



‘WORKING TOGETHER FOR HOPE’ IN KORAH, ETHIOPIA

# Hope for Korah News



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**aityoP'ya** Hello from Ethiopia!  
Since returning home in September,  
life has been very busy...

Daily we have been working behind the scenes, supporting Great Hope Charities as they continue to work on the ground, implementing our partnership programs in the community of Korah. We hope you will enjoy reading this update and rejoice with us, as much progress is being made and so many people are working together, bringing hope to the people living there.

Blessings & Peace to all,  
*Dave & Eve Pohl, and the Hope for Korah Team*



*Thank you*

To everyone who actively provided for the poor and needy during our recent trip to Korah

An Update in Photos



The Aug/Sept HFK team with L-R: Emily (Project 61), Pastor Anteneh (GHC), Eve, Berhanu (GHC), Dustin, Gioia, Anina & Nick

## Christmas for Korah

Perhaps this Christmas you might like to consider giving hope and sharing joy with the community of Korah.

Look for this candle to find ways that you can make a difference this Christmas!

*Ethiopian Christmas Day*  
*January 7th*  
*"Mälkam Gäna"*



## Fifteen Families - over 75 people have a new hope and a future!

Hope for Korah (HFK) Family Sponsorship Program is now in it's third month!

Sponsorship is providing some of the most vulnerable families in Korah an opportunity to move out of the critical state they are living in through **better living conditions, health care, education and supportive relationships**. Each of these families has been separated and broken through illness, death, desperation & persecution; leaving them with a feeling of hopelessness, fear and bondage to the poverty that entraps them. Our goal is that over time, families will break the cycle of poverty and become involved with income generation and community development projects which promote self-empowerment, giving back to their community and will lead to healthy, stable and self-sustainable families.

## Our desire is to Keep Families Healthy and to Keep Families Together

We kicked off the program by sending out our first sponsorship information on August 6th to those people who had expressed interest in the program. By the time we left for Ethiopia on August 19th; we had 11 families sponsored! One week later - everyone was sponsored!! We are so very thankful for each of our sponsors and to God for His amazing provision. Most of these Korah families have already been moved into better shelters and they now have food to offer their children and themselves. They are no longer begging or eating at the trash dump! Instead they have a hope and a future; they are involved in weekly community meetings, bible study and their children are enrolled in school.



*Trying on new shoes –a suitcase full!*



*Many received new clothes*



*A gift of \$700 provides vocational training for one adult - A one time gift ... but a lifetime of empowerment!*

We'd like you to meet Marta - what an incredible difference her sponsor is making in their family's life...



*Children were enrolled in school, measured for uniforms & received back packs & supplies*



I first met Marta's oldest daughter Bereket, in April 2011. She was covered with ash and scavenging for food at the garbage dump. It is hard to believe that this is the same girl and family! The whole direction of their lives has now changed... When in Korah this September, a highlight for me was sharing the following good news with Marta and other families - **"You have a sponsor who cares about you and is coming alongside your family!"**



*Listening to life stories, feeding & spending time with the elderly lepers and building relationships with the teens living at the Children's Shelter*

I wish each sponsor could have seen the beautiful smiles and hope that filled their faces!



*A \$55 gift to the Medical Fund provides one complete medical along with hospital card, doctor visit, lab work, and prescriptions for one person.*



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To learn more about the Trash Dump in Korah read blog post : [The Korah Trash Dump - thoughts & Reflections](#)

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## We saw first hand how the Berta Breakfast Program is making a BIG DIFFERENCE!

The most dramatic difference could be seen in the toddlers who in April were lethargic & irritable, drinking mostly breast milk because little solid food was available - see before & after photos on next page...

In May of this year we began the Berta Breakfast Program, feeding around 50 children Berta; a porridge like substance that is fortified with nutrients and specifically designed for malnourished children. For us, to come back to Korah and witness first hand the difference this program is making was affirming and brought much joy to our hearts. We had to be up early in the morning to see this program in action! The cooks are busy preparing the fire and making the Berta long before the children begin arriving and breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m. Countless times we had mothers and leaders tell us how thankful they are for the Berta program - it has brought peace of mind and renewed strength to see their children eating, gaining weight and becoming stronger.



*A gift of to the HFK  
General fund to be used  
where needed most...*



Read our blog post about the **soccer camp** Dustin, Nick & Anina led with the GHC team [Part 1: For the Love of Soccer "I am important & I belong"](#)



*Give warmth &  
comfort this  
Christmas*

*\$10 - one blanket  
\$50 - one mattress  
\$50 - one bed*



## Berta Sponsors Needed!

Since the famine in Ethiopia, food prices continue to rise, increasing the cost of Berta. In April we paid \$150 per 100kg bag of Berta, during the last two months we have paid \$220 for the same amount.



*At this time, \$4.40 feeds one child Berta for one month. A gift of \$52.80 feeds 1 child Berta for one year! A gift of \$220 purchases a 100 kg bag of Berta and serves 50 children for one month.*

To learn more about Berta read blog posts: [Be the change Save a Life](#) **AND** [Making a Difference with Berta](#)

## Next trip to Ethiopia January 2012

Eve will be returning to Korah on January 10th, just a few days after Ethiopian Christmas Day. Your prayers are very much appreciated as she will travel alone, to work alongside the GHC Leaders, as well as continue to develop the Family Sponsorship and Berta Breakfast Programs. On this trip she will be focused on the community meetings, building the relationships that have already begun with the Korah families, developing other aspects of the program and serving others who are not sponsored and living in extreme poverty.

*A gift towards January 2012 HFK trip expenses.*



*Before & after 4 mos. on Berta*

*Before & after 4 mos. on Berta*

## BROTHER & SISTER FRIEND PROGRAM A BIG HIT IN KORAH!

Inspired by Avareigh Enns (age 8) who wants to make a difference in Korah. She has created the *Brother & Sister Friend Program - Globally Connecting God's Kids*. Through this program children are matched with a special prayer partner/friend of a similar age and gender from the

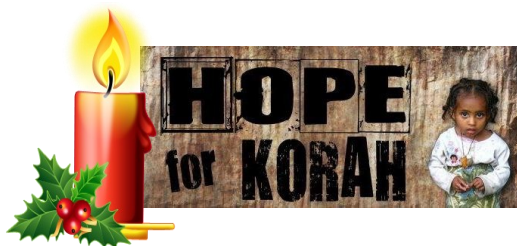


other side of the globe. On this recent trip over 60 Korah children filled out cards, sharing about themselves and hoping to be matched with a friend in Canada. Avareigh is praying that this friendship will make a difference in the lives of children both in Korah & in Canada.

### Making a DONATION

**For Canadian Donors:** If you would like to make a tax-deductable donation to **International Discipleship Training (IDT) Canada** for *Hope for Korah* you can do so **online** at [www.hopeforkorah.com](http://www.hopeforkorah.com) OR you may also donate by cheque made payable to IDT Canada and include a note stating it is for *Hope for Korah (add a message/special instructions for HFK)* and mail to address below.

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