Our Mission
Rural Access, is a nonprofit that seeks to expand health access and health education to the remotest reaches of rural communities. Our goal is to improve health and education outcomes by starting a self-sustaining social movement in every community we enter. In the support of the Invisible Men Grant, Nebiyu Daniel founded Rural Access in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. With completion of his medical training, he is now campaigning across the world to start Rural Access.

Our Purpose
Emmanuel is a proud first generation student and the current Project Manager at Rural Access. He is a science lover who spent seven weeks in the highlands of Ethiopia, researching on the health needs of remote communities. He is now in the process of planning another trip to his home country.

Emmanuel hopes to study Sociology and Pre-Med after he finishes his undergraduate studies. He joined Rural Access because he believes in education as a powerful tool for social change and he wants to work towards healthier communities. He is double majoring in Molecular Biology and Neuroscience and Behavior and hopes to eventually pursue an MD/PHD. His dream is to be a change agent, specifically in the realm of health.

Team Members
Bethlehem Bekele, Project Manager
Bethlehem Bekele, originally from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She joined Rural Access because she strongly believes in education as a tool for unity. She is double majoring in Molecular Biology and Neuroscience and Behavior and hopes to eventually pursue an MD/PHD. Her dream is to be a change agent, specifically in the realm of health.

Momi Afelin, Chief Operating Officer
Momi is a Sophomore at Wesleyan University originally from Moloka‘i, Hawai‘i. She studies Communication of Science, Technology and Medicine and double majors in Environmental Science and Political Science. Her background are what drew her to join Rural Access because of its emphasis on education and health as powerful tools for unifying communities. Her ultimate goal is to make the world a better place and to help those who need it most.

Edelina Marzouk, Director of Programming
Edelina Marzouk is a junior at Wesleyan University originally from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She joined Rural Access because she knows firsthand the value of mentorship and believes in the power of education and giving back. She has been able to get higher education in the US and would like to use the experiences she got from Wesleyan and resources she gets from the Invisible Men Grant to help those who need it most.

Memyey/2016
Memyey joined Rural Access as a Project Manager because she believes in the power of education as a tool for unifying communities. She is double majoring in Psychology and Spanish and hopes to eventually pursue an MD/PHD. Her dream is to be a change agent, specifically in the realm of health.

Hector Leon, Project Manager
Hector is a seasoned professional who works in information technology for health companies. He also is currently pursuing his true passion for public health education. His skills, interests, and experience are what drew him to join Rural Access because he believes in education as a powerful tool for social change. He is double majoring in Neuroscience & Behavior and hopes to eventually pursue an MD/PhD.

Nebiyu Daniel
Nebiyu Daniel is a junior at Wesleyan University and he is double majoring in Neuroscience & Behavior. He hopes to eventually pursue an MD/PhD following his four years at Wesleyan. In 2016 Nebiyu turned to his home country of Ethiopia to start Rural Access. With the support of the Invisible Men Grant, Nebiyu is now campaigning across the world to start Rural Access.

Rural Access uses community-centered analyses, through demographic studies, cultural awareness and historical consciousness to provide specialized health education and resources in each community of the communities we serve. Rural Access recognizes health education as a unifying tool within every community, especially in the midst of conflict. By prioritizing the health of every individual, we unify people despite their different political, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

The most basic of human rights is the right to survive. The need for health access transcends the forces of inequality, exclusion, and oppression. Rural Access approaches community health with comprehensive community participation and community empowerment. The facilitation of these initiatives are executed best by passionate and dedicated leaders who prioritize the health of every individual.

Rural Access uses health education to unite people in their home country. This model fosters a culture of community-centered health and empowers individuals to take an active role in choosing a healthy lifestyle. Rural Access uses health education to unite people in their home country. This model fosters a culture of community-centered health and empowers individuals to take an active role in choosing a healthy lifestyle. Rural Access uses health education to unite people in their home country. This model fosters a culture of community-centered health and empowers individuals to take an active role in choosing a healthy lifestyle. Rural Access uses health education to unite people in their home country. This model fosters a culture of community-centered health and empowers individuals to take an active role in choosing a healthy lifestyle.