

Hope for Korah

“Working Together for Hope” in Korah, Ethiopia. Making a difference... one person at a time!

April 2011 Mission's Trip Update from Eve & Dave Pohl



The days are passing quickly and soon Dave and I will be off to Africa! As you may know, I travelled to Ethiopia last year and God unexpectedly brought me to Korah, a leper community in the slums of Addis Ababa. My life has not been the same since and I am so excited to return on April 1st - 19th. To learn more about Korah and what we will be doing, as well as keeping up with us while we are there, please go to the Hope for Korah site below.

Today's update focuses on some of the needs we are hoping to meet while in Korah. Included are two specific families whose lives, we hope to touch, followed by broader

community needs of those whom Great Hope Church ministers to . **ALSO if you are interested, I would love to bring NOTES, CARDS, PRAYERS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS (in English) to these families or to the leadership of Great Hope Church.** Please mail them to the address on the back or put them in my mail slot at church. **Most importantly, please pray for Korah, the families and leaders there as well as for us as we are preparing to leave.**

Hope for Korah is launched! <http://hopeforkorah.blogspot.com>

Please check out the site to learn about Korah & to keep updated on what is happening there. Share this link with others via email and social networking sites! Email: hopeforkorah@gmail.com

Help us get the word out!

MEET EYASU & HANUK'S FAMILY - Last year in Korah, I met Eyasu, a 12 year old boy living at the Garbage dump, caring for his little brother. At the time his mother was very sick and a few weeks later... they were orphaned. One of our team members has sponsored Eyasu and he is now going to boarding school, but his extended family still needs much support. His grandmother Alemetu is the head of her household, she came to Korah 25 yrs ago because of famine and her now-deceased husband who had leprosy. As the sole female in her home, she now lives with her 3 teenage sons (one with mental illness) and 3 young grandsons. They survive by working and eating at the trash dump. If you would like to contribute to their specific needs or helping towards one of her older sons learning a trade so that he can support his family (Trade school is around \$600-700 U.S.) please let me know.



MEET ALMAZ - Her name means 'Diamond'. On most days, she is confined to bed because of a fistula which needs repairing. I have been told that the cost for this surgery is around \$300-500 U.S. That is a fortune for her! Something she could never dream of obtaining. Almaz is a beggar, confined to bed... She has lived in Korah for 26 years and originally came here because of a skin disease. In years past she worked at the garbage dump, but because of her condition, she must rely on others to bring her food and water. In her one room 12 x 12' home she lives with her 10 yr. old daughter, 17 yr. old son and other extended family members who make their living off of the dump. When we met her, she was caring for her sister's babies in these pictures. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could raise enough to pay for her surgery? If you would like to specifically contribute to her surgery, please let me know.



GEMS - Filling up our Suitcases

A BIG **THANK YOU** to **NEW LIFE GEMS Girl's Club**, who are once again, collecting items to fill up one of our suitcases. Since space for donations is limited to a total of four check-ins, we won't have lots of extra room, but can add a few more items such as - lightweight clothes, socks & undergarments - all ages, light weight closed toed shoes, (such as crocs - all sizes.) Small toys, fungal cream, Anti-biotic creams and eye drops .

We are planning on purchasing the majority of our donations & supplies in Ethiopia. Just this week I asked the leaders in Korah what were some of their most prominent NEEDS? This is what they shared...

#1 on their list - Baby Formula!

Many mothers have HIV and should not be nursing, others are malnourished and have little breast milk to offer their babies, & what they do have is deficient of the nutrients their baby needs.



MEDICAL CARE

Korah is filled with people who are sick and unable to pay for the hospital care, doctor visit, treatment and medication required.



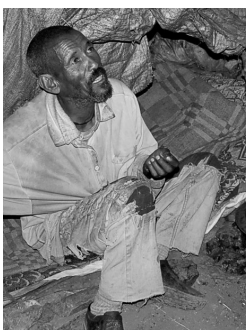
#2 - SHOES - ALL AGES! All SIZES!

Shoes are a constant need in Korah! They wear out quickly. Many go without even though this is one of the ways leprosy is spread - through the feet. Adult shoes much needed!!



#3 - ADULT CLOTHING FOR THE LEPERS

Many of the adult lepers that come to Great Hope Church are in desperate need of clothing. The temperatures can dip at night and they need both warm and light clothing.



FOOD & WATER

Most are hungry and malnourished. The majority of them surviving at the garbage dump or begging for food.



MAKING A DONATION

We are also very excited to share that Hope for Korah is being supported by **Canadian Registered Charity: Hope Pregnancy and Adoption Services Society.**

Those who are interested can **DONATE: ONLINE** at <http://hopeforkorah.blogspot.com>

There is a comment box online, if your donation is for a specific family.

BY MAIL: To Hope for Korah, c/o Hope Adoption Services, #200 - 2975 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford, BC V2T 5T4. Please make checks out to Hope Services and be **sure to note that it is for Hope for Korah.**

If you have questions please email us at hopeforkorah@gmail.com