Dear friends and supporters of literacy for all,

I deeply appreciate all who have shown interest in and expressed enthusiasm for our efforts to promote literacy as well as provide computer training in Ethiopia. Our organization, the Library Information Foundation for Ethiopia (1LIFFE: www.1Liffe.info) has already delivered to Ethiopia 33,000 books, 11 computers, and 4 printers.

The books, computers, and printers arrived in Ethiopia on December 8, 2010, and included works on English language and literature, Mathematics, Social Studies, and many dictionaries. The books and technology were distributed among twenty-two separate sites which badly needed library service. At each site, the organizations have posted the name of our organization at the entrance to the library.

Oakland, California. For this reason, 1LIFFE is indebted to all of them for their past generosity in helping Ethiopia. We were also aided by the organization "Books for Africa," and we look forward to collaborating with them in the future.

We are now preparing a second effort. The need is now even greater and the problem more complex. There are few publicly accessed reading centers in Ethiopia. At the same time, population growth in Ethiopia is among the highest in Africa. There are now more than 115 million Ethiopians with about 85% living in rural areas and about 40% under the age of 14. In these areas there is a great need for reading materials of any kind.

Our current effort is to help students from K-10th grade, including the deaf and the blind. We will donate additional books and literacy technology to the libraries we aided in 2010 and to others as well.

We therefore need you to be a part of this effort to make a difference in the lives and progress of our people. You can help by making a contribution to support the collection, transportation, and distribution of efforts to improve literacy among all Ethiopians, including the sight- and hearing-impaired. Please be a part of the group of proud supporters of our literacy and library project.

I look forward to and thank you in advance for your financial assistance.

Donations can be made via PayPal, Venmo, and most major credit cards through our website: www.1LIFFE.info. They are fully tax-deductible (see website for details). Our bank account is #0170946654200 at the Addis Ababa Branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia.

Yours Sincerely,

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