



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Ethiopia Reads – we hope you had a good summer!

Look above at the smiling faces of our students at the Agazzian Primary School Library in Addis Ababa. These are moments that inspire us!

As the summer comes to an end, Ethiopia Reads and our students are ready to go back to school.

**There is a lot to be excited about this year! Kids, teachers and staff are preparing for class next month, and we want to share some updates with the entire Ethiopia Reads community.**

Over the next year we will be expanding services at the **Bahir Dar** and **Shanto** libraries, and we are scheduled to break ground on two brand new libraries in **Wukro** and **Woliso** this fall, adding as many as 5,000 children to our network of 130,000+ young readers.

Sometimes we build from the ground up, other times we refurbish an existing space into a reading space or school library. Once a reading center is complete, we continue to work with the location to provide professional training and staff support, to involve parents and families, and we fill the shelves with not only English but also local language materials as well!

**Thanks to your help we continue to be a leader in providing high-quality literacy services to an ever-expanding network of libraries throughout Ethiopia.**

This year's biggest milestone was our celebration of 10 years of service at the **Hawassa Reading Center!** This is ER's longest running program and our first location in Ethiopia's Southern Region. Over the past decade, our presence in the Southern Region has expanded with the addition of 3 schools and a growing network of mobile-literacy services, where librarians visit rural villages on horse-back.

**Ethiopia Reads is one of the most respected providers of literacy programming in the country and has made its name serving marginalized communities across Ethiopia.**



Another highlight of 2016 is that our **Book Centered Learning** program enters its second year! This project focuses on providing mentoring and professional development for our librarians, so they can utilize the resources and materials that donors provide.

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**What really encouraged me to become actively involved with Ethiopia Reads was their passion and commitment to getting books in the hands of children, no matter what type of school they attended.**

**Dr. Laurie Curtis, Kansas State University**

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Our young readers are returning to school this fall and our librarians are ready. Ethiopia Reads is also ready for the opportunity that this upcoming year provides.

With your continued support, we continue to deliver important literacy services to the thousands of young Ethiopian children.

Please support Ethiopia Reads today!

Mail isn't the only way, you can contribute online at [www.ethiopiareads.org/donate](http://www.ethiopiareads.org/donate).

Thanks for making last year so wonderful and ensuring this next one's even better!

To receive more updates just like this, visit our website and sign up for our newsletter.

Have a nice fall and back to school season!

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