**Thank You for a Successful Year!**

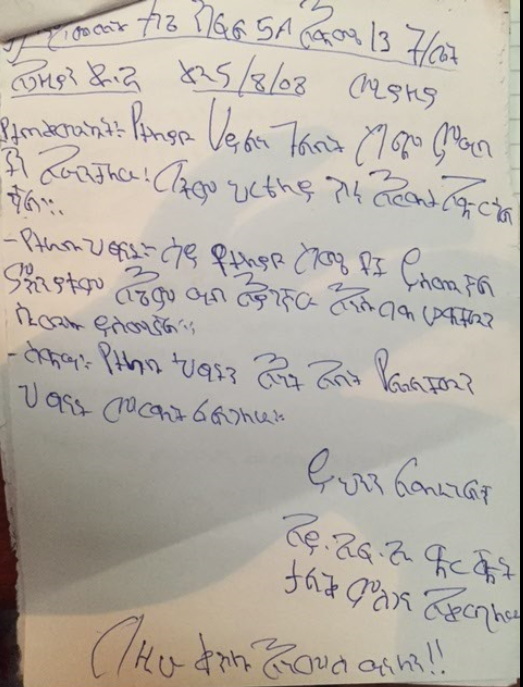
Thanks to our supporters IFA was able to finish strong this academic year. Our flagship program – Sustainable School Health and Nutrition Program (SSHNP)- a comprehensive and integrated program in Ethiopia was able to achieve the following results:

* The school nutrition component – improved the nutritional status of 500 school children by:
  + Serving 83,600 hot plant based nutritious lunches and 5148 breakfasts for KG students
  + Dispensing preventive deworming tablets for 500 school children
  + Dispensed micronutrient supplements
* The school eye health component – improved learning opportunities by:
  + Operating a vision screening program at 8 primary schools for 7,645 students
  + Conducted refraction for 296 students
  + Dispensed 166 spectacles and treated 67 students with eye infection
* The school sanitation component – improved hygiene and sanitation by:
  + Training 1,200 girls on menstrual hygiene management and on how to make their own sanitary napkins with holders
  + Delivered various capacity building initiatives on safe food preparation, proper hand washing, etc.
* The sustainability component – ensured through:
  + Practiced participatory project management approach to promote ownership
  + Readied two fully equipped bakeries as income generating schemes to establish a standalone program

This program helped hundreds of school children and their families. This is the reason we want to say “Thank You”

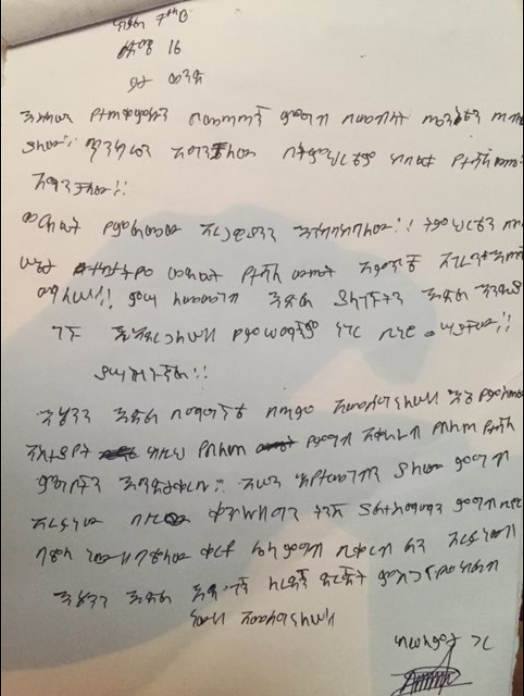
**End of year Reflections from some of the school children**

Here are some heartwarming letters from the students – written in Amharic (the national language in Ethiopia) and translated to English by our staff.

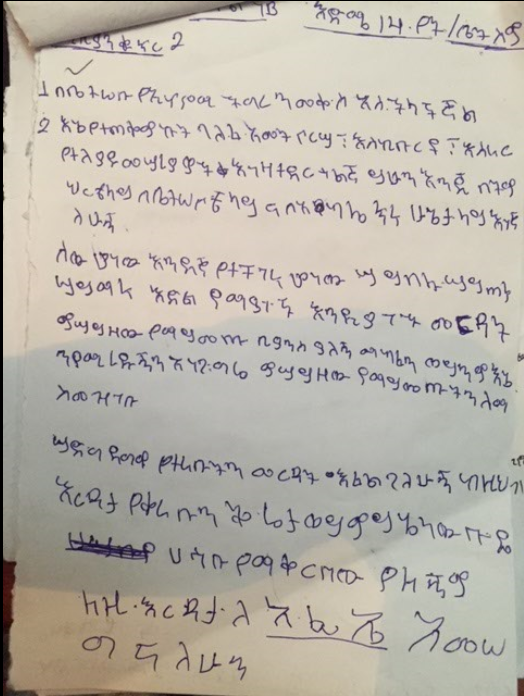
**Emebet, a 13-year-old girl in grade 5A wrote:**

“I benefited from the various types of food which provided me with energy and which was supportive for my education. I feel bad when I see other children who come to school with empty stomachs. In the future I want to help such children and other helpless persons. I want to thank IFA, the organization that helps us”

**Tarik, a 16-year-old boy in grade 7B wrote:**

“The well-balanced diet I received has helped me stay healthy and strong and my grades have also improved. I want to continue doing well in school. When I grow up I will help the elderly. I also want the school lunch program to continue giving us such good meals but would like to suggest that the beans be replaced by something else. I want to thank the organization that is helping us.”

**Ammanuel, a 14-year-old boy in grade 7B**

“My family economy and hardship has improved. I am doing well in my education, health and in my family. In the future I want to help and share what I have with others who don’t have the opportunity to eat, drink and go to school. I have no other comment or feedback and I want to thank IFA”

**IFA says “Thank you” to all the generous people and organizations who have made possible the many big and small achievements with their donations and actions.**