

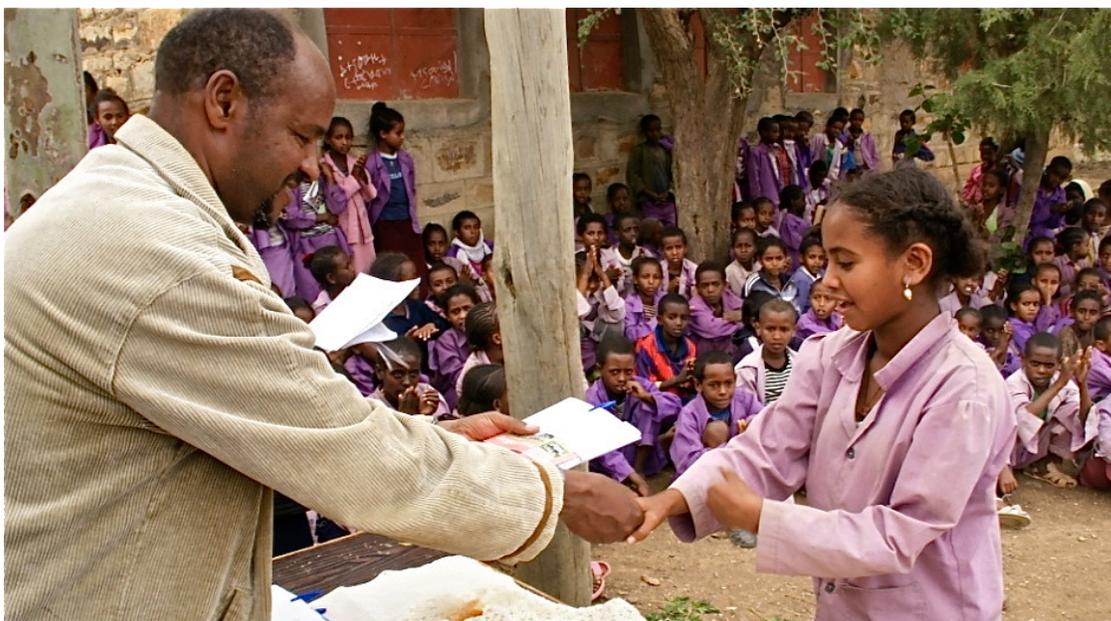
Twin with us!



The Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS) is now inviting Vancouver area elementary schools to twin with our 8 schools in Axum, Northern Ethiopia.

CNIS has taught thousands of grade-5 students in Africa how to resolve disputes without resorting to violence through a program called *Peace Building for Elementary Schools*. This school year, eight schools in Axum are taking part in this program.

Our organization will help twin 8 Vancouver Lower Mainland schools with our schools in Axum. Once matched, the schools, and most importantly the children, can begin building a relationship with African school children. Connections could be made through the arts, letter writing, geography projects, or other student generated ideas. The twinned schools will be recognized on the CNIS web site (www.cnis.ca), where their new and innovative ideas will be featured.



The goal of peace building is *to instill values of living and working cooperatively with tolerance and respect, while caring for others in the community.* The program informs children of the dangers of violence and teaches them how to prevent and resolve disputes, and to become agents for peace.

Peace Building includes these 11 learning areas:

- Peace
- Conflict
- Conscience
- Empathy
- Anger Management
- Self-Control
- Fairness
- Kindness
- Problem-Solving
- Non-violence
- Reconciliation



Through the twinning program, CNIS hopes to increase Canadian elementary school students' knowledge and understanding of African cultures and people, and to further develop a sense of empathy and social responsibility. We believe that the new friendships created will equally enrich the learning experiences of the children in Canada and in Africa.

CNIS is a non-profit organization that provides surgical and obstetrical training in Africa. CNIS believes in sharing knowledge and expertise to promote lasting and sustainable improvements in health and safety in the developing world. You may read more about CNIS' non-violent conflict-resolution courses on our web site:

<http://www.cnis.ca/what-we-do/safer-communities-in-africa-program/peacebuilding-for-elementary-schools/>

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We hope you will join us in this exciting
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