

Mrs S Giles

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Dear Mrs Giles

We just wanted to let you know how much your sponsored children appreciated your Christmas card. Your Christmas messages really do put huge smiles on the children's faces all over the world.

"I danced for joy!"

Aye Mya Phu (pictured left) is from Hlaing Thar Yar in Myanmar, and has been a sponsored child through World Vision for five years. This is the second Christmas card she's received from her sponsor, and she treasures it. "I love drawing pictures, and when I got my sponsor's Christmas card, I danced for joy!" she says. "I keep it safe in a drawer and look at it often. Other children have cut out the pictures but I won't cut it up. I love copying the pictures and reading my sponsor's letter."

Aye's father's fishing business was destroyed by Cyclone Nargis, and he had to sell their home. The family now lives with Aye's aunt in cramped conditions. Aye's parents would struggle to send her to school without support from World Vision.

you brought smiles to children's faces last Christmas

Thanks to your Christmas donations, the children have also had the chance to celebrate together. ADPs organised parties with games and snacks, while some, like Banja in Ethiopia, put on a football competition. Local World Vision workers, together with the parents' committees, have also selected special Christmas gifts for the children, which ranged from shoes and school uniforms to essential staple foods, such as flour and sugar.

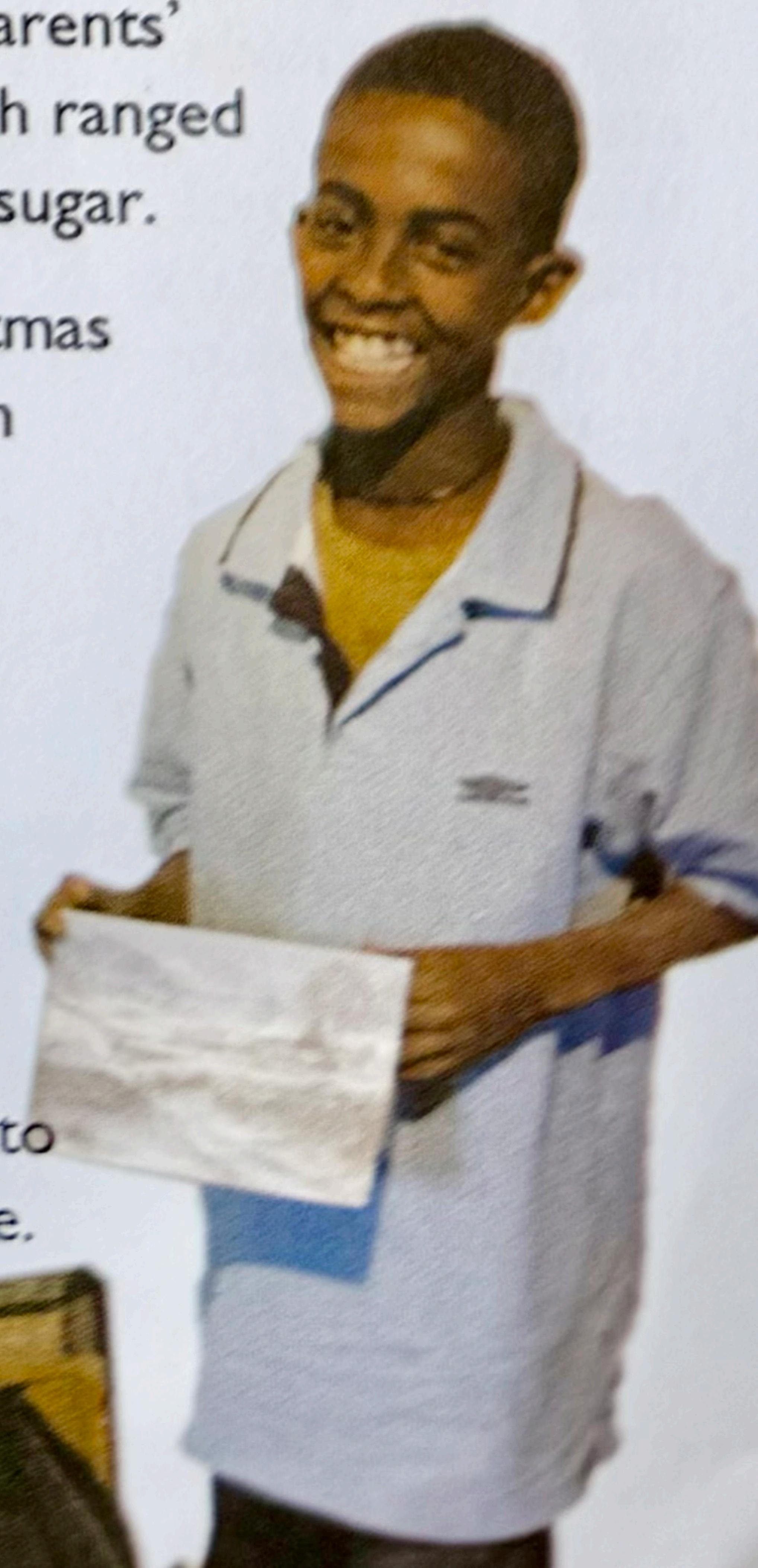
Thank you from everyone at World Vision, too, both for sending the Christmas cards and for your continued support. It makes a huge difference to children around the world.

Sharon McLeod

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Head of Supporter Care

P.S. Visit our website www.worldvision.org.uk/christmascardstories to find out what their sponsors' Christmas greetings meant to children like Aye.

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here are some of the children's responses to their sponsors' Christmas greetings...



“What a brilliant, colourful card. I like it very much and am so grateful that my sponsor remembers to think of me. Thank you!”

Dip Shil from Nawabgonj, Bangladesh



“We are proud of our sponsors because they never forget us. To remember their love we keep their cards in our bedroom so we can see them every time we come in.”

Ladino Joao from Namacurra, Mozambique



“I made the card! I think it is a symbol of friendship between different countries. It is a wonderful present from my sponsor.”

Alina from Stepanavan, Armenia



“This Christmas, along with a beautiful card, my sponsor sent me a princess dress. I've always dreamt of having one! Thank you, dear sponsor, now I can be a princess!”

Ana Gjini from Lezha, Albania



“I made this card for my sponsor in Britain. I drew my house, a bull and a lorry. I hope my sponsor will like it!”

Nestor from Bolivar, Bolivia

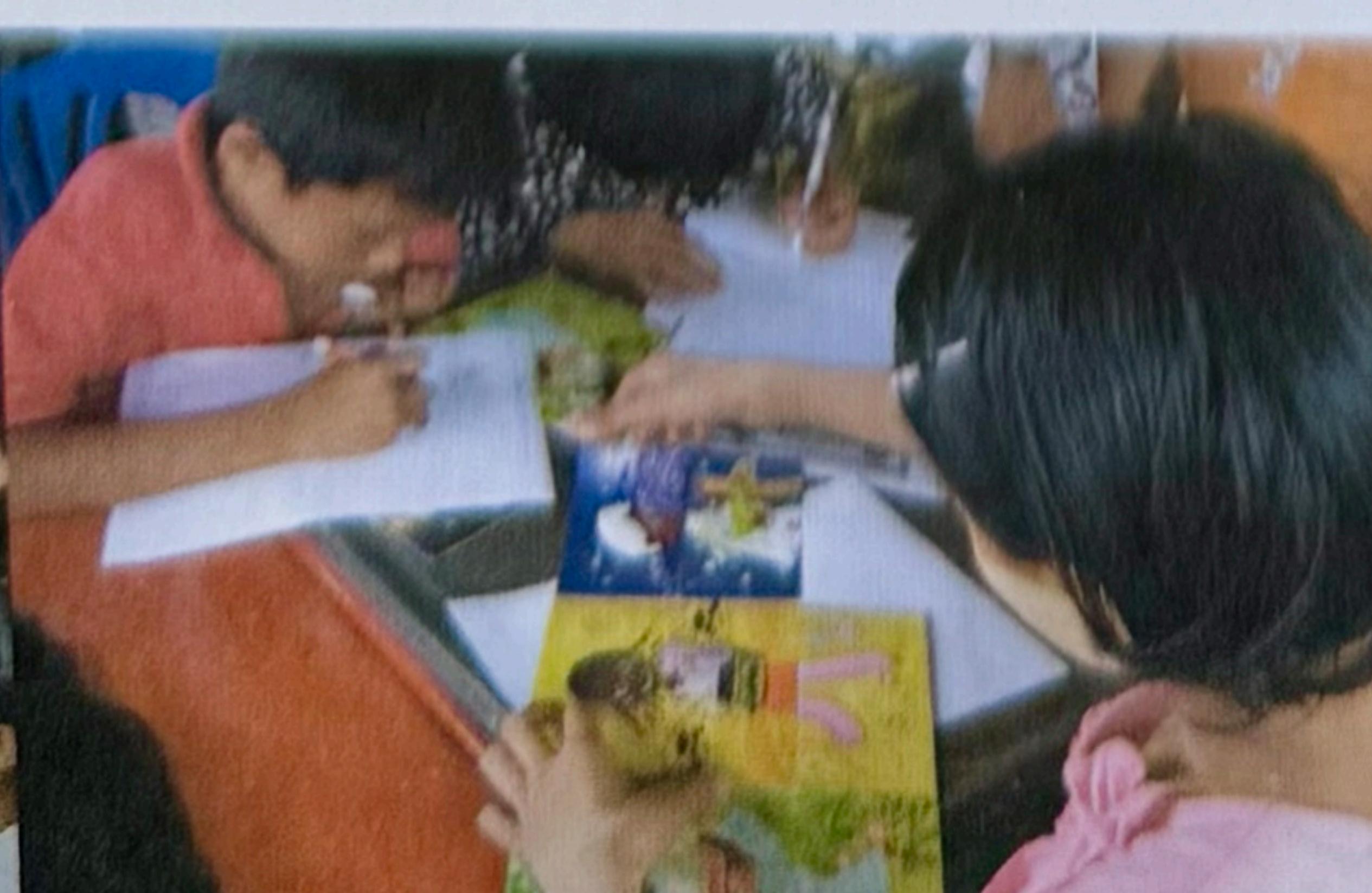


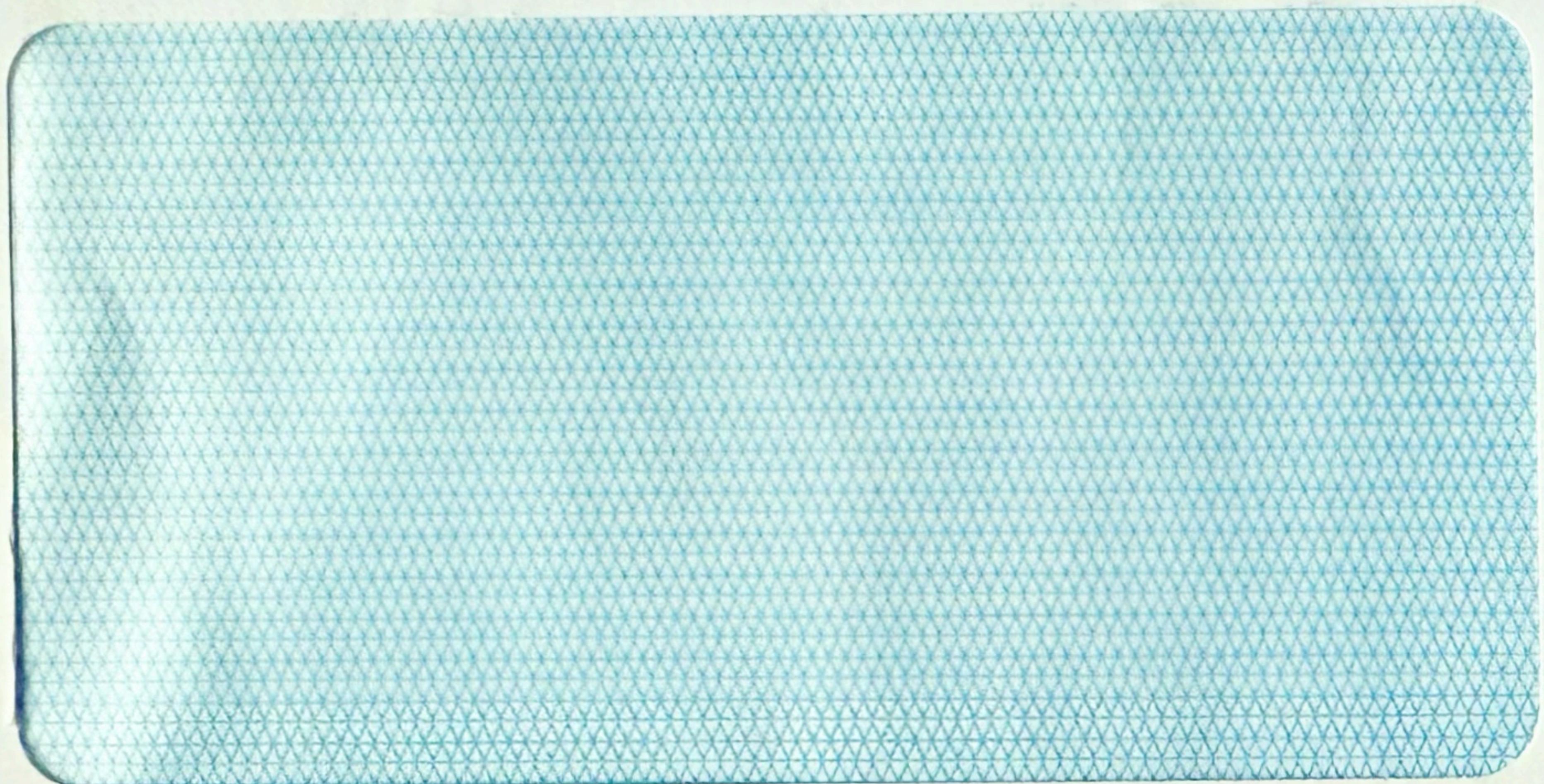
“We are very grateful for the beautiful Christmas card received from our sponsors. Thank you! We had a very enjoyable Christmas because of your gifts.”

Children from Yilma Densa, Ethiopia



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