



Why your help is needed...

- * This year 600 female orphans or semi orphans living in poor conditions applied for sponsorship to study at college for a year. Sadly we have to turn the majority down due to lack of funds. The last students that we sponsored all received results above 75%.

- * Many girls leave school when they reach puberty due to the sanitation and lack of privacy at schools. By improving the water and sanitation situations and educating children on hygiene many illnesses can be avoided, and girls are able to continue their education.



- * A medical student from Plymouth University worked in Nekemte hospital and emphasised the need for a more thorough cleaning initiative. This has helped keep cross contamination down and offers valuable employment.

- * There is a lack of support and often negative attitude towards those with disabilities which can lead to isolation. The Day Care Centre offers a friendly environment for children aged between 5 & 10 with learning disabilities. It provides the chance to socialise, and learn daily living & life skills

- * Approximately 26,000 children and adults living in and around Nekemte have avoidable or treatable blindness or poor vision. About 65% of these would benefit from cataract surgery or just spectacles.

If you are interested to know more about what Exeter Ethiopia Link does or wish to become a member, please visit our website:
www.exeterethiopiaLink.org



Give a much appreciated gift this year,

The Exeter-Ethiopia Link is a voluntary organisation and registered charity. The link maintains connections with people and organisations in Nekemte, a town roughly the same size as Exeter, west of Ethiopia's capital; Addis Ababa. We support projects within the library, hospital, teacher training college, schools and clinics in and around Nekemte. All contributions are spent directly in the town on projects that our volunteers visit, monitor and assess future needs.



Photo by Amy Wilson

Thank you to everyone who supported the development of the Eye Clinic in Nekemte. The clinic receives between 50 and 60 patients a day and around 700 cataract operations have been carried out since its opening in October last year. The clinic's success has now led to a new adjoining spectacle unit being built.



Doctor with patient in clinic



How you can help:

Items and projects you can support.....

£5... Will pay a hospital cleaner's wage for a month



£10... contribution to help equip the new day care centre for disabled children in Nekemte

£20... contribution towards the Primary Schools Water & Sanitation Improvement Project



£30... will pay for a cataract operation including staff time, overheads and follow up checks.

£130... will pay for an orphan or poor young adult to study at college for a year.



This is Magnot Chali, one of our current sponsored students.




What to do next.....


Name: _____


Address: _____


Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____


What would you like to purchase for your gift? Please put quantity in box

 Hospital Cleaner
No. Months: _____

 Cataract Operation

 Day Care Centre Equipment

 Sanitation in Schools

 Sponsor a Student

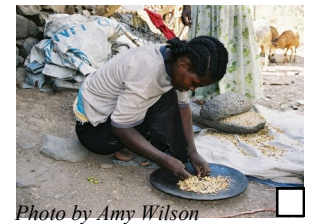
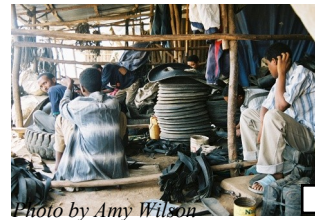
If you are a taxpayer, please tick here
(This enables us to claim Gift Aid)

If you would like to make an extra donation,
please indicate here: £ _____

TOTAL: £ _____

Please make cheques payable to: Exeter Ethiopia Link

Which gift card would you like to choose:



When we receive your donation we will send you your chosen card for you to give as a present. It will offer thanks for contributing towards the chosen cause along with a brief description of our work in Nekemte.

Post to: Ella Huffman, Poltimore Farm, Farway, Colyton, Devon, EX24 6EJ

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