

## Partners

Rainbows4Children is currently forming a project management consortium to provide skills and expertise for the training centre. The consortium will also support provision of equipment and finance for projects in the areas of water management, surveying, construction, engineering drawing, mechanical engineering, automotive engineering, electrical engineering, IT, woodwork, agriculture, business training and other relevant skills. To promote employment and enterprise we will also set up small business incubation units on the site to help launch small businesses which are run by the graduates of the training centre.

If you would like to make a contribution of finance or expertise please e-mail us at [info@rainbows4children.org](mailto:info@rainbows4children.org)



Part of the land for the TVTC, showing the new boundary wall.

## Lalibela Secondary Schools:

Lalibela is the largest town in the district of North Wollo and has a catchment area of 100km radius for the secondary school. Most children from outlying districts have to live with their friends in rented rooms in the town in order to attend school.

Rainbows4children continues to sponsor some of the poorest of these children to enable them to continue their education and increase their chance of having a better life.

Rainbows4children has also helped the schools by providing classroom text books and library books for the students, as well as improving the quality of computer equipment.

## Donations

Donors can choose which projects they wish to support and will be provided with regular updates on progress. Rainbows4children has zero administration costs, as all the work is carried out by volunteers and therefore 100% of all donations go directly to the supported projects.

Donations in any currency can be made through Paypal. Our address is:  
[info@rainbows4children.org](mailto:info@rainbows4children.org)

### For Swiss Franc Donations:

The Bank account details are:  
Bank Name – Credit Suisse  
CH 8820 WAEDENSWIL  
Clearing No: 4835  
Account number: 692520-31  
IBAN: CH 35 0483 5069 2520 3100 0

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For donations in British Pounds, cheques should be made payable to Rainbows4children (UK) Trust and sent to the address below for payment into the UK bank account.

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**Helping children in  
Ethiopia**

## About Rainbows4children

Rainbows4children is an independent foundation set up in memory of Nicolas Robinson (son of the founder) and provides education for disadvantaged children in Ethiopia – primarily the children of adults with disabilities such as loss of limbs and blindness. 100% of donations go directly to the educational projects. This is made possible because all the administration work is carried out entirely by unpaid volunteers.

The patron of Rainbows4children is the renowned BBC journalist, Michael Buerk.

## The Nicolas School in Mekele



*The eating room in the Kindergarten*

The town of Mekele in Tigray is in a very poor region of Ethiopia. The people there are hard-working and determined to make progress, but they do need outside help. Rainbows4children has chosen to support the children of parents with disabilities, usually caused by the loss of limbs due to landmines or through other war injuries. This group of people has set up a self-help organisation called the Tigray Disabled Veterans Association (TDVA).

In cooperation with the TDVA, Rainbows4children has completed the building of the Nicolas Kindergarten, and in September 2005 this was opened to 160 children, aged 4-6 years. Now in 2012, 240 children attend the Nicolas Kindergarten, and we have built an eating room to give them more space for learning. We have completed the Nicolas primary school, and now in 2011-2012, 640 children study in grades 1 to 8. There is also a staff building, and the library and music room for the primary school are just completed. Now we are starting the building work for the secondary school. Our goal is to complete the school building for children up to and including grade 12 during the next 2 years, so that they can complete their education entirely at the Nicolas School.

Most of the furniture for the school is produced in workshops which employ many of the children's parents who have disabilities, providing valuable work for them. Equipment for the school is funded by donors and is sup-

plied mainly by local businesses in Mekele and in Addis Ababa. In 2010 we equipped the school classrooms and library with 22,000 books and the new library will allow them to be housed in one location.



*Benefitting from the supplementary food programme*

### What more is needed?

In 2012 and 2013 our focus is to complete the building work of the secondary school. There will be classrooms for 360 students, laboratories, a library, IT department and art and music and facilities for technical work. Sport is also important and the land gives us plenty of space for a small football field which can also be used for basketball and volleyball.

Introduced in 2011, our supplementary food programme is proving a great success. We give the students snacks of fruit and protein sources, so that they have access to those essential nutrients required for their growth and concentration in class. We have introduced health checks for the students, so that any illnesses that might distract a child from learning can be treated quickly.

Rainbows4Children accepts volunteers from other countries to help with the education process. Most importantly this gives the students and staff a chance to listen to and speak English with English speakers.

This helps the students advance more quickly in their studies which have to be conducted in English from grade 9

Many of the children from especially disadvantaged families having parents with disability are in need of sponsorship. This helps to give

every child a chance to learn regardless of parental income. \$250 sponsors a child from a poor family for a year to help pay for their education and subsistence costs, uniforms and necessary materials for school. In return sponsors receive regular updates of the students' progress and occasional notes and drawings from them. To date 210 of the 880 children at the school are sponsored and we add 30 new children to the scheme each year.



*The Primary School main building*

### A centre of training excellence for Ethiopia .

What happens to children from the Nicolas School who don't go to University?

How can they get training in much-needed skills so that they can get a job or set up their own small business?

To answer these questions, we have worked with the local community to develop plans for a Technical & Vocational Training Centre (TVTC) which would provide education in the skills that the community needs most.

Rainbows4Children has been granted 40,000m<sup>2</sup> land on which to build the TVTC. We will also use sustainable, environmentally friendly technologies and systems to collect, recycle and purify rainwater, and to generate electricity.

We will train young people in the skills needed by the local community and the country.

We will construct accommodation on the site to house visiting trainers and support staff. It will also provide the training for young people in catering and hotel management skills.