



NEWSLETTER

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Dear BTA members,

We hope that you are feeling strong and healthy. BTA's life is hectic, full of good proposals and positive enthusiasms. We feel that to create a closer contact with all of you might become an important source of strength for the Executive committee. Thus, we will issue a quaternary NEWSLETTER to update you with on-going activities and to exchange with you ideas and views.

After our first joyful Ethiopian/Eritrean cultural event last December 2008, several things have been planned and many small needs obtained.

- First of all BTA economy at the end of 2008 is in a good shape. However, we know that we will have to work as much as we can to make it stronger.**
- We have been able to establish novel contacts with different organizations such as, the Nordic-Africa Institute, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Institute of International Affairs (Utrikespolitiska Istitutet-UI), Afrosvenskerna and the Swedish Red Cross.**
- To make sure to be able to store items for donations and/ or fundraising, selling them in different market places, we have activated a specific storage room in Uppsala.**
- BTA home page is able to offer you some critical ideas about the actual projects. However, we are proud to let you know that important steps have been done to give active life to them.**
- Each project started working to achieve short-term goals, studying how to get the possibility to succeed in the long term ones.**
- We have chosen project leaders for each project and people that are personally interested in taking care of each one started having meetings to study and establish strategies.**

- The tree-planting project group has already gotten in touch with the authorities in Africa and the people responsible for planting. We have a quotation for the cost of the needed seeds. This means that it is time to collect money for the seeds ☺.
- The books donation project has already been collecting a variety of books and is trying to find the best low-cost way for a safe shipment.
- The abandon children project is trying to study more about the two Sudanese orphanages to create the proper contacts to understand which is the best help that BTA can offer. The project leader decided to go personally to evaluate the real condition of the kids' life by the end of June, to clearly update the entire group.

Ants colonize almost every part of our planet. Their success relies on their social organization and their ability to modify habitats, tap resources, and defend themselves. Ants' society respects division of labor, communication between individuals, and has an ability to solve complex problems. They manage and we can ☺



Warm Regards, BTA executive committee