

Meet a few of the Ethiopian families served through Asheville Habitat's Global Engagement (tithe) program

These stories were shared by Habitat Ethiopia staff.



Tejitu Adane lives in Akaki Kaliti sub-city with her son, Yohannes Debele. Yohannes has graduated from a Technical college and now is looking for a job. Tejitu is working as a daily laborer in a factory owned by the government and paid a very low wage. In June 2020 she moved to new house constructed by Habitat Ethiopia. When the house was constructed in February 2020, HFH Asheville team worked alongside the family and HFH Ethiopia's builders.

Tejitu mentioned that their life in the old house was very difficult. The door was falling and they needed to bend down to enter the house. There were 3 to 4 holes in the house and it was too cold at night. "I was always anxious at workplace imagining the water drain from the house during rainy time," Tejitu Adane said.

"I have no words to compare our previous life with the change in the new house. I am so grateful for Habitat for building this clean house. I will always remember the support and kindness of the guests (HFH Asheville team) who worked with us in 'Yekatit' (February)."

Sorse Guda is one of the families heads supported by Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia to move to new house in Addis Ababa, Akaki sub-city. She lives with her daughter and son. She does petty trade in a nearby marketplace for livelihood. She also bakes injera (traditional bread) for sale and washes clothes for another family to earn small amounts of money. Her son, Kasahun Goda (named by his grandfather) is a first year university student. Her daughter Senait is in grade 11. She works in a garment factory in the mornings to cover her school fee and goes to school in the afternoons.

Sorse said, "The old house was not comfortable for the family. It had a broken roof and flooded with water in the rainy season. It was cold at night. Life was very difficult."

Sorse moved to new house constructed by Habitat Ethiopia in June 2020. "The life in the new house is like from hell to heaven. I have this beautiful and clean house because of you (Habitat) and your support. We are leading a happy life in this new house. May God bless you and your family. May God keep safe the guests (GV team from Asheville). My greetings to you all," Sorse mentioned.

