



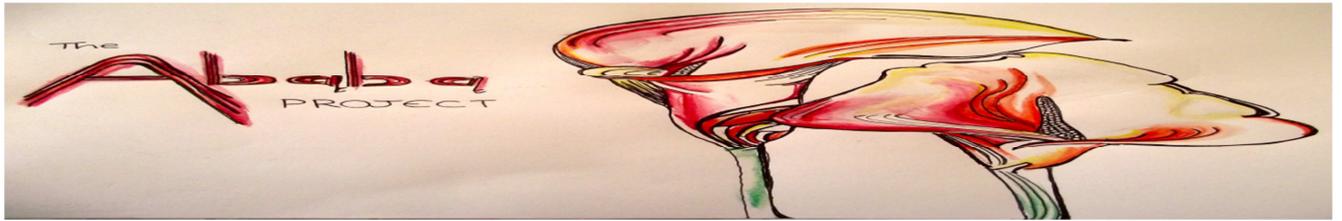
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The journey of the Tablecloth begins

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In November we showed the parish the 30 Year Celebration Tablecloth, before we posted it to Sister Abebech in Ethiopia. We also sent the scrapbook which carries the many messages of love from our parish to the Sisters in Ethiopia.

Here the Tablecloth is photographed at the Sisters' Mission house in Addis Ababa. We are unsure if this is before or after the Tablecloth had been taken on a tour of the various mission houses around Ethiopia. What we do know is that this is a very 'well-travelled' Tablecloth.

Look out for more photographs around the church on the noticeboards, we will share as many of the photos as we can.



In October we announced to the Parish that we were able to sponsor 96 children for the school year 2015/16. Before leaving church that morning we were approached to ask if it was possible to sponsor another 2 children. The answer of course was **YES**.

This means we are actually sponsoring **98** children for this school year for which we are extremely thankful.

Within days of this we were contacted by Nega with the story of 2 young sisters. They are now aged 5 and 6, but have been in the care of Sister Haimannot in Buccamma for the last 3 years. Their mother died and their father was unable to care for them. Despite the best efforts of Sister Haimannot to have the children return to their father, he still finds himself unable to care for his young daughters.

The sisters have now been found foster homes in Nazret, unfortunately not with the same family, but at least they are close to one another. Nega was desperate for the children to be able to start school and asked if we could find the money to help their foster families. The answer to this request of course was **YES**.

## Education is an opportunity to escape poverty



Some of the 'Teach' sponsored children in Nazret being photographed with the 30 Year Celebration Tablecloth.



## HELP PLEASE.....

WE are pleased to announce that in 2016 we have been granted access to the Baker's Oven shop on Dumfries High Street so that we can open a 'Charity Shop' to raise funds for the Ababa Project. The dates are Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Items that we will be able to sell include:

Clothing	Toys	Small household items
Games	Toiletries	Bric a brac

We are looking for items that are of good enough quality to sell to the public. If you are able to help with any of the above please contact any member of the Project Team and we will be happy to arrange to have items picked up for storage.

We will also be asking for volunteers nearer the time to assist us in running the shop over the week. We look forward to this adventure and hope to be able to raise much needed funds that will be a great help to the Sisters in Ethiopia.

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*The Ababa Project team would like to wish all of you and your families and friends the warmest of Christmas blessings. On behalf of the Ethiopian Sisters we 'Thank You' for your continued generosity in support of their 'Mission'.*