

## Nobleton WI to hear presentation on education program in Ethiopia



Kristine Soufian with some of the children of the Ethiopian village Ropi.

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In a society where we are bombarded each day with instant media, how could a person voluntarily want to give up her summer vacation to spend two months in a remote village in Africa with limited resources and two hours of daily electricity created by a generator?

Kristine Soufian, a 22-year-old student at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) who aspires to be a high school teacher, has spent the last five summers volunteering her time in an Ethiopian village called Ropi. In Ropi, despite the limited resources, children take advantage of the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that are offered by people like Soufian and her fellow volunteers through the Ethiopia Summer Program. The Ethiopia Summer program is affiliated with Consolata Missionaries based in Toronto. This program offers the children of Ropi hope for a better tomorrow through education.

Soufian has been invited to speak to many groups throughout the GTA about her experiences in Ethiopia. She will be giving a power point presentation sponsored by the Nobleton Women's Institute at the Nobleton Community Hall April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Her topic is entitled Something Good in Every Day. During her presentation, she will introduce you to the children of Ropi, to her work at the village and to her philosophy that 'each day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.'

Soufian will inspire you to action 'a desire to do something. What is this something?' She will answer that question by saying, 'You don't have to go half way around the world to do 'something good in every day.' This 'something good' can be as simple as a smile and/or a nod to a stranger passing by or the opening of a door for a person behind you.'

Admission to the presentation will be by donation.

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