



Number of Meals Shared to Date:  
**18,997,606**  
(As of January 31st, 2013)

(Primary School in Koraro, Ethiopia)

## Ethiopia: School Meals – A Community-Wide Effort

Parents and the local community actively participate in the TFT-supported school meal programs in Ethiopia.

- 1 A community-wide effort**
- 2 Yields increase in the school gardens**

The school meals are prepared every day by the parents of the students. In addition, local farmers supply water and firewood for cooking, and help with vegetable cultivation in the school gardens on a voluntary basis.



A message from PTA chairperson



The Ethiopian government dispatched agriculture experts to teach farming techniques to teachers, parents and older students. They also installed an irrigation facility and hope to have 2-3 harvests a year.



- 3 Local fruits for school meals**



Production of mangoes and guavas provide a source of income for local farmers. Recently, farmers have begun donating a portion of their harvests or income to the school meal program. This is a big step towards a sustainable school meal program.

“Before the school meal program began, I went from house to house trying to persuade parents to send their children to school. Now, children choose to go to school because of the school meals.”

From TABLE FOR TWO  
Executive Director Masa Kogure



Thank you for your continued participation in the TFT program. In December 2012 I visited primary schools in the Hawzien district of Ethiopia. Ethiopia boasts an annual GDP growth rate of 11%. At the same time, they suffer from extreme weather events, environmental issues, and rapid population growth. These are all tough issues, but I felt an answer could be found in the community approach to school meal programs that I witnessed on this trip.

### Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Ethiopia's history dates back over 3,000 years. The capital is home to the African Union (AU) and other regional and international bodies.

- Capital: Addis Ababa
- Ethnic Groups: Roughly 80 including Omoro and Amhar
- Languages: Amharic, English

