

Education Support Centers

child sponsorship

annual update 2014



Another year is coming to an end! We are pleased to send you your student's report and message. Thank you for your support of these students.

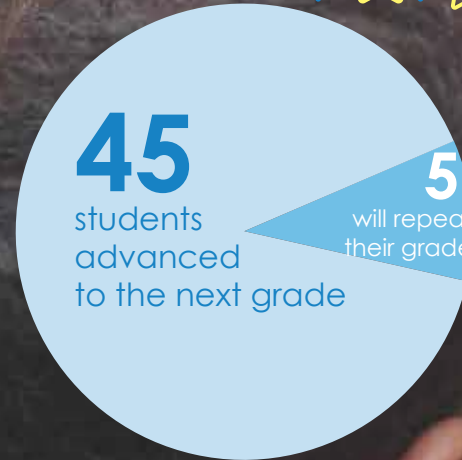
Our students have been working hard, and they have achieved great success in their schooling!

The students in each center attend many different schools and classrooms. In their schools, each student works hard to gain a high standing in their class.

Kirkos



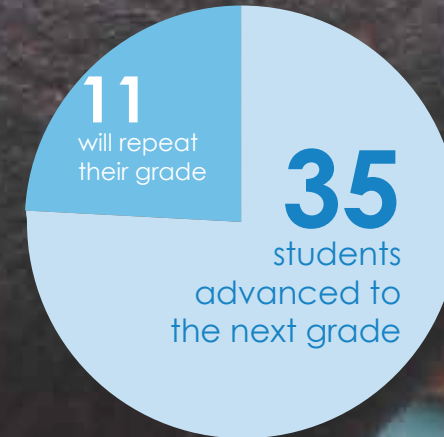
10 of the Students at the Kirkos Center are ranked in the Top 10 of their school classrooms. This year, 2 Kirkos Students graduated and joined the Scholarship Program.



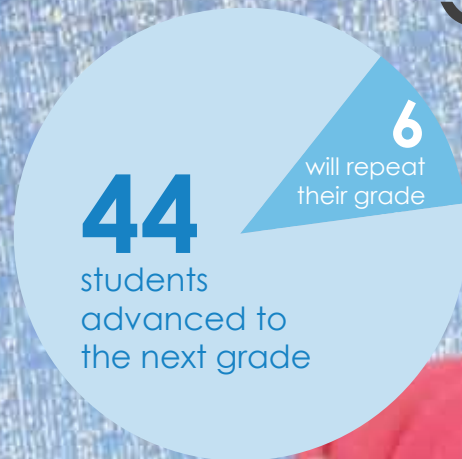
Gindo



There are 9 students from the Gindo Center that can claim to be in the Top 10 of their class at school this year!



Alemgena



6 of our students from Alemgena rank in the Top 10 of their respective classes.

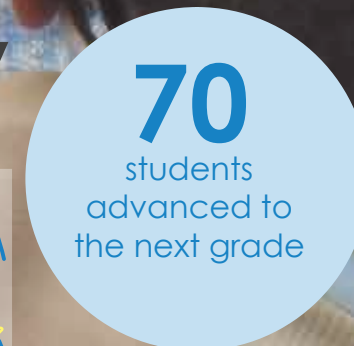


Our post-secondary Scholarship Program gained 6 students who graduated from the Alemgena center this year.

Kality



Every single one of the students advanced a grade this year, and 36 of them ranked in the top 10 students in their class at school. That is just over half of all the students at the center.

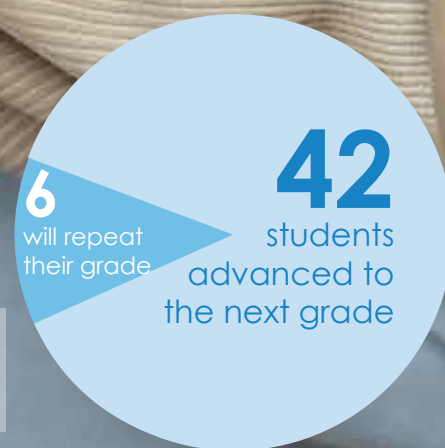


Guelele

There were 11 students attending the Guelele Center that earned a Top 10 standing with their grades in the classroom.

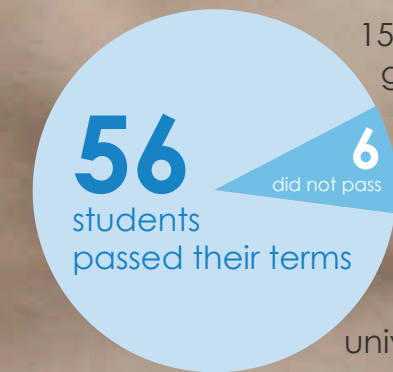


2 students graduated from the Guelele Center and joined the Scholarship Program this year.



26 students from the Kersa Program were in the Top 10 of their classes

Scholarship Program



15 of our students graduated from the Scholarship Program with trade or vocational certificates, diplomas, or university degrees.

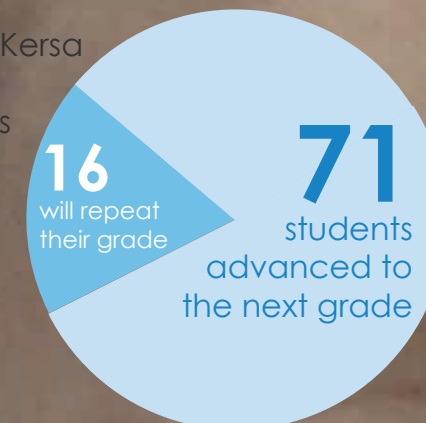
The other 41 students who passed their classes this term will continue in their studies next semester. We are excited to announce that 16 students in Malawi will be joining our Scholarship Program in January 2015.

Lira

This brand new education support center enrolled 50 children this fall, from preschool to grade 6.



Kersa



Personal Hygiene



Each student received a small gift from Kids Hope Ethiopia, including hygiene products for personal grooming. Most do not have running water accessible in their homes, so rely on attending the education center for showers, laundry, brushing their teeth and general grooming. With the use of object lessons, instruction about how germs and illness can be spread if personal grooming is not attended to were given to guardians and students at all centers.

At the request of the managers, several classes were given at the SSCM Vocational Training Center, and to guardians at education centers on personal and small business finance management. Calculators were given away to help each person with their future accounting.

A group of 5 women, guardians of students in the Kality area were given an electric sewing machine to kick start their small tailoring business. In their community of 60,000 people there are



Guardian classes and a Sewing Machine



only 5 sewing machines available for

people to access for their tailoring needs. The others are old foot treadle machines. These women were very excited to receive this generous donation from North America.

Loss of trees in Ethiopia is creating many problems for the environment. Soil erosion and desertification are examples. Students had the opportunity to learn why trees are such an important part of our environment, and then either plant a new tree, or go to an area that has been replanted and take care of new saplings. The students *loved* these activities. The Gindo Students each have their own tree to care for. In Addis, students sang songs while they dug around trees, hauled water to hydrate trees, and weeded. Lots of great memories were made during this activity.



Re-Forestation Instruction and Tree Planting



During the year expedition groups have completed 60 home visits to families in all of our programs. Many of the families ask that we come visit them again. A home visit is an opportunity to thank student guardians for all they do to support the student to be in school and acknowledge their important role in the students' lives.

Kids Hope Ethiopia is very careful about taking items with us. If possible we prefer to raise funds and buy needed items in Africa. This supports the local economy. However, there are many items that are either unavailable or prohibitively expensive to buy from the local stores. Thanks to generous donors this year, expedition groups have been able to carry in 5700 lbs of material items which includes art supplies, medical supplies, building repair and renovation tools, hygiene and school items. Expedition Volunteers raised and donated over \$3000 USD which was used to purchase underwear, shoes, solar lights, painting supplies for center renovations, and other supportive materials for programs and students.

Thank you to all those who gave!

