



Dear friends and supporters

As another busy school year at the Nicolas Robinson School comes to an end, we are eagerly awaiting the results of the national exams. Students must pass regional exams at the end of grade 8 and national ones at the end of grade 10 to enable them to continue in the next section of school. At the end of grade 12, a good grade ensures the offer of a university place.

Those who do not pass have the option of moving to a technical training college and some may choose to join the hospitality training courses that we are running at the school, with great success.

Many of our supporters have asked us about the current situation in Ethiopia. As a donor, we try not to be involved in any political situations, but disturbances in some parts of the country mean that most of our students do not want to leave their home state to engage in university studies. This does reduce their options a bit, some may elect to study a private colleges and universities which are opening in Mekele. These offer degree level studies, but in subjects such as accounting, finance and marketing, rather than intensive practical subjects such as engineering or science.

Those of you who sponsor a grade 12 student will learn more from us directly on this subject.

Our video attached highlights some of the activities and thanks our many volunteers who helped us during the last few months.

<https://youtu.be/25rmdMYnCY>

As we start the new school year, we are looking for sponsors for our new kindergarten students who are joining us in September. Also, a few older students whose family circumstances have changed need support to stay at the School.

Many of you are already supporting a student, but please spread the word amongst family and friends to see if any of them would like to help with a sponsorship (\$500 per year for new sponsors).

We thank you for your continued support and join our staff and students at the Nicolas Robinson School in sending you our very best wishes

Max and Kathryn