

Parents witness



Biniam Hailu and his mother

Biniam Hailu was born on January 9, 1991. A year later the pediatrician investigated that Biniam is mentally challenged child. We were confused hearing this strange for a while. When he was aged to enroll at school, we sent him to the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Center for Mentally Challenged Children in 1996. Since he started training, he has improvement year to year and is able to help himself and perform a given order accordingly. Therefore, we as a family of Biniam, forward our gracious thanks to the church and to the center staff.

W/ro Egigayehu Dessalegn



W/ro Abeba Argaw with Elias and Ermias

Elias and Ermias Gebre, my God given blessings are twins whom I like very much. These twins were found by our doctor being mentally challenged at seven months after birth. In fact, we were shocked hearing this result. This moment, their mother prayed "God! You gave me these children; please help me to love them through my life time." I also was in trouble how to comfort her, rather I cried at my prayer place. Their mother brought them up with love by trying every

possible solution. On the way, she heard that there is a Center for Mentally Challenged Children founded by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. Then they started learning at the center when they were four years old. The very bad thing came when their mother passed away when they were eleven. After that all the responsibility lied on me to take care of the children.

Having all things on their truck, we reached here by the CMCC lots of advises, counseling and possible support. With this all, let God bless the Church and the staff working at the center. To see this type of change on the children with the help of God is not as such simple. Therefore, may God maximize the teachers' knowledge and wisdom to help the children in a better condition.

W/ro Abeba Argaw the unt of Elias and Ermias



Sitti and her mother

Sitti Ahmed was born in 1988. Now she is 18 years old. Her family knew that Sitti was mentally challenged during delivery time. Starting from her childhood, they cared for her and sent her to normal school when she was aged for study like any other children. But this couldn't fit with her. She started Life and Work Skills Training, where she and others could be able to train, at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Center for Mentally Challenged Children. After that, she showed higher improvement, she started to communicate with others, was able to give a proper answer, cleans her hands and washes her face at home, cleans the house, washes household materials, arranges the house and the bed, and discharges any message properly. In addition to this, if she faces any complain, soon she asks for agreement and tries to spend peaceful social life with others. However, she lacks ability to read and write like those who attend normal school, but she shows good improvement and is trained to use public transport.

W/ro Mewded