



NOVEMBER 2023

<b>53,000+</b> lives impacted	<b>7,200</b> leadership students & teachers trained	<b>326</b> scholarships awarded	<b>4,100</b> students attended after-school programs	<b>350+</b> leadership & teacher trainings conducted	<b>306</b> international volunteers traveled abroad	<b>\$23M</b> invested in education programs	<b>6,500</b> students trained thru e-learning programs

We are hosting 2 upcoming events this month to highlight our work in Ethiopia to educate and empower deaf children and communities, and we hope you will join us!!

ORANGE COUNTY, CA:

(\*please RSVP by this Wednesday 11/8 if you plan to attend!)



DEAF EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT IN ETHIOPIA



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

6:00PM

18800 VON KARMAN AVENUE, SUITE A, IRVINE, CA 92612

Visions Global Empowerment ([www.VisionsEducation.org](http://www.VisionsEducation.org)) invites you to an evening program with **dinner and drinks** to learn about efforts to empower deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in Ethiopia, including the Visions Center for the Deaf and new Visions Academy - School for the Deaf in Hawassa! **Please RSVP** to Greg (714.315.0518; [gtbuie@gmail.com](mailto:gtbuie@gmail.com)).



FEATURING A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION BY:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER  
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BOSTON, MA:



## DEAF EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT IN ETHIOPIA



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

6:00 - 7:30PM

THE LEARNING CENTER FOR THE DEAF  
(EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER, ROOMS A-D),  
848 CENTRAL STREET, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701

Visions Global Empowerment ([www.VisionsEducation.org](http://www.VisionsEducation.org)) invites you to an evening program to learn about efforts to empower deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in Ethiopia. Light refreshments will be served and ASL interpreting available.



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## VISIONS ACADEMY - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF OPENS IN HAWASSA, ETHIOPIA!

Last month, in partnership with [Visions Global Empowerment Ethiopia](http://Visions Global Empowerment Ethiopia), we opened the doors to the Visions Academy School for the Deaf -- the first school for deaf children in Hawassa (Ethiopia's 5th largest city with a growing deaf population)!!



It's still early days on a brand new campus that we are still very much developing, but we are thrilled to be able to respond to the overwhelming demand and offer classes for Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 to start. We currently have 41 students but expect to see those



numbers grow. Over the next few years, we will add more grades until hopefully capping out at Grade 12.

We still need a lot of support to fully develop our facilities and provide the quality of education we are striving for, so please consider making a donation today.

## JOIN US THIS SUMMER 2024 IN ETHIOPIA FOR OUR ANNUAL SERVICE TRIP!



### DEAF EDUCATION SERVICE TRIP JULY 29 - AUGUST 9, 2024



#### Addis Ababa

We will enter and exit the country through Ethiopia's bustling capital city, one of the most important centers of economic, political, and social activity on the African continent. We will explore some important and fascinating sites, including Mount Entoto, Mercato market, Unity Park, and a possible day trip to Debre Libanos, as well as time for shopping and leisure. [1 night on arrival / 2 nights at end of trip]



#### Hawassa

Share your skills, passions, and experiences with our growing community of deaf youth and their families as we volunteer at our Visions Center for the Deaf and our new Visions Academy - School for Deaf Children! We will host a mix of learning and play activities for youth, community education for families, health services for those living with hearing loss, and more. Learn about the local culture, share your skills & experiences, and build lifelong connections. [8 nights]



**TRIP FEE: \$2200/PERSON**  
\* DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE  
\* BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
\* ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
\* PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

**VOLUNTEER WITH US!**  
[www.VisionsGlobalEmpowerment.org/volunteer-program](http://www.VisionsGlobalEmpowerment.org/volunteer-program)

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH US!**

## WATCH LOCAL NEWS STORY ON VISIONS' NEW AUDIOLOGY CLINIC ESTABLISHED IN ETHIOPIA

Dr. Catherine Clark, an audiologist at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT in Rochester, New York has been volunteering with Visions in Ethiopia since 2014. In that time, she has set up 2 audiology clinics - one in Bahir Dar and most recently at our Visions Center for the Deaf in Hawassa this past August. Check out this local news feature on the amazing Dr. Clark and our work in Ethiopia to help empower people living with hearing loss!



You can also read a recent article from the Rochester Institute of Technology on Dr. Clark's efforts through Visions in Ethiopia over the years in support of people living with hearing loss: [CLICK HERE](#)

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## URGENT APPEAL FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN WAR-RAVAGED TIGRAY

In November 2020, a civil conflict broke out in the northern Ethiopian region of Tigray, which ultimately claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people due to wartime violence, widespread famine, and lack of medical care. Local infrastructure was devastated, including schools. While a peace agreement in 2022 brought the conflict to a close, survivors are still experiencing great distress and are struggling to rebuild their lives. The Koraro Primary School, which serves students in Grades 1-8, urgently needs school supplies for their 1,000+ students. The school reopened its doors in May 2023 for the first time in over three years, but teachers and students alike lack essential materials.

Our friends at [Lantern Projects](#) are collecting funds on Visions' behalf this month to support these efforts -- please consider making a donation today in any amount. Here are some examples of what your donation can do:

- \$2 provides a dozen pencils
- \$5 provides a box of markers
- \$5 provides a box of chalk + eraser
- \$7 provides a set of scissors
- \$10 provides a dozen rulers
- \$12 provides a ream of paper

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Our work is only possible with your support!  
Join us in investing the leaders of tomorrow...  
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