



HCE Monthly Newsletter: July 2019

Greetings to you all!

July was a month of celebration for HCE. HOPE have witnessed graduations of beneficiaries at Kindergarten level all the way up to University level. Take the next 5 minutes to see what happened at HCE in the month of July, 2019.



HCE (Hope Entoto) KG was strategically established in a village in Addis called 'Kechene Meketeya'. The area is known for extreme poverty, child labor abuse and other child right abuses including keeping children away from school. Every since HCE-KG was established, it has provided free and quality education for about 80 students every year. Providing the students with all education materials, school uniforms, school meals (breakfast and lunch) and basic needs support to poorest of poor families of students.

As July marked the end of the Ethiopian academic year, a gradation ceremony was held for 28 students (all students of the upper KG). Mr. Thomas, HCE KG and Sponsorship coordinator said, "2019 was a successful year for us for many reasons. We haven't lost a single student due to sickness or accident and all of our upper KG students have got very good results which allowed them to move to first cycle primary school."



Congratulation to Tilahun, Yoseph and Adugna who graduated from higher education institutes in July, 2019.

Tilahun's Story

Tilahun's journey to this success wasn't easy. As a person with physical disability, with no family to support him and noninclusive education system, the road was very bumpy. Tilahun didn't give in to these facts, rather he fought his way up. He used to sell lotteries around the city and sleep on road sides at night to support himself and continue his education. When he finishes his primary education, he had to quit school because his income couldn't continue to cover his expenses.

By the time he lost hope, he got in touch with HCE. After his situation got verified, Tilahun started to get support from HCE that helped him to continue his education.

Passing through the flames, Tilahun has now successfully finished a Diploma in 'Special Needs Education' from a well known University in Addis Ababa. "I always wanted to study a field that will allow me to help people with disability and special needs. I know that I am on the right track. I will fight to create a system that considers people with disabilities and special needs." said Tilahun.



PROJECT CHENCHA



Chencha is a small district in Southern Ethiopia, from where many children are trafficked from. Through the program in Women Empowerment and Child Labor Prevention, HCE is working to help mothers start to support themselves and their families through small farming and animal husbandry. The women are empowered to become self dependent to avoid parents from sending their children to cities in hope of more income for the family.

In this month, more than 80 women in Self Help Groups got training in modern parenting style, and saving. Many women are also getting better production in the farm due to the improved potato and other vegetables seedlings. As a result the number of families that send their Children to school has showing great improvements every year.