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Dear friend,

It's that time of year again, when our children go back to school as the busy summer months begin to draw to a close. Even though Ethiopia does not enjoy the four seasons like much of America, their school year coincides with the typical American schools – starting in mid-September.

With the start of school this year, we have 118 children to provide for. This means we need 118 backpacks, 288 uniforms, school supplies, and school registration fees.

Faithful support from child sponsors enable us to provide a loving home, food, clothes, medical care, education and so much more for those children who have a sponsor. Of the 118 children we now support, 84 are at least partially sponsored, and these once-a-year school expenses are provided for them by their sponsors.

The other **34 children don't yet have any sponsors** – and we just don't have the funds for them to be able to go to school. Please see the enclosed printout of the 34 children in need of a sponsor.

As school starts this month for our Ethiopian children, I am appealing to you friend, to consider how you might help us get these last 34 children into school. All totaled we need \$2,339 to provide everything these children need to enroll and to keep them in school:

\$332	for Book Bags
\$227	for School Supplies
\$442	for Registration Fees
<u>\$1,336</u>	<u>for required School Uniforms</u>
\$2,339	TOTAL



Would you please consider helping at least one child go to school? The cost to **enroll one child in school is \$68.80** (2 school uniforms at \$19.65 each, a book bag at \$9.76, school supplies at \$6.74 and registration fee of \$13.00). Perhaps friend, you may be able to send one child to school, or maybe you would be willing to cover school supplies for all 34 children for \$227 – whatever you can do, we sure appreciate your help.



*A world-wide outreach blessing needy children.*

Please take a few minutes to look at the enclosed list of orphaned and impoverished children who are still in need of a sponsor. Perhaps the Lord would impress one of these precious children on your heart to send to school... or possibly you may even consider sponsoring him or her.

*Two out of three adults in Ethiopia cannot read or write.*

*Two out of three school-age children are not in school.*

If 2/3 of the children are not in school<sup>1</sup>, then as they become adults... the adult illiteracy rate remains unchanged at 2 out of 3 adults unable to read or write. To break this cycle, we must get the children in school.

**friend, every child deserves a chance in life.** You can provide that chance and give a child the hope of a brighter future by sending them to school. And if you would like to start a monthly child sponsorship, \$30/month can change a child's life enormously.

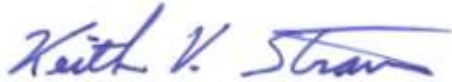
Gary S. from New Jersey, who was with us on a summer team this year, writes:

“If you or anyone else is looking to sponsor an orphan child, I would suggest a BCI kid. Thirty bucks a month (a dollar a day) really goes a very long way over there.”

You can see all 118 children available for sponsorship online in our Child Info Book: [http://BlessingTheChildren.org/Adana/Child\\_Info.pdf](http://BlessingTheChildren.org/Adana/Child_Info.pdf).

The Lord will bless you as you are faithful to help the helpless, like these orphaned children. Won't you give? Please send your gift today so we can get the last 34 children into school.

With a sincere attitude of gratitude,



Keith V. Strawn

PS: We need to pay school registration fees, purchase school supplies and buy uniforms (required in all schools in Ethiopia) for the 34 unsponsored children **this month** to get them in school. Totaling \$2,339, we need \$68.80 for each of the 34 children or they will not be able to attend school this year. Please ask the Lord what He would have you give.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.unicef.org/sowc09/index.php>

