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The GDCCO Executive Committee is very pleased to report on the status of the 2010-2011 GDCCO Scholarship Program and the achievements/accomplishments of its beneficiaries. In last year's report, we indicated that there were 300 students, 144 girls (48 percent) and 156 boys (52 percent) recruited from 26 preparatory high schools that benefited from the GDCCO Scholarship. Out of the 144 female students, all girls who were in the 11th grade have been promoted to the 12th grade, and those that were in the 12th grade have joined the various national universities in the country.

In the current academic year, which ended at the end of June 2011, another 300 students in 30 preparatory high schools have benefited from the scholarship program. We are glad to report that, in contrast to last academic year, the number of female students benefiting from the GDCCO Scholarship has increased this year – there were 150 female students and 150 male students. The table below gives a breakdown of the students by school and gender.

All scholarship recipients who were in the 11th grade have been promoted to the 12th grade, and those that were in the 12th grade have taken the national university entrance examination. The results of the university entrance examination will be announced in September 2011. Given past records, we are confident that all those that have taken the university entrance exam will achieve the required score and will enter the various universities in the county.

| 2010-2011 [2003 Eth. Calendar] | | | |
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| Preparatory High School | Male | Female | Total |
| Del Fana | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Gohuala | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Arbaya | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Azezo | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Limat Ber | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Angereb | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Fasiledes | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Dabat | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Mekane Berhan | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Beyeda | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Debark | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Adirkay | 4 | 6 | 10 |

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|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Ambagiorgis | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Koladiba | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Maksegnit | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Delgi | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Dagmawi Tewodros | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Kimer Dengai | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Woreta | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Addis Zemen | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Ebinat | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Nefas Mewucha | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Tatek Lesira | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Tagel | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Mekane Eyesus | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Aferwuhanat | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Ambesamie | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Shawura | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Aykel | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Metema | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Total | 150 | 150 | 300 |
| Percentage | 50% | 50% | 100% |

In the coming academic year, 2011-2012 we plan to continue the program by awarding scholarship to another cohort of 300 students (50% females and 50% males) in 30 preparatory high schools.

Funding

With regard to funding, last year we received a total of \$42,000.00 from foundations and individuals. A total of \$27,500.00 has been transferred through the bank to cover the Scholarship payment to students. Only 10% has been retained to cover administrative costs. The balance is maintained in our account.

Students were paid a monthly stipend of \$9.00 for 10 months. The total direct scholarship payment for the 2010-2011 academic years was \$27,000.00 [$\$9 \times 300 \times 10$]. Another \$500.00 (1.8%) was used for administrative cost. Thus, the total budget for the academic year 2010-2011 was \$27,500.00.

GDCO's contribution included:

In kind service (volunteers)

- Professional service in research, planning and reporting; directing and monitoring the execution of the program and evaluation.
- Administrative and Secretarial services.

Financial Contribution:

- GDCO members and supporters contribution varies from \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 every year. The contribution for this year, including pledges, was \$11,850.00 from individuals and \$30,000.00 from organizations. The attached list of contributors indicates the collected amount.

Budget for Next Year

Because of the significant decline in the purchasing power of the *birr* due to the devaluation made by the government, we plan to raise the monthly stipend of each student for 2011-2012 from \$9.00 to \$10.00. The budget that will be needed to cover this stipend would be \$30,000.00 [$\$10 \times 300 \times 10$]. Another 10% (\$3,000.00) will be needed to cover overhead. Hence, our expected budget for 2011-2012 will be \$33,000.00.

The organizations that have helped us in the last two years, have already informed us that we shouldn't depend of them for future funding. At best, they can match the fund we have raised from our members; at worst, they may not be able to help since they have other demands. This warning is a very important point that our members should keep in mind. Unless more members/partners are willing to extend their hand and contribute to the scholarship fund, we have a serious concern that the scholarship program will be in jeopardy. Remember, if you contribute just \$100.00, you can pretty much cover the fund for one student.

Among the highlights on the activities of our organization include the visit by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee and the former Director of the Executive Committee. Dr. Genet Desta, Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Mr. Wondayehu Kassa, former Executive Director of GDCO visited several schools in Gondar and surrounding areas and met with our scholarship recipients and partners. They were very impressed with the level of enthusiasm shown by the students and the appreciation expressed both by the students and government education officials. (See pictures)

Thank you
Executive Committee, GDCO

GDCO Scholarship Donors, 2010-2011

| DATE | DONORS NAME | AMOUNT | CITY/STATE |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 10/3/2010 | Anonymous | \$ 15,000.00 | Angwin, CA |
| 10/16/2010 | The Community Foundation | \$ 15,000.00 | Washington, DC |
| 10/16/2010 | Ambachew Woreta | \$ 1,400.00 | Washington, DC |
| 10/16/2010 | Ambachew Adebabay | \$300.00 | Washington, DC |
| 10/16/2010 | Solomon Teklai | \$250.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/5/2010 | Eyasu D. Tadesse | \$300.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/5/2010 | Wubu Ingdayehu | \$100.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/5/2010 | Wondayehu Kassa | \$100.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/5/2010 | Shiferaw Kebede | \$100.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/18/2010 | Engda Wubneh | \$200.00 | Greenville, NC |
| 11/18/2010 | Genet Desta | \$500.00 | Washington, DC |
| 11/18/2010 | Alemitu Teshale | \$100.00 | Washington, DC |
| 3/14/2011 | The Gondar Asso. Of Atlanta | \$1,880.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Mulugeta Negusie | \$120.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Fasil Kassenge | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Berhanu W/Tsadike & Alemtsehay | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Muluneh Mengistu | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Ababu Dessie & Yodit Asfaw | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Sisaye Bezabeh | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Alebachew Ademe & Yeradu | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Lemlem Tegegne & Adamte Techelo | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Asegedech Zemene & Shewangezaw | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Tebebe Haile & Tsegaye Tegegne | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Dr. Kassahun W/mariam | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Aleme Belew | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Bantihune Reda | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Ayana Muche | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Abebe Muche | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Tefera Muche | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Fasil Muche | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |

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| 3/14/2011 | Mequannit Abitew | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Tesfahun Aregaye | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Mulu Tesfaye | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 3/14/2011 | Mesganaw Abebe | \$100.00 | Atlanta, GA |
| 4/29/2011 | Seblewongel R. Mesfin | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/3/2011 | Aster Assefa | \$500.00 | Irwin, PA |
| 6/3/2011 | Zewdu Belai | \$300.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/3/2011 | Dr. Tilahun Eneyew & Huluagersh Sertse | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/3/2011 | Abunie Biru | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/3/2011 | Aba Woldesemayat | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/9/2011 | Adebabay T. Mellese | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/9/2011 | Eyayu A. Bezuneh | \$200.00 | Chicago, IL |
| 6/9/2011 | Ferede A. Bitew | \$300.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/9/2011 | Martha Mengistu | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/9/2011 | Mersha Godu Eshetu | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 6/9/2011 | Mehari Belay | \$200.00 | Washington, DC |
| 7/27/2011 | Mulatu Wubneh | \$200.00 | Greenville, NC |
| 7/27/2011 | Dr. Girma C. Ayele | \$200.00 | Seattle, WA |
| 7/27/2011 | Tesfaye Wodeneh | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Asnakew Mengistu | \$100.00 | Dallas, TX |
| 7/27/2011 | Tadesse Biset & Waga Bekele | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Sisay Aschenaki | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Showaseged Girma | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Solomon Setargachew | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Yohannes Mersha | \$400.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Markos Mersha | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Sosena Mersha | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Mesfin Mersha | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 7/27/2011 | Alemseged Mersha | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 8/10/2011 | Abebe Tefie | \$100.00 | Dallas, TX |
| 8/10/2011 | Elsa Tedla Mengistu | \$200.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 8/16/2011 | Tilahun W. Belai | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 8/16/2011 | Mebratu Denekew | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |

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| 8/16/2011 | Amsale A. Melaku | \$300.00 | Morristownship, NJ |
| 8/16/2011 | Selam Market & Deli | \$300.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 8/31/2011 | Mesfin A. Tadesse | \$100.00 | Los Angeles, CA |
| | Total | \$ 43,450.00 | |

Scholarship Students Picture



Fasiledes, Angereb & Azezo preparatory Schools



Fasiledes Preparatory School



Dabat Preparatory School



Debark Preparatory School
 P.S. in the back row from the left, the second young man standing next to Ato Abebaw, the GDCO-Gondar Administrator is the school director. He was a former recipient of the GDCO Scholarship.



Woreta Preparatory School