

Zebeba Kemal Case History - 2016

My name is Zebeba Kemal. I am thirteen years old, in Grade 8 at Wonji Kuriftu Elementary School. In my childhood, I never remember my parents agreeing with one another. During those times, our only source of income was our father's daily labor wage. My mom was a housewife and dependent of our father's small income.

As our families need increased, our father became unable to provide for us adequately. Because of our increased needs and the disagreement between our parents, things become harder. Soon our father stopped paying for house rent and other needs of the family. My parents finally divorced when I was in 4th grade. As a result of this, our mom decided to look for a job and began working as daily laborer. The responsibility to care for my younger sisters fell on me. After a one-year struggle, our mom gave up and re-married.

Then my younger sisters and I were separated and I went to live with my grandmother, who had retired from working at the Wonji Sugar Factory. Life with my grandmother was very happy because of the absence of fighting. But the problem of lack of food and school material was left unsolved. I still continued my education because of the love that I had for learning. But our poverty did affect my education and my life very much.

Now, thanks for God, who takes care for those who are in need, because He gave me the opportunity to be among the students who qualify to receive food and school material from Save Generation Development Association and Vision for Ethiopia. Now everything I need is fulfilled and I am continuing my education with joy. I am even the 3rd rank out of a class of 40 students. My goal is to be the top of the class in the coming future.

