

## 10<sup>th</sup> Progress Report

**I went to Mekele together with Knud Vilby and Phil Clarke October 9. Knud and Phil returned to Addis October 10 together with Fikre who came to Addis for medical check up. I stayed two days more in Mekele to discuss about further progress development in Boernhjemmet which I started with Fikre before his departure with Knud and Phil and continued with his staff members and returned to Addis October 12. The new changes of development are the following.**

**The Tutorial Class room is now completed.**

**The Animal Feed Store is also completed.**

**The library is now furnished with tables and chairs, the Memory Boxes are now put in iron shelves, wooden shelves are also in place with some books and periodicals, 5 old computers which require fund for configuration to make them function properly for the children to practice their IT knowledge are installed in the Library. The two OK PCs and printers are in staff office.**

**The picture of Therese Thomas Boje is presented to Fikre in his office. Knud and Phil have taken pictures of the presentation ceremony. They will give you a copy of the picture. Fikre will find an appropriate place for Therese's picture to be hanged in the Library. I have written for Fikre the following statements to be put under Therese's picture.**

This Lady, Mrs. Therese Thomas Boje Halskovs, made a noble gesture of decision before her untimely death of terminal illness. The amount which was to be contributed to buy flowers by her family members,, friends and acquaintances to be laid on her burial place by those attending the event in Denmark, to be donated instead in cash to the welfare benefit of the Orphan Children living in Human Beings Association and Brotherhood (HAB) Institution situated in Mekele, Tigray Region, Ethiopia. The total amount collected was 22,600 Kroner (ca 70,060 Birr). As recommended by the Steering Committee, this amount is now decided to be used as the basis for further Educational Training Fund of the children in Mekele by the General Assembly of all donors and members Association established in Denmark in 2006 to help the children. When the leader of HAB, Fikre and the children heard about Therese's death they were shocked and saddened. In return they decided to have her enlarged picture put in a frame, as chosen by her husband professor Thomas Boje , to be hanged on appropriate place in the Library of HAB for remembering her.

The following students from Boernhjemmet have completed their studies successfully.

(a) Girmay Mola is accepted by Mekele University (Tigray Region) as freshman to study Business Administration (Economics) Department.

(b) Hailay Araya is accepted by Haromaya University (Harar Region) as freshman to study in the Engineering Department.

(c) Hailay Messele has completed his vocational study in clinical nursing with diploma. He is now looking for a job while staying in Boernhjemmet.

(d) **Tigist...** who completed her vocational study in Hair Dressing with Diploma is now self employed. She is no longer in Boernhjemmet.

The following new children are now accepted in Boernhjemmet after having fulfilled the 3 acceptance criteria screened by their respective Kebele (Communes) and BOLSA.

Debeatu Berhe (M)

Danait Marshet (F)

Daniel Marshet (M)

Tsigabu Mengesha (M)

Nigist Haileyesus (F)

Tigisti Tekie (F)

Awet Nugusse (M)

Cherkos Kilat (M)

Daniel Meresa (M)

Isana Haile (F)

These new children will be included in the children's Master List and we will send you after correction and adjustments.

Knud Vilby and Phil Clarke left Addis for Copenhagen 14 October 2011. In Mekele they visited Boernhjemmet, the Liberation Monument, the Liberation Struggle Museum, the Assembly Hall, some part of the city market and finally the faculty of agriculture department of Mekele University. Their impression regarding our briefing on the progressive development of Boernhjemmet since 2006 is very positive. In return their briefing to Fikre and I on the importance of carrot for eye health for children and mothers to avoid blindness. The suitable climate and the altitude required areas gave us valuable understanding of how to grow carrots. They gave Fikre some carrot seeds and he will try them in the area next to the cows House. I also have asked them to send us the literature (vejledning) on how to plant carrots and harvest (hoest) them.