

Building a Library in Ethiopia

As many of you will know, we have had a long standing relationship with the EECMY Church in Ethiopia. This was originally started by Ruth Ackroyd, our former Curate and involved a number of projects including sponsoring and supporting several students to come and study here at Chester University, but also included supporting various projects in Ethiopia including business start ups, and in particular sponsorship to help the construction of a church roof in Lalo in the south of the country together with the installation of a clean water supply to the church and village.

This was followed up by a visit by Vicki Bulgin, Cathy Batchelor and Rick and Elaine Hemmings to Ethiopia back in 2014, including a visit to Lalo to look at the work there, and to help out with water moving!



We have continued to stay in touch with two families in particular who have both worshipped with us at All Saints while studying in Chester, Yacob and Demewoz and Tesso and Bekure. Yacob who got his PhD here in Chester is now the Dean of Theology at the main EECMY seminary in Addis Ababa.

He has approached us to see if we would be willing to help with the development of the Church buildings in Lalo, which we built the roof for back in 2004. They want to convert part of the church building which we visited into a library for the local community, and in particular for the local children and students (below back in 2014!)



The Church in Lalo have asked whether we could help them with a donation of £1000 which will buy around 400 books there to get them going.

If any church members would like to make a donation towards the project, this would be very welcome and can be either sent electronically to the church account or put in an envelope and left at the church office in both cases with **Ethiopia** as a reference.



We obviously have a lot more information supplied by Yacob (second from the right in the back row outside the Lalo church!) and if you would like this or to chat about the project further please contact either Rick or Elaine Hemmings.

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