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children 2008
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Girls at EODA afterschool program

200 Orphaned Children Attend School!

The problems facing the more than 4.6 million orphaned children in Ethiopia are enormous. Ethiopia has very few governmental services to help orphans. The primary responsibility for their care has fallen to extended families.

Unfortunately, 85% of Ethiopians live on less than \$1 a day. Families suffering from rising food and fuel cost are often unable to absorb an orphaned child into the household. Sadly those children end up on the streets. It is estimated that there are as many as 1 million children living on the streets in Ethiopia.

Regrettably, 75% of orphaned children do not attend school. They cannot afford mandatory school fees, a uniform and school supplies. However, researches shows that extended families or caregivers are more willing to care for an orphan if that child is in school. The hope being, an educated child will help break the family's cycle of poverty in the future.

Children of the World supports two orphanages, one in Ethiopia and the other in Liberia. we also feel it is also important to support orphans living with extended families. Our hope is that children will remain with extended families or caregivers, avoiding living in orphanages or on the streets.

In June 2008, the Anchorage Daily News featured a story depicting Children of the World's (CTW) efforts to care for orphaned children in Africa. The response to the article was overwhelming. In a three month period CTW received \$18,747.00 USD in donations.

We would like to thank everyone that opened their hearts and wallets, making it possible for 200 orphaned children living with extended families or caregivers to attend school.

We have taken your generous donation and funded a project providing 200 orphaned children educational support in the form of school fees, uniforms and school materials. The project will educate 200 orphaned children, and also employ a full time nurse and counselor that will aid in improving the children's health; strengthening academic achievements and provide counseling services. Medical care will be provided to 40 children in the program that are living with HIV/AIDS.

The cost of the one year project is \$18,976.00 USD, which is just \$93.74 per child, per year.

You have not only given 200 orphaned children hope for the future but also their extended families, caregivers and the community of Shashemene.

sick child

Eyob, Director of EODA~
"The boy was very sick with a high fever, vomiting and crying in pain. I was in a great deal of despair and didn't know what to do. We didn't have enough money for food let alone a hospital visit. I finally took him to St. Luke's Hospital and prayed they would treat him without payment. The boy had an emergency appendectomy and without the operation he may have died."

what we do

Children of the World provides care and support to orphans and vulnerable children, empowering them to care for themselves and their families thus allowing them to lead productive and healthy lives.

Needed Medical Supplies Delivered

On a recent visit Sisters Mona, the director of St. Luke's, Hospital in Woliso, Ethiopia explained how desperate the hospitals has become. She lamented over soaring food and fuel costs and how they have cut into the hospital's budget. The hospital was finding it difficult to purchase basic medical supplies or feed nursing students that lived on the grounds.

In the past St. Luke's Hospital has been very generous treating children from the Emmanuel Orphanage when the organization was unable to pay. I wanted to repay their kindness and I was able to do so with the help of Esther Petrie.

Esther Petrie is a registered nurse working at Providence Hospital. In her spare time she collects donated medical supplies from area hospitals to be distributed in poor counties. I was shocked the first time I walked into her living room, it was filled with

medical supplies and equipment that would have been disposed of without her intervention.

In June 2008 Esther gave me 200 pounds of medical equipment and supplies which I delivered to St. Luke's. I am returning to Ethiopia this month with an additional 200 pounds of needed medical supplies courtesy of Esther.



St. Lukes Hospital, taking delivery of medical supplies. Sister Mora, Catherine Miller, nursing students and staff.

Roof for Orphans in Liberia

The Jahzjet Children's Outreach Mission (JCOM) was started by Jefferson and Helena Zeon in 1984. JCOM is a small orphanage that cares for 52 orphaned children, many of which were orphaned as a result of the 15 year civil war that ravaged Liberia. I first visited the orphanage in 2004 while working as a disaster relief nurse in Liberia. I and other team members would spend Sunday afternoons treating children at the orphanage. I was taken aback by how many of the children were sick with malaria and other infectious diseases. Like many other poor countries medical care is not free. It is always a struggle to find funding to take a sick child to the doctors. In May CTW provided

\$4,500 USD for a roof at the JCOM. The roof will not only provide a dry place for the children to sleep, will also improve their health. I am happy to report the rainy season has come to Liberia and the children are dry and in much better health.



Orphaned children living at JCOM

Clean Water Saves Lives

Contaminated water is the #1 cause of death in developing countries. Diseases such as cholera, hepatitis, typhoid, dysentery and guinea worms result from contaminated water. Over 1 billion people today do not have access to safe water.

Gary Calhoun of Wasilla, Alaska offered to provide training to CTW's board member, Estiphanos Dea on the installation and use of a water purification product produce by New Life International.



Estiphanos Dea & Gary Calhoun

The purifier is a unique system that creates chlorine from table salt to disinfect water and make it safe for drinking. The purifier can treat up to 55 gallons of water per

minute. CTW installed the pump at EODA in June of 2008.

The result of having purified water will increase the overall health of the children and will significantly decrease the cost of health care.

We would like to sincerely thank Gary Calhoun for his help in improving the lives of the children at Emmanuel Orphanage.



Ayansa Chalchisa takes the first drink of purified water at EODA

critical needs

- The increasing cost of food is making life even more difficult in Ethiopia.
- Ten months ago, a 110 pound sack of Teff, a local grain, cost \$25.
- Today it costs \$67.
- Please help to feed the children.



Meet "Geta Mesay"

Geta Mesay is 11 years old. His story is one that is shared by more than 4.6 million orphaned children in Ethiopia. He lives and sleeps on the streets eking out a meager existence as a shoe shine boy. Geta Mesay explained to me how his mother and father had died several years earlier. He originally stayed in his village after his parent's death but was unable to find work and there was no one to care for him. He eventually made the long journey to the city in hope of a brighter future. His only possessions include a small shoe shine box, purchased for him by a tourist, a shirt and a pair of flip flops shoes. He is like so many orphaned children I have meet over the years; he would like to go to school. After we got to know each other he eventually asked if I would pay his school fees. He reassured me that if I did so he could still work. Explaining "I just need a small chance".

I cannot count the number of times that I have had a working child on the streets pull out a ragged notebook wanting to show me how they can read, or do arithmetic. They want to demonstrate that they are smart and worthy of a small amount of money they hope I will give so that they can go to school. Catherine Miller



(Geta Mesay, Lalibala, Ethiopia)

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