

## Fourth Progress Report

This report contains the following important additional developments since my **Third** Progress Report.

1. With the 10,000 Dkk (20138.53 Birr) two computers, one printer and 70 private memory boxes, each box to contain each Child's life history, are already bought. One DVD machine will be bought later with what is left of the money and if not enough this will be subsidized from other available source.
2. With the 6000 US traveler's Check dollars donated by an American tourist lady to the Orphanage Center, which I already reported before in my **Second** Progress Report, a Library Hall is now built. But it needs various books and periodicals.
3. A project regarding the need of building of a fenced farm house for the present cows and future breeds and for storing their feeds and other relevant materials a plan has been ready and this has been forwarded to the Steering Committee of our Association to be studied and necessary action to be taken by the Committee members. For this project, we have been fortunate to get grant from Erik Thunes Legat of 1954 for funding the plan.

The area where the project will be constructed lies adjacent and connected to the western wall of the living quarters of the orphanage center and on the opposite side of where the present cows are now housed i.e. in between the piece of land where the Orphanage Center is now growing various vegetables and different fruit trees and the orphanage center compound.

4. The fund from Erik Thunes has started to be remitted in stages in accordance with the timing and completion of each stage:
  - (a) For construction of the walls. 50%.
  - (b) For fencing of the compound. 15%.
  - (c) For the roof construction of the house. 25%.
  - (d) For renovation and conversion of the present cows house to office spaces in the orphanage center, and for diverse and unforeseen uses. 10%.
  
5. The acute problem for the Orphanage Center at present is the lack of a mini or midi bus for transportation for the children and the staff to and from various activities including shopping, sports, hospitals for emergency situation etc. We hope to be again fortunate enough to get a grant from other institutions like Erik Thunes for the transportation problem.
  
6. To solve this acute transportation problem Fikre is thinking and preparing to write and submit an application requesting a number of Private and Government Agencies which includes the Royal Danish Embassy in Addis Ababa explaining the need of financial help contribution to buy a mini/midi bus for transportation of the children and the staff in the orphanage center.
  
7. Neel Hoegskilde, one of our members of Ethiopiens Boern Forening has been in Mekele as from 7 February and will be returning back to Denmark on 30 April 2009 after having visited the center and spent time with the children. The detailed things about what she has observed, did, and experienced with them and the staff, she will let us know by writing in our website for us to read or by making speech in one of our generalforsamlings for us to listen. Abraham.

