

At-a-Glance Chart of 19 Birthfamily Cases from ACT Fruits of Ethiopia Report

Case	Year of adoption, orphanage	Knew child left country?	Expects updates?	Other Important Notes
1	2008, Gelgela	No	Yes	Grandfather “relinquished”
2	2004, Sele Enat	No	n/a	1. Neighbor through hospital “relinquished”; 2. Mother also learned son was adopted out without consent
3*	2004, Sele Enat	Yes	Unknown	Uncle could have raised child with support; siblings in separate countries
4	2004/2005, Sele Enat	Unknown	Unknown	1. The file contains a letter from “Aunt”, from 2007, who apparently lives now in Lebanon. 2. The letter indicates that this aunt lost contact with the brother of the adopted child, who was left behind in the Home of the Missionaries of Charity due to HIV.
5*	2005, Sele Enat	Yes	Yes	1. While they knew that one child was to be placed out of country, they expected updates and since the APs visited them and promised the sibling that he could also be educated in the Netherlands, the family is upset that the other child actually wound up in public care 2. Letter from adoptive parents to Wereldkinderen’s Ethiopian Representative: “...she only want to return to Ethiopia. She’s sad and angry about the adoption and lives in matter of speaking with one leg in the Netherlands and the other one still in Ethiopia.”... 3. Court order states parents are dead when they are alive and APs even met them before they left ET! 4. It came out that Wereldkinderen’s Ethiopian representative had received a stamped letter from OSSA on which eight children were listed as “orphans “OSSA who was writing the single paper for Seleentorphanage saying orphaned children who needs help for many children at one paper with out back ground information but I tried to find out th ebackground information from parents and gave you on the child study but I have a signed paper by the mother for relinquishment at Wonji for child 1and child 2and there was no need to stand at court for the biological families at that time and court used to decide saying children were orphaned.”



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6	Bethesaid 2006	No, Mother thinks child is still in ET	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "She told him about Bethezata and the possibility of adoption with Bethesaid." 2. The grandfather decided the adoption because he does believe that his daughter is not able to take care of the children" 3. 1st the Court order states: " Pursuant to the court's order grandmother of the adopted Children has appeared in Court and notified her agreement by the adoption...." 4. According to the interview, the grandmother of the child was already dead at the time of adoption.
7	Fenot Lewogen 2007	Unknown	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. no understanding of adoption: (Aunt understood that the child would come back if she would be mature enough) 2. Aunt would have kept child if had support
8	Sele Enat 2008	Yes	No	Error in who father is The Child Study Report wrongly lists one of the mother's partners, as the oldest child's father
9	Sele Enat 2005	Unknown	Unknown	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview cut off after Werelkinderen learned of the interviews 2. The file contains the mother and child health card. The birth date is listed as being 23 / 11/ 1993 18 (Ethiopian Calendar) on this card. 3. The question arises why in the Child Study Report the birth date is estimated. Further the child was born in 2001 and not in 2002 as stated
10	Gelgela 2008	Yes	Yes	The staff of Gelgela told her: maybe you have a chance the child will come back and support you. the birthmother's cousin "worked at that time for Gelgela and now works for Bethezata ... She told us that Bethezatha employs for a monthly salary (around 400 Birr) people in the villages to find children for adoption."
11	Gelgela 2004, 2005	Yes	Yes	Understanding of Adoption: Hope that the children will come back once for visit. They want to have reports and pictures of the children



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12	Fenot Lewogen 2007	Yes	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She says at that time, it was a good decision, but now she regrets the decision. 2. The Child Study form from the City government, filled out by Kebele 03/04 on 22.12.2006 states that both mother and father are dead. Whereas in fact they are alive. 3. The same form states that the mother was pregnant following rape. Whereas in fact, the child had been born out of a relationship. 4. The Court order reads: Pursuant to the Courts orders the grandmother of the adopted child has appeared in the court and notified her agreement by the adoption and this is due to her lack of capacity or economic problems. Whereas in fact it was the cousin who admitted the children to Finote, who is not the grandmother of the child.
13	Fenot Lewogen 2008	Unknown	No	The Dad “got one time a picture of the child from Gelgela. ”
14	Gelgela 2007	Yes	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reason why they gave the child is to get support from the adoptive parents. The mother knew about others who gave their children to adoption. Then she asked Tesfaye (G. Michael) to help her to get that opportunity. 2. He told her, that maybe up to his 18th year, it will be difficult, but later he may come back and help them. 3. The mother was very restless. Sad about Tesfaye and thinks he earns a lot of money from Adoption.. 4. They send a minibus from Addis and collect children to bring them to Addis with nannies. 5. She visited the Foster Home once. (200 Birr- for transportation). The second time she went to the Foster Home to say good bye; She received 500 Birr and a bag.
15	Bethazatha Children Home Association 2007	Yes, receives	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It appears strange that the mother was counselled in the way she told us, that she should not give up the child due to physical appearance and age. 2. Although it was not used, apparently a falsified document had been drawn up. 3. The father is not informed about the adoption of his child.



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16*	Sele Enat 2004	Unknown	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “mother is dead and he has been assisted by his grandmother.”... 2. While in fact he was taken care of by his grandaunt. One could argue, that traditionally, she could well be considered grandmother- but it should have been questioned.
17	Finot Lewogen 2008	Yes	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After a while she was not feeling comfortable to depend on others and through an advice from friends (which did not tell the consequence) she decided to give her twins to an “adoption”. At this time the only thing she was thinking was that her children will not be hungry. From the interview it was clear that it was her disparate situation which obliged her to give her kids away. And during that time, there was no one who counselled the meaning and effect of adoption. 2. Secondly, the situation her twin children and other who was living at Finot Lewegen was horrible. During the two times she visited the organization, she noticed that the kids were not getting the proper attention. 3. No single paper she has signed during the whole process
18	Sele Enat 2004	Yes	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harvesting: “Wereldkinderen’s Ethiopian Representative requested at that time eight children from the Village for Wereldkinderen and they had gathered six children and asked her to give her child for adoption too. Within three days she had to decide.” 2. If she would have been offered 400 Birr, she would have kept him. 3. Child study report mother is listed as dead, while the father is listed as very sick.
19	Finot Lewogen 2008	No	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is unclear if this orphanage was allowed to operate adoptions in July 2008 2. Wereldkinderen’s Ethiopian Representative promised her to call, but she never called her again. She never came to know, when the child left the country

* Only cases where counseling was offered.

