Message from Pastor George Cushman, Board of Directors

Have you ever wished that you could share the joy of an experience? That you could help another feel the delight of seeing a life transformed because you took time to share your life and bestow your care upon them? To help them see the smile on a face where there was once despair and the emptiness of not believing hope was a real possibility?

I have been to Ethiopia six times in the last 12 years. I was there when a child was taken from the streets and saw the anxiety, even fear in her eyes as strangers brought them to a shelter. I have watched as the child withdrew to a corner trying to hide their presence. And then come back a year later and see this child running and playing as a child should with friends. To see them now in school and almost not recognizing them as they have put on weight and that there is a spark in her eyes of hope as the whole prospect for her future has changed.

What I can do is ask you to create your own experiences of joy, meaning and purpose as you help a child transform their sense of hopelessness to a deep trust in a hope-filled future.
Medical Clinic...... Build it and they will come!!

The recurring theme in the movie kept saying, “Build it and they will come.” It is built!!!! We have completed the Medical clinic building at our campus in the City of Sululta, Ethiopia. People are ready to come as we have been told by the local residence that it will be only the fourth medical facility in a city of approximately 130,000(Wikipedia).

On some of our trips to Ethiopia we have had the gift of medical people traveling with us. This enabled us to do some wellness clinics with our Hope kids, but also opening it to the community as well. We rejoiced in how healthy our kids were, in sadness especially as we were able to compare them with the health of the kids from the city. They are anxiously waiting to come.

The clinic can be opened by Hope raising $10,000. The first $5000 will supply the clinic with the medical equipment and medications needed to serve those who come. The second $5000 is needed to hire a nurse to run the clinic for the year.
We are excited at this new ministry that helps us meet the physical needs of the people, complementing the spiritual and educational needs we are presently supporting.

**From the Board**

We are pleased to tell you we are having growing pains. Yes, we have continued to implement what seem like natural next steps to our focus of helping street children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. These have included doing seminars on how to minister to people with H.I.V./A.I.D.S. If we can help the parents get the medications they need, they will remain alive and be able to care for their families, rather than watch orphaned children now pushed to the streets. We have started a school which now educates many of our children but also educates another 140-150 children from the surrounding city. (See article on the clinic).

Today, we serve around 500 children of which 200 live in foster homes. This has enabled us to not only support a child, but an entire family. The goal of Hope has always been to raise new leaders for the country of Ethiopia, as so many were killed by the communists during their regime. Our goal is to help children who had no model of what a family even looked like, let alone acted like, and now prepare them to be spouses, parents and good citizens. Again, this goal has caused us to take steps toward vocational training for our kids who do not go on to university. We have started providing seed money to our young adults or our foster parents to begin their own IGA (income generating activity) so they have a skill and a means to be good parents and good citizens.

The needs are many, the hopes are numerous, and the compassion unbounded. We are now asking ourselves how we prioritize our ministry to meet the greatest number and most crucial of needs possible. Please pray
for Hope, its kids and families that we may continue to be hope that allows dreams to come true.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Hope for the Hopeless

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