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Short report on the HAB orphanage center

Based on my visit on July 26 2017, I have prepared the following updates:

I. College and University Graduates: This Summer five students are graduated

1. Tigist Tekie: Graduated from Mekelle University in Nursing degree with distinction
2. Hailekiros Sibhatu: Graduated from New Millenium University College in Accounting degree with distinction
3. Haileab Araya: Graduated from Poly Institute of Technology in Civil Engineering degree with distinction (He was also graduated last year in Sociology degree)
4. Danait Birhane: Graduated from New Millenium University College in Accounting degree (She also got married in July 25, 2017)
5. Yared Daniel: Graduated from Poly Institute of Technology in Construction advanced diploma (He will continue his degree program next year as he has passed the exam to continue degree program)

I was also glad to hear that Daniel Marshet, a university student at Debre-Berhan University, was awarded for his charity works in the University. He was awarded for his active participation in the lottery fund raising program to help needy students via the Charity club of the university.

II. Rehabilitated Children: The following four children were rehabilitated

1. Gebrehiwot Tadese
 - Graduated in technic college last year and has taken business training
 - Now, he is working at private shop
2. Tesfahun Darge
 - Graduated in technic college last year and has taken business training
 - He is with his family now looking for jobs
3. Danait Birhane
 - Graduated and Married

III. Adoption: Efrem was locally adopted to a woman who has no children in consultation with BoLSA

IV. Ready for rehabilitation

1. Abadi Halefom: He is working in Aluminum and glass works and can help himself if rehabilitated as he has good skills in this work
2. Birhanu Demewoz: He is engaged in private wood workshop who works in making Sofa and other wood works. He has developed a good skill

V. New comers

1. Amanuel Endalew
2. Aron Endalew
3. Haben Birhane (HIV+)
4. Gebregiorgis Gebru (blind)
5. Abreha Derbew (blind)
6. Amanuel Solomon (blind)

According to Fikre, the blind students are not bringing any burden to the children. The children are willing to help the blind students without due pressure. They help each other in their study as all the blind students are very clever in school who rank from 1-3 in their achievements. For example, Hagos Hadgu ranked first from the whole grade 9 students of his school. He is now at 'Kelamino' special high school for summer supportive training courses. Nevertheless, we discussed further that, with the limited budget the orphanage center has, he has to stop accepting additional new comers unless there are rehabilitated children. Next time I will try to refine their age and school grade.

VI. Garden

Although the garden is not productive as expected, it is helping the center in producing vegetables. They have harvested potato, swisschard and onion that is used for internal consumption

1. Potato: They harvest around 300 kg of potato with an estimated cost of 8 Birr per Kg ($300 \times 8 = 2400$ Birr)
2. Swisschard: This vegetable is harvested at several times for about 6-7 months as it regenerates after harvest. The harvest is estimated about 5000 Birr (rough estimate)
3. Onion: They harvested about 400 kg onion with an estimated cost of 10 Birr per kg ($400 \times 10 = 4000$ Birr)
4. Tomato: Some tomato are now on the field

They are now planning to plow the land to prepare it for the coming irrigation season in September/October

VII. Staff

There is no staff change till now and are doing their job. But Fikre told me that the staff are requesting for an increased salary due to increasing costs food and other items for living.

Finally, if possible, Fikre asked for additional budget due to the continued inflation of costs in every aspect.