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### **New Equipment Donated by IFA for Neonatal Unit Arrives**

The Yekatit 12 Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia has been generously supported by IFA. Their neonatal unit has grown from 2 rooms with 3 beds, to 7 rooms and 25 beds and is now equipped with life-saving medical devices that will save the lives of newborn babies in Ethiopia. Over the last four and a half years, IFA has donated a variety of equipment worth over \$125,000 in support of Yekatit 12's neonatal unit. Recently, \$17,000 worth of new equipment arrived at the hospital and another shipment of equipment worth \$50,000 will arrive in the next few weeks. In early 2012 the hospital will host a ceremony commemorating the opening of the new, completed neonatal floor located in a new four story building adjacent to the main hospital. The floor will have more than 10 large rooms and over 50 beds. The neonatal floor will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Anteneh Roba's late mother and Seble Nebiyeloul's late aunt.

### **IFA President Gives a Presentation at the University of South Africa**

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## Upcoming Events

February 24-March 6, 2012  
International Fund for Africa is sponsoring a medical mission to Zemero, Ethiopia.

March 6-9, 2012  
IFA co-founder and president will speak at Lund University, Lund, Sweden as part of the Critical Animal Studies: Animals in Society, Culture and the Media program being introduced at Lund University in spring of 2012.



IFA Executive Director, Dr. Anteneh Roba, gave a presentation titled, "The Deleterious Effects of Meat and Dairy Consumption on the Health of Africans" at the University of South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa. Dr. Roba presented on November 29, 2011 and it was part of the Animals in Law and Society: Perspectives from Africa and Beyond conference taking place at the University.

### IFA President Presents in Botswana



IFA Executive Director, Dr. Anteneh Roba, spoke with professionals and MD's in Gaborone, Botswana on December 3, 2011. Dr. Roba presented an overview of IFA's work in Ethiopia with an emphasis on the rural healthcare and neonatal initiatives. The presentation included videos of IFA's work in rural Ethiopia and their work with hospitals in Addis Ababa to create neonatal units.

#### IFA Welcomes Members of the Addis Ababa Community To Learn More About Their Projects



International Fund for Africa invited members of the Addis Ababa community, including representatives from major NGOs, healthcare professionals, and private business owners to attend a cocktail party at their office on December 10, 2011. IFA presented an overview of their work in Ethiopia with a special emphasis on the neonatal projects and rural healthcare and development initiatives.

In Remembrance of Tommy



On December 1, 2011, Tommy, a rescued dog from Ethiopia, passed away. Tommy lived a happy life for the past 5 years with his guardian, Leanne La Rocca, who adopted Tommy after he was rescued in the outskirts of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2007. Tommy, and three other dogs, were unceremoniously tossed into a pit to die, a travesty that occurs in Ethiopia and other parts of the world. Under the guidance and funding of IFA, a local group in Addis Ababa rescued Tommy and his companions and they were taken to the U.S. where Tommy was adopted by Ms. La Rocca in Houston, as was Maria one of the other three dogs, also adopted by a lady in Houston, the other two were placed with Best Friends Animal Society and later adopted into wonderful homes. Tommy and his story brings to light the plight of hundreds of thousands of stray dogs, cats and other animals that are mistreated throughout the world. All life is precious and should be respected and Tommy's story serves as a reminder that all lives are worth fighting for.