

## **Wolaita Sodo University (WSU) received the donations of ISOB and ISE. What happens to the teaching materials?**

### **Arrival materials**

After the container had arrived in Djibouti WSU Vice president Yesuneh Gizaw made an enormous effort to get the cargo released by Customs. Ethiopian Shipping Lines continued the transport over land. The goods were loaded into a truck and moved over land for another 1000 km to reach the final destination Soddo town.

The materials arrived at the university in February but the staff decided to wait for Zelleke before unpacking.

This year Simone Reinders, anthropology student from Utrecht, went along to help and make photos and reports. Together with the teachers they worked hard for 2 days unpacking and sorting all 434 boxes and the result was a successful distribution.

All books, computers and laboratory equipment were divided among Wolaitta Liqa school, Wolaitta Soddo University and 3 laboratories. A small number of books have been donated to 3 needy secondary schools in the area after consultation with WODA and the President of WSU.



Photo's Wolaitta Sodo University, April 2012, Ethiopia

## Books for WSU

Approximately 10,000 students are studying at Wolaitta Soddo University. The students have access to the books in the library, but most cannot be taken home. The books are important as a reference for research and to complete assignments. Because computers are extremely scarce, books are often the only source of information. Also literature books are widely read.

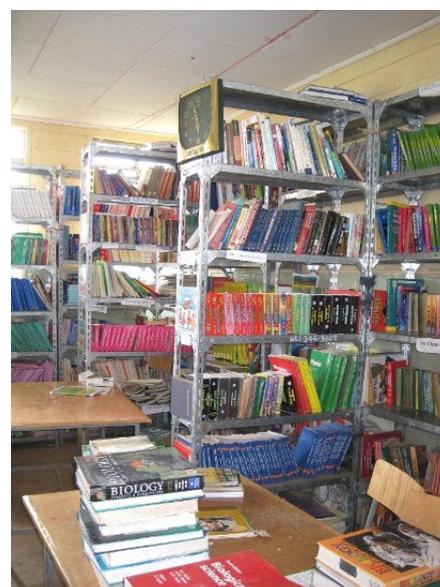
The dean of Health Department indicated that the medical books were very useful as a supplement in the library, as reference books. These books quickly become obsolete, but at this time there were almost no books in the library so any are welcome. And Internet is much needed to obtain current information. The computers will be used for the production of assignments and research.



## Books for LIQA school

480 talented and motivated students study at Wolaita Liqa secondary school. ISOB, ISA (International School Amsterdam) and ISE (International Secondary School Eindhoven) support the school since its start in 2007. The school has very good results in the region.

This time the donation included 522 books and 22 computers from students of the Ethiopia Project (ISE) in Eindhoven. Liqa School has collected these materials and is delighted with this contribution. The students can use the library in their 40 minutes lunch time, before or after school and on Saturdays. The books may be taken home, provided there are enough copies available. The books are used to do assignments on various topics, including fiction books.



## Computers

At Liqa School the 22 computers of ISE are a very welcome addition to the current computers some of which have become slow. At the time Zelleke and Simone attended the school they were still busy with setting up the new computer lab in IT classes. Students were eager to learn, know and use Internet software. The plan is also to teach programming. This gives the students a good chance to be admitted to the university. Computer Science is a popular study because it seems to be the largest job opportunity in the country.

**Computers arrived and distributed in good condition.**

**They are highly valued at all locations!**

**Wolaita Sodo University** has received 50 computers, 35 donated by AMC (Academic Medical Center department Medical Microbiology) and 15 by UMC (University Medical Center Utrecht). These are the very first computers that students can work on and that teachers can use in their lessons. You can imagine how happy everyone is with this contribution! The computers are divided among the new Medical faculty (20), the Health Science department (20) and Physics Department (10). The necessary software is available.

**Physics Department** has received 10 computers for the newly installed computer lab. On 4 computers with a capacity of 40 GB only Windows is installed. On the other computers, both Linux and Windows are installed because they have 80 GB capacity and so the students can learn to work with both systems. The teacher indicated that 30 students have to work on 10 computers, and therefore he hopes receiving 20 additional computers sometime in the future.

The new **Medical Faculty** and the **Department of Health Science**, that provides training for health officers, have each received 20 computers. The software is not yet installed but it will be Windows in the near future.

*Photo Health department:*



### **Laboratory equipment**

Laboratory equipment is deployed serving the Medical Faculty. Students attend practical sessions in the Otona University Hospital, affiliated to the Wolaitta Soddo University.

Arba Minch hospital and the Academic Hospital in Hawassa received each 2 microscopes and other devices.

The laboratory devices were all tested by one person because no one else was present who knew how the devices work. Manuals are important!



## Distribution of Educational materials at WSU in Ethiopia



**Happy students and teachers are grateful for sharing your knowledge and materials.**

**”Thank you for what you have done”.**