

DEEPER HOPE

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." — *Hebrews 6:19*







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TOGETHER JULY 2026

Many hearts, one mission.





HOPE GOES *DEEPER*



Hope brings such great feelings to us, but hope is much deeper than a feeling. Real hope isn't wishful thinking but deep, strong and real answers for those in need.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." — Hebrews 6:19

An anchor does its most important work where you cannot see it. It reaches beneath the waves, beneath the wind, beneath everything happening on the surface, and takes hold of something deeper.

This year, **Project Hope went deeper.**

For years, God has given us the privilege of responding to needs we could see—providing healthcare, creating job opportunities, strengthening communities, and standing alongside people we love. But on this trip, God allowed us to see something deeper. Our work is getting underneath the needs to the deeper realities producing them - the place where transformation happens.

And with that deeper understanding has come **a greater opportunity for us all!**

We believe God is opening doors for Project Hope to do more than address the results of poverty and brokenness. He is giving us opportunities to help change the culture and conditions that keep producing them—investing in children, empowering young women, developing leaders, strengthening families, and bringing the true peace of Jesus to communities to build a different future.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you." — Ephesians 1:18

This year, God helped us see deeper. And what we saw gives us even greater hope.





EVENING IS APPROACHING IN THE CITY MARKETPLACE

Your Giving. Our Stewardship.

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, children and families of Gendetesfa and Dire Dawa.

With over 14 years of sustainability and scalability, Project Hope stewards your donations to expand its services as we continue to empower families and work towards establishing a long-term primary hospital for the village.

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

Condensed Financial Statement

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2025, and thru Aug 24, 2026.

Operating Revenue	2025	Aug 24, 2026
Gifts (after fees)	$218,503	$104,031
Investment Income	$846	$993
Total Revenue	$219,349	$105,024

Operating Expenses	2025	Aug 24, 2026
Project Hope Program Services		
Medical Clinic	$67,073	$58,903
Kids (Sponsorship)	$37,847	$29,174
Microfinance Initiative	$0	$5,305
Pharmacy	$6,946	$5,537
Vision Program	$1,950	$13,323
Girls Leadership Program	$0	$0
Ethiopia English Program	$15,147	$12,825
Other Programs	$0	$1,127
Total Program Services	**$128,963**	**$126,193**
Fundraising	$257	$0
Expenses (paid by the Board)	$2,307	$3,192
Total Operating Expenses	**$131,528**	**$129,386**

Composition of Net Assets	2025	Aug 24, 2026
Unrestricted	$337,147	$326,384
Restricted	$160,574	$146,974
Total Net Assets	**$497,721**	**$473,359**

The above is an unaudited financial statement.
Brief Explanations: Restricted Funds - Specific Program Services & Potential Land Purchase







One of the many villagers who came seeking care in August, as we reached a milestone: more than 900 individuals served in a single month for the first time.



HEALTH CLINIC

A Year of Transformation and Growth

In 2026, Project Hope's Medical Clinic achieved substantial milestones that dramatically expanded our reach and elevated the quality of care provided to our community. Through strategic investments and program expansions, we have moved closer to our goal of eliminating barriers to essential healthcare.

Elevating Patient Reach

Our clinic experienced a surge in community trust and utilization. Between January and July 2026, the number of individuals served through medical clinic appointments **increased by 21% compared** to the same period in 2025, demonstrating the growing need for—and impact of—our services.

Revolutionizing Diagnostics

This year, we eliminated a critical barrier to effective treatment by purchasing an additional advanced, in-house laboratory machine. Previously, a lack of immediate diagnostic tools limited and delayed treatment planning and care.

With this new technology, our team can now run and receive same-day results for:

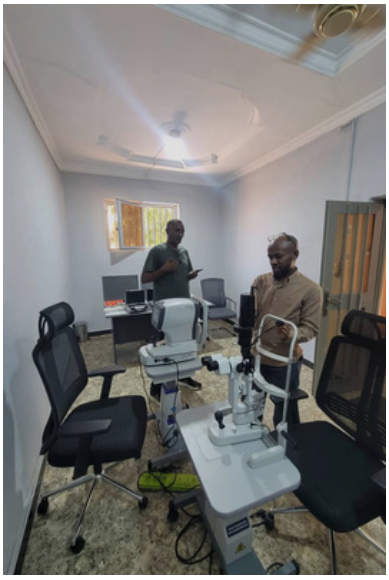
- Chronic Conditions: Diabetes control (Hemoglobin A1c) and thyroid disorders
- Acute Emergencies: Heart attacks, heart failure, and pulmonary blood clots
- General Wellness: COVID-19, inflammation markers, and Vitamin D levels

This investment drastically reduces clinical ambiguity, replaces guesswork with precise data, and vastly improves the quality of care and safety for every patient we serve.



VISION CENTER

Grand Opening







When God favors a group of people to press towards the common goal of bringing sight to a community that has scant resources, all things are possible. In 2023, we saw the need for a vision center in the village . With everyone in the US and our partners in Ethiopia working tirelessly, it is no longer a dream. In July 2026, the Project Hope Clinic Vision Center opened.

A joyous celebration was had at the grand opening. The inspector noted that our equipment was comparable to the only other vision center in Dire Dawa, serving nearly 500,000 people. What makes Project Hope's Vision Center especially meaningful is that we provide this same quality of care completely free of charge, bringing essential vision care to people who otherwise may not have access to it.

Through word of mouth, 114 people registered adults and children. I have learned that the little things matter as much as the great.

For those who were prescribed their very first pair of sorely needed glasses (great), they were given the choice to choose from 14 different color glasses cases (little). Such a small thing that yet produced so many beautiful smiles. Thanks to the friends, family, and local churches, 119 reading glasses were donated. Again, so much gratitude was expressed, simply in amazement at being able to choose their preferred frames.

The impact is great. The young man who's plight inspired Project Hope to start a vision program was once failing school. Now, because he can see and has been championed, not only did he pass his state exams with a high score, but his countenance has also permanently changed. He has hope and a real path forward in his life.

Our own hope has gone deeper, because we see that a better future is possible because we serve a God that loves the people of Gendetesfa.



Celebrating the Vision Center:

The grand opening (bottom) and patients receiving care (left and right).





ONGOING CHILD SPONSORSHIP

TESTIMONY | LYNN MURPHY

"For I know plans I have for you," says the Lord,..."to give you a future and a hope."Jeremiah 29:11

Project HOPE sponsorship began in 2013 with a handful of children and has expanded into a program benefitting over 100 children and their families.

Paul was among the earliest children to enter the program in August 2015, one year after the HOPE clinic first opened. Now, 11 years later, Paul is in medical school. Here is the letter Paul sent his sponsor this summer...

I have been meaning to sit down to write this for a while just to say a huge thank you for everything you do for me. As I push through my 2nd clinical year of medical school, I am constantly reminded of how incredibly blessed I am to have your support and sponsorship. Honestly, I thank God all the time for putting a family like you in my corner. Your generosity has been such a massive relief. It allows me to fully focus on my rotation, master clinical skills, and learn how to truly care for my patients.





I really look at medicine as a calling to serve and help people, and your support is a huge part of what is making this dream a reality. Every time I am able to comfort a patient, know that you had a hand in getting me there.

I am deeply grateful for your trust in me, your love, and your prayers. I pray that God will bless you for your kindness and generosity to me. I love you, my family.

Each Saturday, the children along with their siblings and caretakers, are invited to a program and meal at the church. Every sponsored child's family receives a monthly food distribution. Their school fees and uniforms are paid for through sponsorship, and they receive free medical care through the clinic. Additionally, the program social worker has monthly contact with the child and their family to determine their particular needs.

Sponsored children typically remain in the program until they finish school and begin working at age 19-20. However, Paul, and a few others who attend the university, are able to remain sponsored until they complete their studies.

OUR DAY WITH THE KIDS
IN THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM













PRIMARY EDUCATION

This year marked the fourth consecutive English camp in our seven-camp commitment to the children and families of Gendetesfa. What began as an effort to provide much-needed English instruction continues to grow into something much greater: an investment in education, dignity, and hope.

Equipping Students for Success

For these students, learning English is not simply an enrichment opportunity—it is essential to their education. Students must pass English proficiency examinations in order to advance to the next grade level. Our English camp gives students additional instruction, practice, and encouragement to help them meet that challenge.

This year's camp was a tremendous success. We offered five classes, averaging approximately 60 students each. The enthusiasm of the students was evident as attendance grew throughout the week. Classes that began with around 50 students continued to increase, with one class reaching 80 students on the final day.

Along with English instruction, we were able to provide much-needed curriculum materials and school supplies. These practical resources will continue serving teachers and students long after the camp has ended.







Investing in Every Student

This year also brought an exciting new opportunity to expand our educational impact. We opened a computer lab at a neighboring school specifically for its special-needs students. Providing access to technology creates new possibilities for learning and gives students tools that many have never had the opportunity to use.

And the need continues! Another 288 computers are waiting to be delivered to our program. These computers represent more than equipment—they represent opportunity. With the support of our donors and volunteers, we look forward to seeing these resources placed in the hands of students who can use them to learn, grow, and prepare for a brighter future.

A Place of Pride

The tangible accomplishments of this year's camp are easy to count: hundreds of students taught, curriculum and supplies distributed, a computer lab opened, and classrooms improved. But perhaps the most meaningful changes cannot be measured in numbers.

The community we serve has a difficult history. The village began as a leper colony, and for generations that history has carried a burden of shame and stigma. Yet as we return year after year, we are witnessing something beautiful: that shame is beginning to diminish.

We see growing pride in the village and in the people who call it home. We see students gaining confidence as they learn. We see families beginning to believe that their circumstances do not have to define their future. And we see a growing sense that they are capable of accomplishing things they may once have thought impossible. ***Education is opening doors, but hope is changing hearts.***

Psalm 34:5 says, “Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.” We have had the privilege of witnessing that transformation firsthand. Where there was once shame, we are seeing dignity. Where there was discouragement, we are seeing possibility. And where there was uncertainty about the future, we are seeing hope.

That hope is beautifully reflected in Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



The Gendetesfa City Secretary of Education with Pastor Miskir, Pastor Shawn and the team planting trees to celebrate new beginnings in their school partnerships.

INVESTING IN EVERY STUDENT

This year brought an exciting expansion of our educational impact in Gendetesfa. **There are now eight computer labs serving students in the primary schools, five of which have been provided through Project HOPE.**

One of these labs was established this year at a neighboring school specifically for students with special needs, creating new opportunities for learning and access to technology many students have never had the chance to use. And the need continues.





Another 288 computers are waiting to be delivered, creating the opportunity to establish computer labs in seven more primary schools.

These computers represent far more than equipment they represent opportunity.

Through the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our volunteers, we are helping place the tools for learning, growth, and a brighter future into the hands of students who deserve every opportunity to thrive.

LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

— Jennifer Granderson

Returning to Ethiopia for my second year teaching English through Project HOPE, I wanted to leave more than lessons behind—I wanted to leave something that would continue serving the students after we were gone. I developed a curriculum and student booklet to complement their studies and give them tools they could continue using. Over five days, I taught approximately 58 second-grade students and was deeply moved by their eagerness, resilience, and determination.

Six students needed additional support, so I spent intentional time with them practicing foundational English and number concepts, reminding them that they were seen, valued, and not left behind. went to Ethiopia prepared to teach, but God allowed me to come home with a deeper understanding:



I we do not create a child's potential—God has already placed it within them. Our opportunity is to provide the resources, encouragement, and access that help that potential flourish. Project HOPE's investment is about far more than five days of teaching; it is an investment in children, families, and the future of an entire community. These students are capable, resilient, and worth the investment—and by God's grace, there is so much HOPE for what their futures can become.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This has been an incredible year for Project Hope's Microfinance program! With more active rounds of funding than ever before, we are seeing the program grow in both reach and impact. These loans are helping local entrepreneurs turn ideas into sustainable businesses, create opportunities for their families, and strengthen their communities.

From goat farming and coffee stands to retail businesses, these ventures reflect the creativity, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit of the people we have the privilege of supporting.





Before June of 2026 we had the privilege of helping 59 clients. This summer alone, 38 new entrepreneurs received financial funding:

- 1st Round: 20 entrepreneurs
- 2nd Round: 9 entrepreneurs
- 3rd Round: 9 entrepreneurs

Each round represents more than financial support—it represents an opportunity to build, grow, and create a more sustainable future. We are excited to see how these businesses continue to flourish and the lasting impact they will have on their families and communities.



BEFORE HER FUTURE IS DECIDED

Project Hope's Vision to Raise A Generation of Girls Who Lead

For 14 years, I have watched the cycle.

I have watched young girls grow up in poverty with little support at home and limited educational opportunities. Too often, before they have the chance to imagine a different future, they become pregnant or marry as teenagers. School ends. Opportunities disappear. Poverty continues.

And another generation begins the same cycle. Helen made this painfully personal. Her family is very dear to my family and me. We sponsored her for years and watched her grow up. But after her family moved away for a time, Helen became pregnant before she was 20. Today, she has a child of her own—and she is asking if Project Hope can find a sponsor for her child.

Another generation.

For years, Project Hope has worked to meet real needs in this community. But I began asking a harder question: What can we do to change the culture underneath the poverty? What would it look like to help a generation break the cycle?

I Saw the Cycle in Her Future.

Then I met Moyna.

Moyna is 14 and the oldest of four children. Her father earns very little as a security guard and is away from home most of the week.

Her mother faces challenges that leave much of the responsibility for the household to Moyna. Her days begin early. She washes dishes, wakes her siblings, helps feed them and cares for them.

I met Moyna because my aunt has sponsored her through Project Hope for years. During our most recent trip, we talked several times through an interpreter. Moyna usually has a beautiful smile.

But during our final conversation, that smile disappeared. She told me she had failed fifth grade—again. Why? Multiple times each week, she has to stay home to help her family instead of attending school. She has fallen behind and now feels stupid. She doesn't want to go back.



But sitting across from her, I didn't see a stupid girl. I saw tremendous potential—and tremendous danger. I had seen this story before.

I encouraged her not to give up. Then, as a father of daughters, I asked her about something else. She was getting older. Were she and her family beginning to talk about boys or marriage?

Her face became serious.

"Some of my friends are already getting pregnant or married. And I know if that happens to them, they will always be poor."

Then she said:

"I don't want that."

This 14-year-old girl understood the cycle.

I told her she couldn't simply follow everyone around her. She needed to go back to school. She could become a leader. She could make different choices and pursue a different future. We would help.

We talked about her value. We talked about her future. And we talked about Jesus—how much He loves her and that I believed He had sent me there to encourage her. Then we prayed.

Moyna took my hands, and as I prayed with this young Muslim girl, I sensed God speaking clearly to my heart:

It's time to go deeper.

Changing the Culture, Not Just the Consequences.

We cannot only be there after a girl drops out of school. We cannot only help after a teenage pregnancy. We cannot only sponsor the next generation after another family becomes trapped in poverty.

What if we could reach girls earlier? What if we could help change what they believe about themselves, their education, their choices and their future? That is why this fall Project Hope is launching the **Girls Leadership Club.**

Girls in grades 1–8 will participate in age-appropriate leadership groups where they will learn about education, accountability, goal-setting, decision-making and their value.

But there is something different about this club. Every girl who receives leadership will also be expected to give leadership. The older girls will mentor younger girls—encouraging them, helping them attend the club and passing down its vision and values. Our oldest girls will even help lead the monthly program for the youngest.



We aren't going to tell these girls that maybe someday they can become leaders. We are going to teach them to lead now.

Two Christian university students from Pastor Miskir's university leadership school will help lead the program. Female professionals will regularly speak to the girls, expanding their vision of what their futures could look like and introducing them to careers they may never have imagined.

We are also asking the government for permission to build a dedicated Girls Leadership Club meeting place on the school campus.

Our hope is that it will become one of the nicest spaces in the school—a physical reminder to every girl who enters: You are valuable. Your future is valuable. What happens in your life matters.

The girls will also receive leadership scarves to wear with pride and identity. Those who complete the year-long program will participate in a Leadership Summit for celebration and additional training outside the village—and possibly outside the city.

She Has a Future.

When I finished praying with Moyna that day, I told God I would do what He had put in my heart. Then I asked Moyna if we could take a picture together to send to my aunt, her sponsor. I thought she would simply stand beside me.

Instead, she wrapped her arms around me and gave me the biggest bear hug. In that moment, I wasn't thinking about a program. I was thinking about a girl.





Moyna has a future.

And there are hundreds of other

For 14 years, God has allowed Project Hope to meet needs and change lives. Now He is allowing us to see deeper—to address not only the results of poverty, but some of the patterns that keep producing it.

This will not change overnight. We are committing the next several years to changing a culture—one girl learning to lead another girl, one decision at a time, at one school at a time. Our Muslim school and community leaders are excited about this vision.

God is in it. It's time to go deeper.

Because every girl deserves someone who looks at her before her future has been decided for her and says:

You have value. You can lead. And you have a future.





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Pastor Shawn & Moyna

JOIN US IN THE JOURNEY

There Is More Hope Ahead



Our next trip to Ethiopia is

July 8th–18th, 2027

We invite you to be part of the team



Teach English and equip students



Encourage teachers and strengthen schools



Build relationships and bring hope to the community



Help open doors to a brighter future

We've seen what can happen when we faithfully return, build relationships, equip teachers and students, and remind a community that they are not forgotten.
There is still more to do, and we believe there is even more hope ahead.

NIGHT OF HOPE



Building Hope. Changing Lives. Reaching Further.

NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Celebrate what's been accomplished. Build HOPE for what's ahead.

This year, our goal is $100,000 to help Project HOPE expand its reach and invest in the future of Gendetesfa.

Every gift is an opportunity to remind the people of Gendetesfa that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten.

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