

New Seasons, New Open Doors



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A Note From Pastor Shawn

"How did you get to be so successful?", the young entrepreneur asked the veteran business leader. "***Gradually then suddenly,***" the wise mentor replied.

Gradually then suddenly. Its a name of a new book I love and its my answer to how Project Hope has accomplished so much in 13 years through everyday people like you and me.

Each year new doors open in Ethiopia that no one would have ever imagined. It seems to happen ***suddenly*** in one trip or in one month, but the truth is it was ***gradually*** preparing to happen over 13 years of consistent friendship, giving, and servanthood.

This year, we saw some of the most powerful new breakthroughs just ***suddenly*** happen yet again! As you read about them in this annual report, remember it's because you have faithfully and ***gradually*** given over the years.

We can never say thank you enough, but we hope you'll ***suddenly*** feel great joy as you realize all that your giving has made possible!





The Gendetesfa City Secretary of Education and Pastor Shawn plant trees to celebrate new beginnings in partnership.



Your Giving. Our Stewardship.

Every dollar you give goes directly to the faces and futures of the children and families in the village!

Project Hope is led by volunteer professionals who personally cover all administrative costs. We commit to using every dollar you donate to directly help the men, women, and families of Gendetesfa.

With over 13 years of sustainability and scalability, Project Hope stewards your donations to expand services and work towards the goals of empowered families and a long-term primary hospital for the village.

Condensed Financial Statement

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2024, and 2025 to date.

Operating Revenue	2024	2025 (To Date)
Total Gifts	\$185,815	\$120,843

Operating Expenses		
Program Services		
Project Hope Medical Clinic	\$79,156	\$84,170
Project Hope Kids (Sponsorship)	\$38,575	\$37,847
Project Hope Microfinance Initiative	\$0	\$0
Project Hope Pharmacy	\$8,761	\$6,946
Total Program Services	\$126,492	\$128,963
Fundraising	\$0	\$257
Overhead	\$1,000	\$950
Total Operating Expenses	\$127,492	\$130,170

Composition of Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$327,483	\$318,156
Restricted	\$82,000	\$82,000
Total Net Assets	\$409,483	\$400,156

The above is an unaudited financial statement.

Brief Explanations: Restricted Funds - Potential Land Purchase

HEALTH CLINIC



SAVING LIVES THROUGH COMPASSION: PROJECT HOPE'S YEAR OF GROWTH AND SERVICE

Through the dedication and hard work of its staff, Project Hope has achieved a 20% year-over-year increase in completed medical visits. *It remains the only clinic in the Gendetesfa region offering ultrasound services* — essential for diagnosing and managing conditions such as kidney stones, gallstones, and pregnancy.

Recently, their compassion was shown in the care of a young man who arrived in septic shock with a blood pressure of 70/50. He was quickly diagnosed with malaria and urgently needed hospital admission, but he could not afford it. Moved by compassion, the Project Hope team took immediate action, providing *life-saving* IV fluids and antimalarial medication over three days. By God's mercy, he recovered completely.



VISION PROGRAM

From 91 hopeful faces to hundreds more waiting — the vision for Dire Dawa is coming into focus

The initial rollout of Project Hope's Eye Program was a remarkable success, highlighting the urgent need for a permanent Vision Center in Dire Dawa. Within just 15 minutes, 91 adults and children suddenly registered for eye exams through word of mouth alone. A licensed optometrist examined 76 patients over two days, and when 15 more pleaded for care, we compassionately added an extra day to our program.

Using Global Vision 2020 lenses, glasses were provided for nearsightedness and farsightedness, including 30 pairs of readers. However, nearly one-third of patients required surgical intervention—care unavailable locally due to limited diagnostic equipment. One young man was flown to Addis Ababa for treatment at a cost of \$1,611, but delayed care resulted in permanent vision loss, underscoring the urgent need for accessible local services.



A Vision Center in Dire Dawa will provide affordable, timely care, helping children see the board, adults work, and entire families regain hope. Join us in making clear vision a reality—your support can change lives.



Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to:

- Hire a part-time optometrist for ongoing care
- Refill our Global Vision 2020 supplies
- Expand our eyeglass selection through new partnerships
- Build a small exam room and optical lab
- Equip a full exam lane for accurate testing
- Begin offering surgery vouchers for those in need



Our loving community of child sponsors reflects the deep relationships built through years of dedicated service. Through their support, we're able to provide clothing, food, school fees, and more for children in need. Thanks to these generous sponsors, we can care for the most at-risk children in meaningful and lasting ways!



A Lesson in Christlike Love

- Olivia Gunter

She is truly one of the most content and kindhearted girls I have ever met. She never asks for anything, she doesn't push, complain, or beg. Instead, she is simply present. She wants only friendship, laughter, and time together.

At the end of the week, as we said our goodbyes, she asked me for something for the very first time: that I take her little brother home with me so that he could live a better life. Even in her request, her heart was completely selfless, still thinking of her brother before herself.

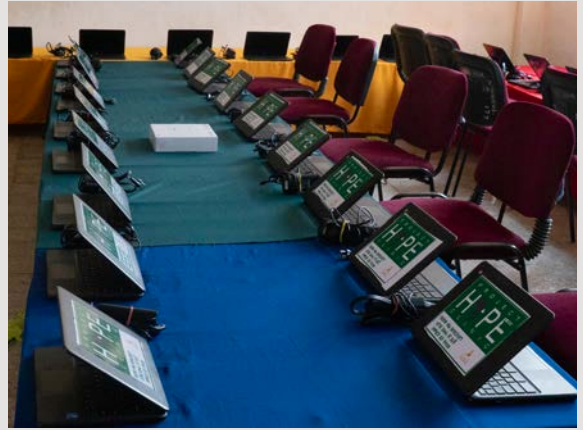
I went to Ethiopia to share the love of Christ, but what I didn't expect was how much I would learn about that same love from a young Muslim girl. With so little, yet with so much humility and grace, she showed me what Christlike love truly looks like. Through Project Hope's sponsorship program, God continues to use these children and families to reveal His heart, and I am humbled to be a small part of that story.

At the end of my first trip with Project Hope, I met a young girl at the school who quickly became very special to me. There was something that set her apart from everyone else, something gentle and kind that stood out in the middle of all the noise and excitement. Throughout the week, we spent a lot of time together, and God really placed her and her family on my heart. I wanted to sponsor her but learned that she already had a sponsor. However, her family still had a need. Her younger brother, Frafez, was not yet sponsored. Without hesitation, I agreed to sponsor him as soon as I returned home.

This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to return to Ethiopia and meet Frafez in person. I also got to visit their home and meet their mother, who raises both children on her own. Their family's situation is difficult, but what stood out to me was the deep love between Frafez and his older sister. Their mother works long hours during the day, so it's often just the two of them. Like many young girls in Dire Dawa, she has taken the role of a caretaker at a young age. She watches over him, makes sure he eats, and keeps him close by her side; in turn, Frafez has nothing but love and admiration for his sister.



PRIMARY EDUCATION



Hope so good it makes you want to dance! Celebrating the New Computer Lab

There are 96,000 students, kindergarten to 7th grade, in 29 government schools in the city of Dire Dawa. Out of all those schools, five have computer labs. **Four of those labs are from Project Hope!** Our work to bring retired chrome books from school systems in America is considered history-changing in Ethiopia! In fact, its so amazing, people begin to dance with us to celebrate.

This July, we opened up a computer lab for a very traditional Somali Muslim government school that rarely interacts with Christians. Most of the staff and students have never spent any time with Christians, let alone danced with them! But, when we came with this great gift, a party that brought a little heaven to earth broke out!





Learning Through Those We Serve

How, Not Where: The True Lesson of Service

"I thought I was going to Gendetesfa to teach. But truly, I was the one who learned. God took me to another continent to teach me how to serve with humility by the faith that all things work together for the good. He loves all His creation, and just by being available and willing to be used by Him, I learned how to demonstrate His love through true service. Today, I no longer ask God where I can serve others, I ask Him how."

-Melissa Weber (Homeschool Teacher)



Lessons Beyond Words

"Teaching the students in Ethiopia was an amazing and unforgettable experience. Every day, the students were so hungry and eager to learn. Their dedication inspired me. Whenever they didn't understand something, they asked questions through the interpreter and never let the language barrier hold them back. Each morning, their excited greetings as our van pulled up filled me with so much joy and made me even more excited for the day. The stories they shared and the connections we made in the classroom were special. I felt so much love and compassion for these students. My time in Ethiopia opened my eyes to how universal the love of learning is. No matter where we are, kindness and understanding can bridge any barrier."

-Naeema Mason (CCPS Librarian)



Pastor Shawn meets Tigiste for the first time on the first day of the trip. She had just completed her first week in the microfinance program, selling coffee for about 20 cents a cup (pictured left).



When the team saw Tigiste again, just one week later, the transformation was already visible. With her new equipment (top right), she was expanding her business — this time selling delicious Ethiopian “hush puppies” and what might truly be the best potato chips you’ve ever tasted (pictured bottom right).



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.

Microfinance Story

Tigiste is a mom of two school age boys, abandoned by her husband a few years ago. Through our clinic she connected with our microfinance program and was one week into her new business of selling coffee and water when I met her. She smiled as she shared with me how much having a chance to provide for her family meant. Her story was inspiring, and so I asked her, "What do you want from this business?" Her answer stunned me. "I want my children to not have my life", she said with tears in her eyes.

I left broken hearted but hopeful for her. I asked our team leader, could we buy our team waters from her and give her a boost? Our leader made it happen.

One week later I came to visit her again with some of our team. She was smiling from ear to ear as she offered me another great cup of coffee AND something else - some delicious food! I asked her, "Where did you get this food?" She pointed over to her NEW equipment! She had taken the profit from our team waters and immediately expanded her business! This time I was the one in tears seeing the greatness of one woman given the chance to make sure her sons would have a different life! Microfinance changes lives!



You can provide capital for budding entrepreneurs in Dire Dawa through interest-free loans to qualified individuals.

Fifty individuals donating less than \$1 per day will allow loans to be disbursed to over 500 deserving applicants within the next 5 years!



July 9-19 | *\$3,000

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. If you speak English, you can help and your presence and support will be part of transforming a village!

Why not join us? You'll get to build friendships with the Project Hope Clinic, village soccer team, sponsored families, and others in the village! Your life can bring more hope than you could imagine!



Hope is the goooaaaal!

Future International Soccer Friendlies

Project Hope & American College Soccer Program Planning To Team Up!

Project Hope began with one powerful vision: what would happen if all of a church or community in America would love all of a village of great need in Ethiopia? What would happen if teachers taught, business people empowered, intercessors prayed and medical professional served?

We believe the answer is this: **transformation!**

As all of our community has loved all of Gendetesfa, a village founded on leprosy, we have seen just that - transformation of schools, families, quality of life, and a new developing economy. And now, we are planning to add a new part of our community in America to the story - soccer players! Last year, soccer players from America sent lightly used soccer boots to the village soccer team, a huge need. Now we are working with a university in Pennsylvania to bring a NCAA Division III team to play the village soccer club, a city club, and the mayor's team!

If you want to get your soccer team **to donate used boots**, or, if you know of a soccer player (17 or above) who wants **to do soccer as missions and cross cultural experience**, contact us! Our goal is to bring the team the summer of 2027!



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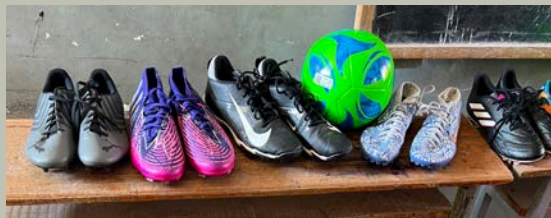
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HOPE IS STRONGER WITH YOU!

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