

EREP Model Schools

Update

DECEMBER 2007

SUCCESSES SINCE 2004

- Planning Summit in Dembi Dollo defined development plan (2004)
- Selected Aleku and Gaba Arbi as villages for the EREP model schools, and negotiated the land (2005)
- Built schools, fenced land and planted trees and flowers with labor contributed by villagers (2005). The gardens will be further developed at each school
- Four-member Ethiopian team developed curriculum for Grade 1 (in 2004) and Grade 2 (in 2006) in India. The team was trained in classroom application of the curriculum
- Recruited teacher candidates from graduates of teachers' training college; selected, hired and trained four teachers. Included training of kindergarten teachers for congregation-sponsored kindergartens in Kake and Dembi Dollo. (2006)
- Began instruction at Aleku and Gaba Arbi in October 2006. Instruction continues in 2007-2008 academic year. Supervised and monitored Aleku and Gaba Arbi schools on a continuing basis
- Sponsored four-day classroom training for 21 local teachers (including the four teachers from our EREP model schools) and five-day hands-on practical training for 14 local teachers (2007)
- EREP schools are inclusive of all social, religious, and ethnic populations in their communities and provide equitable access to and education for girls and boys
- After one year of operation teaching Grade 1 curriculum, our students excelled when compared with children in government schools according (based on testimony by a government school teacher where EREP-educated students are attending Grade 2)
- EREP curriculum is being used in two EREP model schools (Aleku and Gaba Arbi) and in four kindergartens (Aleku, Gaba Arbi, Dembi Dollo, and Kake) in 2007. Rather than sponsoring construction of additional schools in other villages, EREP is encouraging existing schools to adopt the EREP curriculum



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Enrollment in EREP Schools

School	Kindergarten		Grade 1	
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Aleku	84	73	16	34
Gaba Arbi	16	55	26	83
Dembi Dollo	36	80	Not offered	
Kake	90	123	Not offered	

Data as of November 2007

CHALLENGES FOR 2008



- Provide additional classroom space to accommodate village populations of children in Grades K-4
- Provide electricity to the school buildings thus making them functional at night
- Offer non-formal educational opportunities for basic education to adult members of the community
- Develop curriculum for Grades 3 and 4 in Ethiopia rather than in India
- Provide a library for each school
- Encourage other existing schools to adopt the EREP curriculum
- Build, furnish and equip a resource center to support all of the EREP schools with training and materials
- **Sustain the schools on a continuing basis**