



Dr Patterson helps LIGA Staff peel boiled eggs for distribution at lunch.



LIGA School has been funded by Canadian Humanitarian since 2006. The students of this region come from homes of desperate poverty, where unemployment rates are over 70 %. In the past two years, Canadian Humanitarian has been joined by CIAI of Italy in supporting this project.

Akaki Kality has welcomed the LIGA school concept since 2005. LIGA students attend free, thanks to funding from Canadian Humanitarian and CIAI of Italy. It is hoped that sponsorship

support for LIGA students will continue as they begin attending government schools. Sponsorship offers the opportunity for each child to continue attending school until they complete grade 10.

In February 2010 Dr Northcott and Dr Patterson did intake medicals on 30 children who are new to Canadian Humanitarian family sponsors. They noted that all children were malnourished from a high carbohydrate diet, and had a high incidence of Goiter, a Thyroid disorder, from lack of the trace element iodine in their diets.

Dr Patterson has offered to fund a three month dietary supplement for all students enrolled in LIGA's program. This will consist of a boiled egg that can be dipped in iodized salt every day, Monday to Friday. LIGA School will prepare 20 dozen eggs per day, and serve at noon. Dr Northcott and Dr Patterson know that this will improve the brain development and overall growth outcomes for these children. We want to thank Dr Patterson for taking the initiative to fund such a simple, but profound solution for the children of this school.

Your support of a child at LIGA school allows them to attend freely, will pay their tuition, school uniform, books, and school supplies now, and when they eventually enter government schools.

Your contribution will have a big impact on the child you are sponsoring and their family. Through basic education and access to positive initiatives like Dr Patterson's, they have hope. Thank you on behalf of LIGA School, your child, and their family, for being part of a solution to eradicate the effects of poverty.