



BEAUTC

Bethel Environmental and Agricultural University and Training Center



Who We Are

- A group of Ethiopians and North Americans with expertise in agriculture, economics, and development.
- We see environmental and agricultural education and training as a way of helping people have a decent life today *and a more hopeful future.*



Board members (L-R): Gobena Holuka, Mekhael Teshome, Ed Gregorich, Warren Dick

Our Goals

- Educate and train farmers, middle managers, and leaders in the principles and practices of sustainable agriculture and resource management.
- Establish a botanical garden to preserve plants and serve as a biological library for teaching and respite.
- Promote agribusinesses and diversify the economy.
- Empower women in agricultural and community development.
- Foster international links in teaching and research.
- Promote noticeable positive change in the environment and agriculture of the region.
- Create a model institution to be emulated and multiplied elsewhere in Ethiopia and Africa.
- Attract other qualified individuals among the Ethiopian diaspora to this collaborative project.



Initial Costs

Land purchase & fencing:	\$ 220,000
Campus & research development (Phase 1)	<u>\$1,200,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,420,000

Our Purpose

- Establish a university and training center in Ethiopia that focuses primarily on the environment and agriculture.



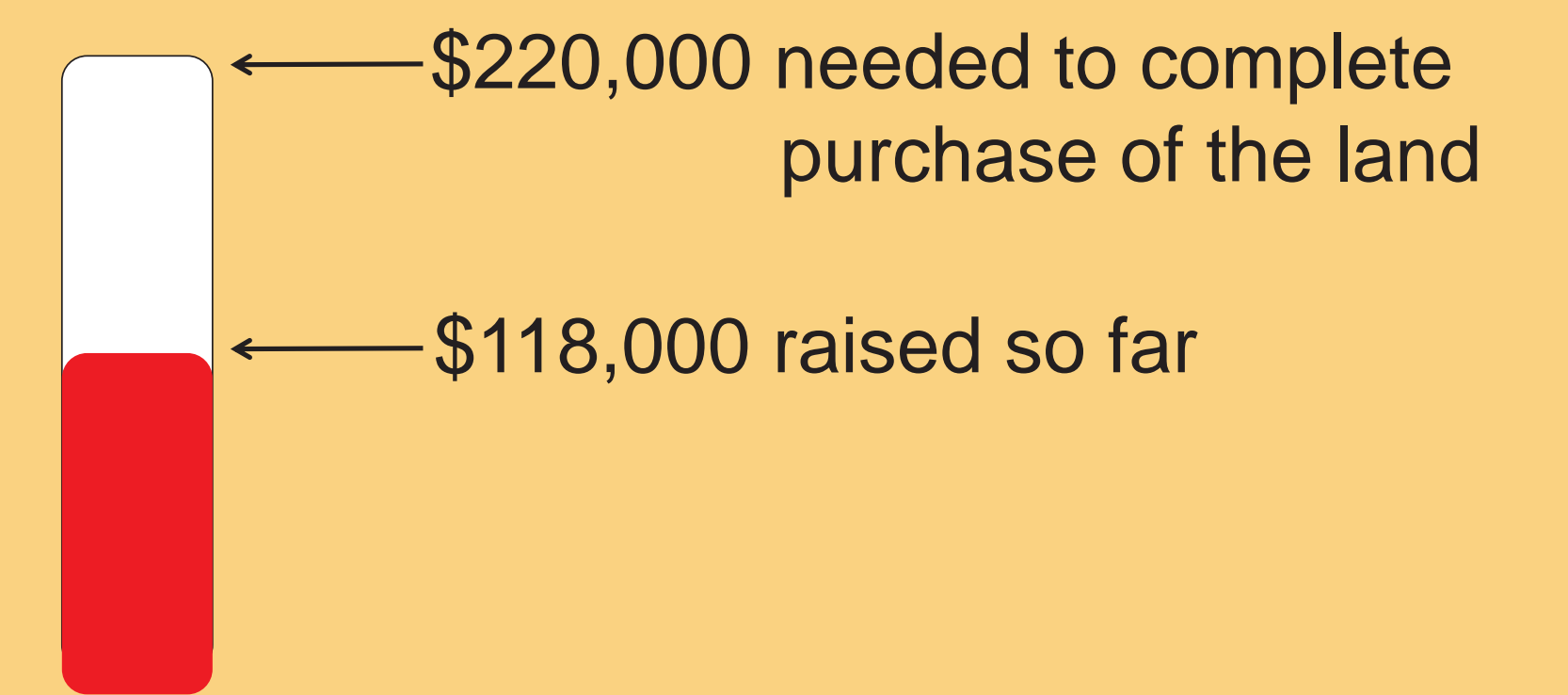
Train a Farmer – Feed a Nation (Our Motto)

Next Steps

- Purchase and secure land (current goal)
- Draw up plans for initial buildings.
- Discuss options for economic development with government officials.
- Begin work on developing a comprehensive university curriculum and practical training program for agricultural and environmental studies.
- Explore options for women's empowerment within local cultural settings

Get Involved

- Keep informed by liking our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/beautc.usa>)
- Make a one-time contribution toward purchase of land where the future site of BEAUTC will be located. A GoFundMe Campaign has been set up to receive funds (<https://www.gofundme.com/beautc-ethiopia-2v8ktbw7>)
- Pledge monthly support by going to the BEAUTC webpage (<http://www.beautc.org/support.php>)



Why?

- Ethiopia's fast-growing population is exerting great pressure on the already degraded agricultural landscapes and soils. Climate change is adding to the pressure.
- Food security is at risk.
- We hope to reverse this devastating trend by training and equipping farmers, community leaders, and agricultural specialists at all levels in practices that will revitalize, protect, and preserve the country's valuable land and water resources.
- **The overall goal of this project is to reduce environmental degradation and increase Ethiopia's capacity to produce more and better food.**



Our Organization:

BEAUTC is governed by two affiliated boards of directors, one in Ethiopia and one in the U.S. We have worked together to develop the vision for this project. BEAUTC is a charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible. To inquire about this project, contact us at:

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Some Facts About Ethiopia:

- 2nd most populous country in Africa (91 million) and 10th largest area country in Africa (1,112,000 km²).
- Once known as the "water tower of Africa" but today water is scarce.
- Agriculture has been practiced here for thousands of years. Ethiopia is the origin of many crops cultivated around the world including coffee.
- Agriculture accounts for about 46% of Ethiopia's GDP and 85% of total employment.



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