



Hundee Ibsaa School

Newsletter 2025

To our donors: Thank you for the incredible impact you continue to make in the Bojjii community of rural Ethiopia. Your generosity is changing lives in ways that are tangible, lasting, and deeply needed.

This October, two of our board members, **Ebsa Eshete** and **Noelle Atkin**, visited the Hundee Ibsaa School in person. Their time at the school was both joyful and enlightening. They observed classes, met with teachers,



visited families, and gave out treats to the students. Most importantly, they witnessed firsthand how treasured this school is—both by the children and by the Eshete family, who live in the area and provide day-to-day oversight, treating the school as their own. Their stewardship has been invaluable in keeping the school running, especially during difficult times.

A Year of Growth and Resilience

Our **ninth school year** concluded successfully. While Ethiopia continues to experience political instability, the main challenge this year was

severe inflation, which has heavily affected our students' families and our teachers. To ease the burden, we provided a raise for our teachers and increased our contribution to the lunch supplement program for both students and teachers.

Ten Years Since Our First Students

This December marks **ten years** since the first sixty children began learning in



our one-room schoolhouse. Many of those children are now in **high school**, confidently continuing their education thanks to the foundation they received at Hundee Ibsaa. What started as a single classroom has now become a three-classroom center of learning.

Continuing Education Program

This year, we proudly launched a **Continuing Education Program** for students who graduate from our KG1–KG3 levels and move on to government schools. For each graduating student, we now cover **school registration costs and one set of required uniforms** for 4th grade—making it possible for every child to continue their education without financial barriers.

During our October visit, we met with the **25 students who**



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graduated in July 2025 and reimbursed their families for new school fees. Each child also received a new backpack filled with school supplies.

Investing in Our Teachers and Classrooms

Our school continues to stay full.

To help with the large class sizes, we are hiring a **fourth teacher** as



a classroom aide and a **school supervisor** who will assist with maintaining the school grounds by managing supplies and making repairs.

We also identified several improvement projects, which our general fund will support this year, including:

- Repairing classroom furniture, windows and chalkboards
- Fixing the bathroom door and playground equipment
- Painting inside and outside classrooms
- Providing new teacher textbooks, chalkboard paint, a microphone speaker for learning activities, and other supplies

Serving the Community Beyond the School

This year, with donations from **Dr. Scott Allen**, **Griffeth Vision Group**, and the **Benson Mill**

Ward Youth, we delivered **over 400 eyeglasses and 175 cases** to the eye doctors at Ambo University. We arrived just as their team prepared for a day of **500 free cataract surgeries** for people in surrounding villages—a humbling reminder of how many good people are working to uplift this region.



Lighting the World This Year

We hope you understand the extraordinary difference you have made by:

- **Sponsoring a child's education for a year** – \$50
- **Providing a child's school lunch for a year** – \$45
- **Contributing to the General Fund** – sustaining the school staff, classroom maintenance, essential school improvements, and fueling the continuing education program

Thank you for believing in this mission and in these children. Because of you, hope is growing in Bojjii—one



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classroom, one child, and one school year at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Pangaea Foundation Board

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