

The New Day Children's Centre Newsletter

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Welcome to the first New Day Children's Centre Newsletter. Each month we will write to you with all the latest from our Children's Centre in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. We hope that you enjoy reading our news. Fikeru (Centre Manager)

New Students

In August The New Day Children's Centre welcomed 10 more students. These students were recommended by Shimbet School as very hard working but in danger of having to end their schooling because of so many day-to-day problems they have to cope with. The centre has given them a chance to get a better education, health care, food and enjoy life again.



The number of students now at the centre has increased to 50.

Fundraising event

In September we held a fund raising dinner at the centre. The cooks prepared a wonderful meal which consisted of 14 different Ethiopian dishes. During the dinner the students worked as waiters and waitresses and also provided entertainment by singing and dancing.



The centre is trying to generate some income of its own and at the end of the evening we also sold crafts made by the students. 36 people came to the evening and we made over 6000 birr [around £300].

Shimbet School

Many of the students from the New Day Children's Centre attend Shimbet School. During the summer, to help their school's environment the students volunteered to plant more than 3000 Eucalyptus trees in the school compound.



The trees were given by a local NGO and it took all the students 11 days to complete. The school and local government were very appreciative.

Student Progress – Moving Schools

11 of our students who took their grade 8 national exam in June obtained a good result and have passed into their secondary school Tana Haik. The centre has provided all of these students with new school uniforms.



[The money for the uniforms was raised by year 9 Enterprise group].

Message from Atinkut

“Hello – my name is Atinkut. I have been at the centre for 3 and a half years. I am well now because I get a social life and the materials that I need. I am now in grade 10 and I am hard studying because at the end of grade 10 we have a national exam. I must pass this to get to grade 11.”



[Ethiopia grade 10 is the equivalent to UK Year 9]

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Wednesday 4th November 7PM – everyone welcome