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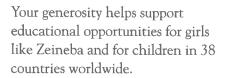
In remote villages of Ethiopia, girls do not always enjoy the opportunity to receive an education. They often are expected to care for family members, and many are encouraged to marry early, at ages as young as 12.

For Zeineba, a seventh-grade girl in one rural village, education continues to help her grow and build future opportunities. Her academic scores have improved, she has more confidence, and she leads a group of students that provides support for other girls.

Through the support of Catholic Relief Services and partnerships between the Church and local communities, girls like Zeineba are able to stay in school. They receive tutoring and school fee

assistance to help them to reach their full potential. Even girls who have left school are helped through training programs that give them opportunities to invest in their own small businesses.

Unlike her mother, who never went to school, and her older sisters, who married before completing their education, Zeineba continues her studies with the hope of someday becoming a doctor. She not only has a bright future but sets an example for neighbors and for her two younger sisters. "I'm teaching my sisters to follow in my footsteps," she says.



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