

# Helping Education Loretta Project

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Dear Donors and Friends,

### Activity Report May - August 2017

I hope you are well and have enjoyed the summer and the exceptional weather here in the south of France.

Although I returned to France end June, our classroom constructions and student follow-up have continued in Ethiopia, thanks to our local assistant and supervisor.

#### Shama Laka High School, block 3 (photos 1-5)

(mountain village, 560 kms south of Addis Ababa)

Thanks again to Cardinal Philanthropies, this year HELP has built a third classroom block in cement for Shama Laka High School, that will now have 11 classrooms, a laboratory, a library, an IT class and 2 offices. The school teaches 9th and 10th grades, 392 students in 6 sections. Some students walk an hour and a half from other villages to reach the school !

#### Dewara Primary School (photos 6-9)

(agricultural village, 45 kms south of Addis Ababa)

Thanks to Cardinal Philanthropies, the Fondation du Grand Orient de France, Monaco Aide et Présence and other anonymous donors, HELP has built a second classroom block in cement, with 4 classrooms and 2 offices. This will enable students from grades 1 to 8 to learn all day instead of only half a day.

#### Galo Primary School (photos 10-11)

(rural school, one and a half days' drive south from Addis Ababa)

After several months' interruption, HELP has found a contractor to resume and finish the construction of a 4-classroom block in wood and clay. It should be finished within 3 months.

#### Student sponsorship (photo 12)

Thanks to our donors, this year HELP will sponsor 70 students in primary, secondary and university levels. We cover school fees, supplies, a few clothes and shoes, simple medical costs and tutoring if needed. We also follow each student in his/her studies.

#### Student lunches (photo 13-14)

Since 2011 HELP has been giving daily hot lunches to a total of approx. 200 students in two Addis Ababa public schools. I buy the food and supplies, and two ladies in each school prepare and serve the lunches ; I am often present. The Monaco Red Cross covered the costs from October 2015 to June 2017.

#### Teacher sponsorship

HELP sponsors 14 teachers in 3 rural schools in the south to further their studies during July and August, in order to obtain higher degrees and better teaching methods.

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## Activities 2017/2018

### - Shama Laka High School

HELP will install a pipe to bring water to a tanker/the school from 250 m. away. Pipes will be connected to the laboratory and to a new handwash, also built by HELP. Cost : € 2700.

### - Shama Laka Primary School

Shama Laka Primary School is a group of classroom blocks in clay, located behind the High School. It is 33 years old, so the buildings are now in very bad condition. There is also no laboratory or library room. This year HELP would like begin rebuilding classroom blocks or a new lab and/or library. A classroom block or a library cost approx. € 23,000 each (in wood, clay, sheet metal roof), a lab approx. € 50,000 to build in cement blocks and to equip.

### - Galo Primary School

HELP would like to buy a fiberglass water tanker to collect rain water, cost approx. € 700 (with stand).

### - Aleltu Primary School

(agricultural town, 55 kms north of Addis Ababa)

The school is 55 years old, some of the classroom blocks are decrepit. HELP has been asked to build a 4-classroom block in cement, cost approx. € 50,000. HELP has already built 2 blocks and a 3-block kindergarten for Aleltu, so we know the area and people.

### - Student lunches

HELP will continue student lunches in 2 Addis Ababa schools.

### - Student sponsorship

HELP will continue sponsoring deserving students in their studies.

**HELP is looking for donors for all the above projects, partially or in full. Please consider seriously....**

## Ethiopia today (photo 15)

In spite of its problems, as in every country, Ethiopia is progressing economically. There is a construction boom in many cities, roads and telecom have greatly improved. A new train to and from Addis Ababa to Djibouti, another from the north to and from Djibouti have begun service for passengers and merchandise. Construction of the largest hydroelectric dam in Africa, on the Blue Nile River, should be finished in 2018.

The government is also concentrating on an education program. Thanks to our donors, HELP is trying to assist by building and equipping classrooms, sponsoring students. In this troubled period HELP is doing its utmost to educate Ethiopian children, so that they may find jobs afterwards in their country. As a rule, Ethiopians do not want to leave Ethiopia ; their family ties and culture are very strong. However, HELP needs your support in order to continue our programs. Your donations are essential to HELP's actions !

I shall be leaving on September 12th for Addis Ababa. As Ethiopia follows the Julian calendar, the New Year begins on September 11th. Classes will start a few days later. All students have been registered in their schools and we are distributing supplies.

I hope you have a pleasant autumn and that we shall meet in December ! Thank you for your support during these past 9 years ; PLEASE CONTINUE !

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