition that occurs in women who have obstructed labor for a long period of time. The obstructed labor causes the blood supply to the bladder and other tissues to die and form a hole through which urine and feces pass uncontrollably. These women are shunned from their community and family. They are often abandoned by their husbands and forced to live an existence of isolation and loneliness. The most tragic element of this disease is that it can be prevented by delaying childbirth until adulthood. It is not uncommon for girls in Ethiopia to get married at a very young age, especially in the rural areas. A thirteen-year-old girl doesn't have the physiological build to carry a baby to full term. It is impossible to write this without remembering a little girl at the hospital who could not have been older than twelve or thirteen. Her body, completely damaged from the inside out, lay in a hospital bed. She looked up at me for a second or two, and then, out of shame or embarrassment, slowly covered her face with a bed sheet. My heart sickened. For a brief second, I felt her hopelessness. I wanted to tell her that it wasn't her fault. I wanted to sit next to her, hold her hand, and explain to her that I knew her pain. But I had not earned that right. I have not suffered like this precious child. My hope for this little girl is that the doctors and nurses, through the love of God, will be able to heal her. My hope still stands.



I have been to Ethiopia five times in the past three years. In that time I have watched life come and go. I have observed them when they are joyful and I have seen them in their deepest sorrow. At Heritage Mission, we have nine young people from Ethiopia who have come to share in the education and blessings of our great country. As I watch our students working hard in their studies, I see one continuing characteristic that is very rare: they will drop what they are doing in a second to help someone in need. I believe that every one of them will dedicate their life to helping those who can't help themselves. I want to thank everyone who has donated financially to our mission. Your hard earned dollars were not just a donation, but also an investment in the lives of each of our students. I want to thank everyone who has donated food. With food costs rising, your donations are a tremendous relief. I also want to thank everyone who has helped volunteer with tutoring and helping us maintain our property. You are the hands and feet of Christ and we are honored to serve with you.