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Hope Stays Strong
ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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BRINGING HEALING AND HOPE

Our mission is to bring healing and hope directly to those who need it most in Ethiopia and to those who partner with us here in America.

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR SHAWN

Every so often someone will ask me as a pastor, "What is one of the greatest miracles you've ever seen God do?"

My answer is found in these pictures! One of the greatest miracles God does is not in the physical but in the heart. When people see Christians and Muslims who love and care for each other, that is a miracle. When students from America and Ethiopia, who live in vastly different cultures, economic classes and value systems become cherished friends, that is a miracle. When everyday people, with everyday jobs like you and I, feel drawn by hope to travel over 7,000 miles to sacrifice money, time and their comfort zones to bring empowerment and a brighter future to children and families marginalized in their own society, that is one of the most beautiful miracles of all.

And after 12 years of our mission in Ethiopia, I see more miracles than ever! With great joy and confidence I can tell you, "Hope Stays Strong!"

Through the faithful and generous giving of people like you, our clinic has taken a giant leap forward in caring for our community, our sponsorship program is bigger and better than ever, our relationship with the city government school system is revolutionary, and our microfinance program is serving in two areas in great ways. As you see the pictures and read the stories of this annual report, may hope grow even stronger in you!





YOUR GIVING. OUR STEWARDSHIP.

Every dollar you give goes directly to the faces and futures of the children and families in the village (like the picture above)!

Your giving has allowed us to expand and deepen our reach into the health, education and economic needs of this village now over 50,000 residents strong! Unfortunately, inflation has more than doubled in the past year! Last year's budget of \$90,000 is increasing, but our management and planning, along with your giving, is keeping hope strong and growing. Thank you!

Condensed Financial Statement

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023, and 2024 to date.

| Operating Revenue | 2023 | 2024 (To Date) |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Total Gifts | \$135,773 | \$100,241 |

Operating Expenses

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Program Services | | |
| Project Hope Medical Clinic | \$119,449 | \$67,319 |
| Project Hope Kids (Sponsorship) | \$33,625 | \$37,847 |
| Project Hope Microfinance Initiative | \$923 | \$2,736 |
| Project Hope Pharmacy | \$7,284 | \$6,946 |
| Total Program Services | \$161,281 | \$114,849 |
| Fundraising | \$184 | \$0 |
| Overhead | \$1,332 | \$1,553 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$162,796 | \$116,402 |

Composition of Net Assets

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|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted (Clinic) | \$275,840 | \$259,679 |
| Restricted (Microfinance & Land) | \$82,000 | \$82,000 |
| Total Net Assets | \$357,840 | \$341,679 |

The above is an unaudited financial statement.

Brief Explanations: Near the end of 2023 Project Hope purchased its first ultrasound for the clinic for ~\$45,000, represented under program services for the medical clinic. For 2024, a change in quarterly disbursement means end of year funding has already been reflected in this statement, thus expenses appear higher compared to previous years' statements of a similar period. However, program growth related expenses and inflation has nonetheless continued an upward trend in operating expenses. Funds were also disbursed for an EKG machine this year.

Restricted Funds - Potential Land Purchase, Clinic Lab Equipment

100% of donations go to services while the board pays all overhead or fundraising costs

HEALTH CLINIC



CLINIC STATS

- **1,832 outpatient appointments completed** January through September (203 per month).
- **A 60 year old man with past history of diabetes and paralysis due to a stroke came in to the clinic quite ill.** An ultrasound discovered a kidney infection (pyelonephritis) and swelling of the kidney (hydronephrosis), as well as a blood clot (deep venous thrombosis). He also had a bed sore and a foot ulcer. He desperately needed to be admitted to the hospital but couldn't afford it. The team at Project Hope developed an innovative approach of administering antibiotics by bladder irrigation. They cared for his wounds daily. Over several days he was healed!
- **The most common conditions treated were illnesses that we rarely see in the U.S.** These include diarrheal illnesses due to parasites (giardia) bacteria (salmonella typhi -- typhoid fever) and amoeba occurring due to poor water sanitation. Also, parasitic worms such as schistosomiasis and ascariasis.

- **In January-March there was a Dengue fever outbreak in Dire Dawa.** Dengue fever is caused by a virus spread by mosquitos. It causes a syndrome known as "break-bone fever" that can include hemorrhaging, severe joint pain and a rash. Incidences has been dramatically increasing in the world recently. Dire Dawa has seen a disproportionate number of outbreaks in Ethiopia and as a result has been written up in medical journals. Several Project Hope staff contracted Dengue fever. Praise God all recovered. The clinic treated dozens of patients suffering with Dengue.



PLEASE CONSIDER
MONTHLY SUPPORT
OF THE CLINIC THIS
YEAR OF ANY AMOUNT

EXPANDING OUR SERVICES

A New Diagnostic Service

A state-of-the-art ultrasound machine was introduced to the clinic, operated by a part-time technician who performed 25-30 scans per month. Kidney stones emerged as the most frequently diagnosed condition, while other findings included pneumonia, gallstones, and ovarian cysts. News of the ultrasound service quickly spread throughout the village, leading to a notable increase in overall clinic visits.

Pharmacy Budget Increases 400%

Our clinic provides free medicine. With the introduction of the ultra sound machine, patient visits have basically doubled. This creates more general demand for medicines and also a need for increased diversity of medicines.



New Eye Program

We partnered with Global Vision 2020. With the U-See kit, we are able to provide prescription eyeglasses in about 15 minutes at \$4.00 a pair.

Currently, the goal is to raise enough money to:

- Build an exam room dedicated to the vision program.
- Purchase an autorefractor which will enable us to quickly evaluate if the person is a good candidate for our program by diagnosing conditions such as astigmatism, cataracts, etc.
- Hire an Optometrist which the country requires.
- Enable us to purchase a wider variety of frames.
- Enable us to pay for eye exam and glasses for the people that we cannot help.



BEFORE

AFTER

ONGOING CHILD SPONSORSHIP

We've just reached the milestone of 100 child sponsorships, reflecting the deepening relationships within our community built through years of dedicated service! Through this support, we're able to provide clothing, food, school fees, and more for these children. Thanks to our generous sponsors, we can care for the most at-risk children in meaningful ways!



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Having a sponsor child through Project Hope is such a light to me and my family. Being able to travel to Ethiopia to actually meet Hamza was life-changing. Seeing the reality of the conditions that he and his family face daily helped me understand how beneficial the sponsorship program can be. My family's small contribution can help supply him with school uniforms, a monthly ration of nonperishables, and life-giving fellowship with Living Word Church. My prayer is that through Project Hope's Sponsorship Program an entire generation will see the love their Lord has for them so that they may partake in their inheritance. "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?" James 2:5b

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*Leslie Adams,
Monthly Child Sponsor*



100 Strong!





PRIMARY EDUCATION

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Twenty Chromebooks** were added to the Gendetesfa Primary Schools Digital Library.
- **Twenty Chromebooks** were donated to open a second computer lab at the Detachu Elementary School.
- **5 Chromebooks & 5 Dell Laptops** were donated to Living Word for an outreach digital library.
- **Wifi was donated for a year** to both Primary Schools.
- **96 Backpacks were given** to our sponsored children.
- **700lbs** of primary readers, curriculum, and educational supplies were distributed between both Primary Schools.

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When I joined Project Hope as a teacher, I believed it was all about us bringing hope to Gendetesfa school. I couldn't have been more mistaken. While we may have inspired some hope in the students, the hope they've given me has been more transformative than anything I've ever experienced. Their passion for learning in every class, their enthusiasm, and their commitment to doing their best truly fill my heart with renewed joy. Playing with the kids and engaging with the community allowed me to learn from our differences and similarities. As a first-time team member, this experience has broadened my perspective as a mother, a teacher, and a global citizen. The hope they've given me for a brighter future is invaluable, and I eagerly anticipate returning to strengthen the bonds I've formed with my students and friends.

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Laura Mora
High School Teacher,
Chesterfield County, VA

RELATIONAL GROWTH

The Gendetesfa Elementary community warmly welcomed Project Hope, celebrating our longstanding partnership with heartfelt gestures. Villagers in cultural attire greeted us, and the school displayed banners honoring our friendship. We were deeply moved by a traditional coffee ceremony, gifts, and recognition from the Sultan of Education. Trees were also planted as symbols of the strength and longevity of our bond!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Empowering at-risk women and their children by equipping them with microfinance loans, ongoing training, and support to build self-sustaining businesses, ensuring stability, economic growth, and increased job opportunities.



A LIFE GIVEN HOPE: **Nuria**

Nuria is a mother of two sons and one daughter, residing in Gendetesfa. She was given a microfinance loan of ETB 5,000 (\$90) enabling her to begin a small business in teff “combing” and goat rearing. To date, Nuria has seen her family establish a sustainable income and the family’s living standards improved greatly, especially in access to education and healthcare. Nuria sends her deepest thanks to all those who give to Project Hope for making *“this transformation in my family possible because of you.”* She and her husband ask for your constant prayers for their health.

A LIFE GIVEN HOPE: **Kokobe**

In the red light district of Detachu, our microfinance officer visited Kokobe and her family. *“Their home was in serious trouble because the family have only very little source of income.”*

She was trained and given her first loan to purchase the equipment needed to start a potato and snack business.

Our officer reports, *“Despite facing many challenges, the effort that she made and the hope that she has is amazing! She is already looking to expand!”*



MICROFINANCE FEATURES

- **30 Microfinance clients as of Fall 2024**
- **Training** - Each loan recipient must attend and participate in basic business training provided by third parties from the private sector or the Government of Ethiopia.
- **Application and Approval** - Loan recipients are selected based on a written business plan.
- **Incentives** - An incentive monetary tiering structure rewards loan payment with the ability to qualify for larger amounts on subsequent loans . All loans have 12 months term.

- 1st Loan Amount - 5,000 Ethiopian Birr (ETB)
- 2nd Loan Amount - 10,000 ETB
- 3rd Loan Amount - 15,000 ETB

- **Co-Operative** - Each loan recipient must have a sponsor who will also sign the loan agreement.

Photo: Local vendors, like our microfinance clients, in the main city market this summer

- **Accounting** - The Loan Manager meets with each borrower monthly to review the business and collect loan repayment.
- **Oversight** - Loan reports are completed and reviewed by external Project Hope directors.



Photo: Pastor Shawn visiting one of our newest microfinance clients, who has been able to pay for her daughters to now go to trade school.



TOGETHER | JULY 2024





ETHIOPIA TRIP 2025:

JULY 10 - JULY 20
\$2850

Each year, we host an English Camp open to all school-aged children in the village, offering a fun and engaging way to develop their English skills. Through lessons, games, and resources, we provide support that students and teachers can continue to use long after camp.

We also spend time with the Project Hope Clinic, village soccer team, sponsored families, and others in the village, building friendships and growing hope!



The top picture
Our 2024 summer team

Middle picture
Our welcome to the first day of English Camp

Bottom picture
Press conference with the city news reporting on our work at the schools



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