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Dear Axum Alumni Association members and supporters, we are delighted to share our recent news and milestones in short time of our existence.

- ❖ Thus far AAA has wired \$74,400 to Axum
- ❖ The laboratory building is in progress
- ❖ Currently we have \$57,568.18 net in the bank
- ❖ The association is preparing to make the next payment in the near future

Nevertheless, the amount we have is not enough to adequately complete the proposed laboratory. In order to continue this work, we need your continues support as you have done in the past. It is our collective responsibility to give back to our beloved Axum. We owe it to the selfless people who paid taxes on their meager incomes to educate us. Let us show our gratitude and help so our brothers and sisters don't lag behind due to lack of learning materials and technology in the 21st century. You may or may not have attended schools in the Axum area but you can imagine the hardship and challenges the pupils go thru. We don't strive to eliminate all challenges our people face but we can do our part and start with education which in turn could help reduce illiteracy and help fight poverty.

Any amount you are able to afford towards this noble project could go a long way. Your donation will directly give hope and open doors to the kids of Axum and its environs. We guarantee that every penny will be spent for the intended purpose.

With your continued support we hope to:

- ❖ Complete the G+0 and continue to start the next phase
- ❖ Equip the Laboratory complex with the necessary learning materials
- ❖ After completion, we aim to take up projects in other high schools of the region

Our 3rd anniversary fundraising event will be held on June 20th, 2009 in Columbus Ohio. We hope to see you there. If you can't make it, please send whatever you can afford to the address above or send your donation with your fellow members who will be making the trip. Please check the amount you will be contributing to ensure we meet our goal and expedite the completion of the laboratory.

\$1000____, \$750____, \$500____, \$250____, \$100____ Other \$_____

“A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.”

AAA is charity based non-political, non-profit and non-governmental association registered under section 501©(3) of the internal Revenue Code. Please send your tax deductible donations to the address listed above or contact your local board member(s).

Sincerely,

Haile Nebabi, Chairman
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