

Bethany Mission in Ethiopia

We started our mission here on 16 September 2009. At present we have three Ashrams in two dioceses- 2 in Emdibir Eparchy and 1 in Nekemte Vicariate. 9 Bethany Fathers are working here.

Major Activities:

1. Pastoral Activities: We are serving many parishes and substations as parish priests as well as chaplains of convents and clinics. Emdibir eparchy is planning to entrust us the responsibility of an ecclesial district, namely Woliso.

Construction work of a church building is almost completed in Galiarogda, where our major evangelisation program going on. The blessing of the building will most probably be in November, 2018.

2. Evangelisation mission among Gumuz at Galiarogda (Emdibir Eparchy). Gumuz people are nature worshipers and they don't belong to any organized religion. Their life situation is very pathetic due to many deprivations, namely lack of food, water, shelter, hygiene. Their average life expectancy is 40. Children are suffering from malnutrition. These people are considered low caste and are separated from other ethnic groups. The death rate is very high due to lack of good food and basic medical facilities. We are serving them with different projects, namely, food security, education, health and most prominently faith formation. With the blessing of our Lord Jesus many (nearly 700 people) want to receive the catholic faith.

We are searching for fund for building a primary school (non-formal) and a clinic with its related facilities. Though there is vast area of land for cultivation, we use a very small area due to lack of money and other technical assistance

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated cost in Euro	Remark
School building	80,000.00	2,500.00	Locally made
School Furniture	16,000.00	500.00	
Farming (for One Hector)	9,200.00	287.5	Per year
* One Euro = 32 Ethiopian Birr (ETB) approximately			

3. Boys' Home: Our Boys' Home is aiming to give good education (7th to 12th grade) and other related facilities to clever boys of very poor families from rural villages. We started this project 2010 with five boys. So far 8 boys completed our formation and all of them are doing their degree studies in different universities. One noteworthy fact is that two among them passed national entrance exam for engineering. At present we have 9 boys living with us.

As there are many children want to get admission, we are planning to extend this program for 25 boys. The building work is almost completed. But we are in need of furniture, a dining room and kitchen. We are searching for sponsors for each boy as well.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated cost in Euro	Remark
Kitchen and Dining Room	788,432.00	24,639.50	
Boys' Home Furniture	102,000.00	3187.50	
Sponsorship	10,200.00	319.00	For one boy per year
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4. Basic Education Programme: We are running two primary schools- Goro and Sire. In Goro School 243 children are studying from pre-KG to 2nd grade. We are planning to upgrade it to 3rd grade. We provide them free education and one meal a day by finding fund from distant adoption program. Now this project is suffering a lot because of lack of fund.

We have class rooms but no staff room. We are in search of fund for building a staff room and a feeding room for children. However for the sustainability and development of the school, our felt and actual need is finding running cost. Parents are incapable of providing fee. Only way is to find monetary assistance from well-wishers. They can provide either sponsoring a child or partial or full help for meeting running cost.

The campus of the school is barren (no trees and shades). Too much sun, due to lack of shades badly affects the health of the children. Cultivating trees and make campus an eco-friendly one is also another task for us.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated Cost in Euro	Remark
Staff Room & Feeding Room	418,680.00	13083.75	
Running Cost	17,564.00	549.00	Per month
Distant Adoption	4,800.00	150.00	For one child per year
Eco-friendly campus (200 trees)	12,000.00	375.00	Plants and planting
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5. Food Security Projects and prevention of Malnutrition: Many village people are still living in very poor condition. There is no scientific approach of farming. Still they use age old systems of farming and depend on natural rain and climatic condition. Unexpected famine affects drastically their life. So we started cultivations and animal husbandry bit systematically so as to give these people training and nutrient food products. Attached to all our ashrams we do the project. Due to this project one village called Yereseb progressed a lot and almost all barren lands become cultivatable. This village people started eating good food and very eager to continue the cultivation and farming in their own land. As part of this project we have a dairy farm and a poultry farm. Since people are very poor, it is difficult for them to find good seeds and fertilisers on their own or even to buy cows or calves. At present we have 185 neighbouring families. Though we help all only, 30 families are completely benefited by our project. We want to expand this program for many other neighbouring poor people. We are looking for the people or agencies, which can carry the fund for this project partially or fully.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated Cost in Euro	Remark
Farming (for One Hector)	9,200.00	287.5	Per Year
Cow (Ordinary)	10,000.00	312.5	one cow for one family
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6. Educational Aid: we support all students up to 4th grade of neighbouring villages for their studies. We provide them a meal per day, uniform, school fee, other educational materials. This project also made a big change in the social life of the people. 10 years before almost all children of our villages were leading cattle without going to school.

Now it changed; all students are school going. In addition we provide educational scholarship for the best students (one boy and one girl) from 4th to 12th grade. In order to save future generation, continuity of this project and upgrading this project is very important.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated Cost in Euro	Remark
Sponsorship (primary)	3,000.00	93.75	For one child
Sponsorship (seniors)	3,800.00	118.75	For one student
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7. Health Care: Our main health care program is mainly centred on Gumuz mission (explained above) and Sire mission. We have a big health care program for Podoconiosis (a worst type of elephantiasis caused by volcanic pollutant in the soil) patients, attached to our Sire Ashram. Around 1250 patients seek assistance from our project. These poor patients are coming from faraway places. So we provide them with some refreshment also. In addition we provide medical help to 21 disabled children and goitre patients, which is very common in and around this area.

We don't have an appropriate shelter for the treatment so far. We conduct the program in open air. We are searching for funding agencies to build a semi-permanent hall for the podoconiosis patients to sit and wash their legs and also sponsors for their safety shoes and food.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated Cost in Euro	Remark
Semi-Permanent hall	92,000.00	2,875.00	
Shoes for 500 patients	75,000.00	2,343.75	
Refreshment for patients	16,800	525.00	For one month
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8. Housing Project: we help our neighbouring people and our workers financially for making new house or for the maintenance. So far we helped 7 families. Traditional houses are round in shape made up of wood and thatched with grass. During strong wind and sun such houses are under threat of fire.

Project	Estimated Cost in ETB*	Estimated Cost in Euro	Remark
Partial help (roofing with tin sheet and metal door and window)	15,000.00	468.75	
A New house (8*8=64m ²), 2 rooms, kitchen, one hall and veranda	136,000.00	4,250.00	
A New house (7*6=42m ²) 2 rooms, kitchen and one hall	88,000.00	2750.00	
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BANK DETAILS

1. Account Name : **Ethiopian Catholic Church Order of the Imitation of Christ**
2. Account Number : **1000254005219**
3. Bank : **Commercial Bank of Ethiopia**
4. Branch : **Gudina Branch**
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