

COVID-19 AND OUR NEED FOR A REFRIGERATOR At Our **Shining Lights Children's Home**



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread around the world, we are monitoring the situation at our Shining Lights Children's Home in Ethiopia. **In light of the pandemic, we are working to ensure that the children stay safe and that they have enough food.**

In regards to staying safe, the government has instructed the workers and the children to stay at the children's home. School is closed for now.

In regards to ensuring our workers and children have enough food and proper storage for their food, we are asking for your help to purchase a refrigerator. The government has advised our children's home to have extra food on hand as food transportation to Southern Ethiopia will be impacted. Although we can store extra dry goods, like many homes in Yabello, Ethiopia, we cannot have more than a days worth of most perishable goods since we do not have a refrigerator. Without refrigeration, perishable food (meat, milk, eggs, etc.) has to be purchased daily.

Our desire, to ensure there is enough food on hand for all 13 children and to reduce time spent coming and going, is to purchase a refrigerator. **Not only would this refrigerator greatly help us during this COVID-19 pandemic, it would continue to be a great blessing to the children's home after this pandemic passes.** Currently, buying and hauling perishable food takes a great deal of time and poses a health risk to the workers and children. In the future, once this pandemic passes, having a refrigerator would allow our workers to spend time on more important tasks than shopping and hauling food daily.

Would you consider making a donation toward the purchase of a refrigerator, helping us to ensure the children have enough food on hand in the coming days and weeks? Our estimate, from our Ethiopia Advisory Team, is that a refrigerator will be between \$500-\$600. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of a refrigerator, you can donate online or by sending us a check (see information below). Any overages will be designated to buy an electric griddle and more food. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Bianna Nelson

Ways to Donate:

Online: www.shininglightsministry.org/donate

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