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Crosslinks is an evangelical mission agency working largely within the Anglican Communion. In Partnership with the Church in Africa, Asia and Europe, it provides personnel, sponsors students and makes grants for capital and other projects.

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Tamane Gada  
Fayisa  
in Ethiopia



## What's the need?

The church in many parts of the world is growing rapidly. Out of necessity many untrained men and women are sent to serve their communities or teach the Word of God to congregations at newly planted churches or established ones where they have no pastor or leader.

Congregations who are hungry for the Word of God often receive limited Bible teaching, leaving them open to error or to remain immature as Christians. Many dioceses are too poor to pay enough money for men and women to have theological training or to be trained in community health and development.

## Why the bursary scheme?

To help meet this need for training, Crosslinks primarily provides bursaries for students who come from parts of the world where there is great economic or political need. Priority of sponsorship is given to students who are accepted into evangelical theological colleges, Bible schools and universities in their own or near country.

Students are recommended by their diocese or educational institution and most will be used as pastors or leaders at grass roots level in their community after gaining degrees or on completion of foundation courses. Some students train for higher degrees in order to fill key positions in their diocese.

## How can you help?

By sponsoring students through our BEST programme. Money you give us will go towards their training fees which we pay the college on the students' behalf. Each student and their diocese are requested to pay what they can towards personal allowances and medical fees. We can link you with one of these students so that you can be informed of their progress.

## Why Tamane Gada Fayisa?

Gada became a Christian at the age of 17 through the witness of other local Christians. He had opportunities to preach and teach small groups in his church and became an Evangelist two years later. For the past nine years he has worked as a pastor in Doshe and in the surrounding area.

Since August 2006 Gada has been studying **theology** at **Nekemte Christian Education College** and the course will finish in June 2009. He will then be better qualified to train other Evangelists and Pastors. He would like to establish mini Bible Schools for the voluntary youth leaders and ministers in his local area.

Gada is married to Masresha and has four young children, Lalise age 12, Yohanis age 8, Gamachis age 6, and Ebise age 3. The family lives in a rural area about 90KM from Nekemte.



## What now?

- Decide if you or your church can sponsor this student
- Decide how much you can pay towards Gada's fees (£430pa for two years) through our BEST Programme

**Please fill in the relevant form today and show your support for Gada which will eventually affect the growth of the church in Ethiopia.**