

PROJECT HOPE

SUMMER REPORT 2022

PROGRESS REPORT & OVERALL UPDATE





Pastor Shawn receiving a gift of thanks from the new mayor of Dire Dawa, the Muslim city of over 500,000 that provides the government oversight for Gendatesfa.



HOPE KEEPS GROWING

As I finally had the opportunity to put my feet back on the dusty ground of Gendatesfa, Ethiopia, I saw yet again, with my own eyes, how real hope keeps growing despite the circumstances. Over the past three years, COVID, civil unrest, and inflation have battered Gendatesfa and the city, Dire Dawa, that overshadows it. Yet, hope has grown and keeps doing so.

With our annual Night of Hope only three months away, November 29, I couldn't wait to give you a quick update!

From our family to yours, may this short newsletter help hope keep growing in your hearts!

*Shawn Franco and
The Project Hope Board*

Health Clinic

In the midst of all the hardship, our clinic has actually moved to a facility twice the size of our previous property! This is enabling us to move forward to expand services and begin official dialogue with the city mayor and his cabinet to grow to a primary hospital! Below are a picture of the new clinic facility and Shawn with the muslim village elders. The muslim village chief said,

"For nine years, this clinic has kept its promise to provide free service for our people. We are forever grateful!"



Pastor Shawn with Elias, The Muslim Village Chief of Gendetesfa.

Primary Education

The local primary school has now grown to over 1000 students in the middle of these conditions. The principal, village chief, city mayor and director of education have all asked us to bring a new team of teachers and assistants to doing a one week English school. The trip is June 29-July 8. Let us know if you want to come!

Orphan & Needy Child Care

We have grown to 73 sponsored children who need basic care in a village where 3 meals of rice and beans for a family of 4 costs \$3.50/day and the average laborer earns \$2 a day. Most children have lost a parent, suffer from HIV or have great family setbacks that are hard for us to understand. We have some big stories to share at the fundraiser. For now, here are some smiling faces that are fed and healthy because of you.

Economic Development

In the middle of COVID, civil war and inflation, I am elated to say we have completed two rounds of microfinance loans and preparing for a third round. We will give some stories at the Night of Hope. This program is the final key to breaking the cycle of poverty and empowering women to provide for their family and build their future.



NIGHT OF HOPE

November 29, 6:30pm

Again, thank you again for all you do to bring unstoppable hope to the least of these halfway around the world.

Moms and dads, brothers and sisters, grandparents, just like you and me whose lives have been changed because of your generosity and heart.

We have so much more to share with you at the Night of Hope!

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