



The Official Newsletter of Projects-Abroad

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Editor's Note:

Selam! From Projects-Abroad Ethiopia

፩ - is a GE'EZ numerical representation for number 1 and 'Habesha' is the name given to all Ethiopians despite their difference in religion, tribe, economy or social status. So, ፩-HABESHA is to imply the unity of Ethiopian People despite their difference.



Welcome to April's newsletter. April as part of the autumn season (*Belg*), it is one of the hottest months with occasional showers.

Volunteers being busy with the projects, staffs working to the fullest to satisfy volunteers need and with that I have to say that this month passed very quickly. Off course, we had wonderful and exiting events and things to do.

This newsletter aims to update all our volunteers about the latest happenings in Projects Abroad Ethiopia in the month of April.

In this edition, I will try to cover the latest happenings in our Projects including dirty

days, holidays and other interesting events including the monthly photo Album.

I hope that you will all find something that would grab your attention as you read through this edition.

I would like to thank all volunteers from the past and present for sacrificing your valuable time, money and knowledge to make a difference in our projects.

Big thanks to volunteers who have shared their stories and photos with us. We encourage everyone to join us in making the newsletter more interesting and exciting. You are welcome to send your own written articles and pictures. This will help others to understand and learn more about Ethiopia. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, suggest, or comment on, please contact:-

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Supervisor's view



Greetings

My name is Samuel Zergaw. I work at Selam Children's Village as a social worker and I also supervise volunteers who come through Projects Abroad. We have been working with Projects Abroad for about two years now. Volunteers placed in this village usually work in care projects and assisting in teaching children in the kindergarten.

We always enjoy the company of foreign volunteers. They are very dedicated and indeed helpful. Even those who finished their projects and went back to their home countries still kept in touch with us and the children through internet and mail.

Volunteers coming here have been a great help for our village. The children have been learning a lot from them including language, creativity, confidence and sociability. Almost all volunteer who came to our village left an encouraging feedback to Selam Children's Village.

Most enjoyed was their stay with the children and went back home with a great experience. I would love to appreciate volunteers who sacrificed their valuable time, resource and money to come and volunteer at Selam Children's Village.

If you are planning to go abroad and volunteer I encourage you to come to Ethiopia and spend quality time with these children, and if you have already decided to come to Ethiopia and volunteer in a care project, I encourage you to bring some games, puzzles, little prizes which can catch the children's attention. These will help you to be much more fruitful with your projects.

Projects Abroad is doing a great job and creating a positive impact in our society particularly in children of Selam Village. We will continue to work together to create a better future for these children.

Renewing dirty day



Sele Enat Orphanage has been one of the placements for the care projects for more than three years. Throughout these years volunteers placed there has been a great help for the organization.

Apart from the regular care projects, volunteers have also been participating in extra activities like donations, painting rooms, fundraising, trainings, teaching and more.



On the 12th of April, not just volunteers placed at Sele Enat but also volunteers from all placements gather together to re-paint the children's dining room, bedrooms and class rooms because the paints of the room were old and uncomfortable for the children living in the orphanage.

The rooms were not just repainted but volunteers, who got talent like Diana, drew a bunch of

amazing pictures on the walls which the children really liked.



Diana (volunteer), Drawing Motorbike

After they finished painting, volunteers also took time to play and spend time with the children. It was one unforgettable weekend for all of us here in Addis, especially for the children. It is amazing to see how a simple move can actually impact the lives of these children.



Taste of Addis

Taste of Addis is a festival prepared every year at the Tropical Garden, Addis Ababa. More than 80 Hotels, Restaurants and cafés participated in this year's festival including thousands of visitors. Projects Abroad volunteers and staff went to this social event and spend a great time together. Here are some pictures of the event.



The Couple are back



Philip and Veronica came to Ethiopia for the first time two years ago through Projects Abroad to volunteer. Placed at Lemlem School, they worked at a teaching projects for two and a half months.



“My wife and I wanted to go as volunteer’s to another country and help young people. After we got in touch with Projects-Abroad, we decided to come to Ethiopia. When we came here, we came here and discovered the people, the school, the country and really fell in love. We stayed here for two and a half months and went back to Belgium.”

Apart from the normal schedule of teaching they also organized a mini Olympic competition for kindergarten students and teachers which created a vision



for a greater competition. After two years the couple are back on their own to the same placement they used to work in. This time they came back with a plan to organize a bigger Olympics competition which involved not only the

“We came back to organize a bigger Olympic games”

kindergarten but also the elementary school students and teachers. “We came back to organize a bigger Olympic games for 650



students which includes 5 -12 years old children. We did 90 competitions, we gave 241 medals, which we brought from Europe and printed just for Lemlem School” said Philip at the closing program.

The closing program was held on the 4th of April, at Lemlem School in the presence of the families of winners, government officials, Current Projects Abroad volunteers and the whole school community.

In the event, students performed traditional dancing and choreography. Medals were awarded to all winners based on their rank. On the occasion, representatives from the government and the school director expressed their respect and honor for Philip and Veronica who did a great job in starting this competition.

“None of this would happen if we didn’t meet this lovely couple.”

At the end Philip expressed that it is his and Veronica’s interest to continue this event in the future and increase the number of participants in the event.

The school Administration also gave gifts for the things they did at the school. Hildana, the school manager said none of this would have happen if we didn’t met this lovely couple.



Volunteering is Fun, Sharing is Happiness!

April photo Album



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Projects Abroad is the leading global organizer of overseas voluntary work placements. Our wide range of projects, including Teaching, Care, Conservation & Environment, Medicine & Healthcare, Sports, Culture & Community projects Journalism and physiotherapy are designed specifically for the needs of the communities in which we work, whilst giving our volunteers the very best experience of volunteering abroad.

In Ethiopia you can join one of our care, medical, teaching, physiotherapy, Sport, journalism projects or a combination of them. If any of you have been a volunteer or are interested in volunteering in Ethiopia with Projects Abroad then please join our group to find out more about Projects Abroad Ethiopia.

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