



'KEEPING FAMILIES
HEALTHY & KEEPING
FAMILIES TOGETHER'

HOPE for KORAH

'WORKING TOGETHER FOR HOPE
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Selam Na!

Greetings from all of your beautiful families in Ethiopia!

As you know Dave and I have recently returned home from Korah and all of our families there send warm hellos to their sponsor families. We are so pleased with all that has been happening on the ground in Korah and are excited to share some of this with you. We continue to be so thankful for how God has been providing for our families and for your willingness to come alongside them. Each time we go, we see wonderful changes and growth in your families. We hope you will enjoy reading about some of the highlights of our trip as well as other important updates and prayer requests, especially concerning the Income Generation and Elders' Service projects. These next steps will be the most challenging phase of our program yet, as so many of our families have limited education, are disabled or have been begging for many years. Please uphold the Great Hope Charity leaders and our families in prayer as we embark on this next critical phase of the sponsorship program.

In the weeks to come, we will be working with Donna, on individual family updates for each of you, but in the meantime we did not want you to wait to receive this general update.

God bless you and your families - Both here & in Ethiopia!

Blessings and Great Hope,

Dave & Eve

Hope for Korah - Family Sponsorship Program Update

Berta 'Crisis Intervention' Breakfast Program: While in Korah, we once again met with the families and children while they were served breakfast and observed the program 'in action'. We are presently at 60 children, but are hoping to add to this in the near future as more 'Berta' Sponsors come on board.

New Shoes: One morning after breakfast, we were able to give many of our children new shoes. A big thank you to Pinecrest Community Church in Parker, Colorado and Melissa and Jesse Holschuh for bringing 3 garbage bags full of shoes to Korah during their own adoption

trip. What a blessing and surprise it was for our children to receive a pair of brand new shoes with socks inside! Look for upcoming post with photos, on the HFK blog <http://hopeforkorah.blogspot.ca/>

Kindergarten and After School Tutoring: Both of these programs continue to be going strong. The kindergarten class has grown to around 10 students and includes a number of children from non-sponsored families. It was fun to see their growth as they were singing songs and proudly counting and sharing their ABCs. HFK brought both math and reading workbooks for the classroom.

Brother Sister Friend (BSF) Party: We had the party at the children's shelter and over 150 kids attended!! It was full of excitement as children received cards, photos and notes from their BSF in Canada/U.S. and many more new kids filled out cards, hoping to have a new friend by the next time we return. Everyone also enjoyed candy, cookies, soda and special party favours: individual bubbles and 'Jesus Loves Me' necklaces. Thank you to Patty (Louisiana), Jeiccy and Lisa (Houston) for helping to make this day happen!! They met up with us in Addis and became part of the HFK team for a few days. They also brought many craft supplies and were able to help our Korah kids make cards for their BSF, which were then brought back to Canada with me. It was such a busy and fun day - we could not have done it without them!! For more details and photos go to <http://hopeforkorah.blogspot.ca/2012/04/150-kids-come-to-brother-sister-friend.html>

FSP Home Visits: As always, it was a privilege and honor to visit with each family in their home. Many were excited to show us their new beds and mattresses, although there are still a few newer families who are still on the list to receive them. We now have 22 families (107 people) in the HFK Family Sponsorship Program (FSP), so our visits were spread out over the few weeks we were there. Thank you to Jake (Pennsylvania) who joined us for a number of days helping with photography, sizing shoes and touching the lives of many of our families and others living in Korah. It was also very exciting to have one of our sponsors, Patty (Louisiana) spend time in Korah and visit with her sponsored family! What a joy and highlight for Serkalem and her children!

FSP Community Meetings: We attended numbers of these meetings, visiting with families and on one occasion a team from Oregon taught the families oral hygiene. To see photos go to <http://www.facebook.com/hopeforkorah> and check out the 'March/April 2012' Album. In addition, on other occasions we shared a coffee ceremony where the women presented Dave with a traditional Ethiopian shirt (photo above). During another meeting I had the opportunity to encourage the families in the area of service; reaching out and caring for those who are less fortunate than themselves. Over the last few months, the meetings have continued to focus on health, hygiene and family planning.

Bible Study: Although we did not attend their weekly bible study on this trip, we were able to step in and briefly observe. We understand this meeting is a highlight of their week as we consistently hear from many women how much this time means to them and how very much they are learning. In addition to bible study, many are attending Thursday evening and Sunday morning church services at Great Hope Church. Those families who do not attend here are attending other churches in the area.

Income Generation FSP Meetings: We had a number of separate meetings focused on this very important, upcoming project. Hope for Korah is very thankful to God for bringing Abraham Bezabeh to the Hope for Korah team. Abraham is the proprietor of the Lafto Guesthouse in Addis <http://www.laftoguesthouse.com/> and he has volunteered to lead this project, working with our families in the areas of income generation and business planning. Abraham is very connected in Addis and has a business background both educationally and through his own work experience. We feel very blessed that he is working with us, alongside the leaders and families. There will be more details in the months ahead. Please be praying for the leaders and our families as they walk through the initial stages of this project.

Comfort & Dignity/Leper Compound Bed Project: Thank you to so many who helped to make this very special day a reality! We were so happy that some of you had a chance to visit Korah and see first hand what God is doing there. Emily (Arkansas) and Debbie from *Dusty Feet Missionaries (Louisiana)* came to Korah and spent some time visiting our families and caring for the elderly lepers. After days of assessing, purchasing beds, mattresses, sheets, pillows and blankets, we asked our HFK families to help us carry beds to another compound where many destitute families and lepers who are not sponsored are living. Numbers of our HFK families

showed up for this event and helped to carry beds and mattresses to these people. To see photos and read about this special day, please go to our HFK post "The Procession of the Beds": <http://www.hopeforkorah.blogspot.ca/2012/04/procession-of-beds-part-2-day-of.html>

The Elder Lepers' Home Service Project: We are also excited about another project which you will hear more about in the near future. It is the Elderly Lepers' Project. Hope for Korah will be working with the leaders to support an Elders' Home/Compound near the children's shelter. To begin with, this will house 7 elders who are disabled because of their disease and have no family or local support. This will be a joint partnership as it will be organized by the Great Hope Charity leaders, sponsored by Hope for Korah in the US/Canada and carried out by the HFK sponsored families. In other words, this will become our sponsored families' service project. This will provide our families a place to give back and serve their community. Our families are already aware that this is in the works and they are excited and happy to care for these elders in such ways as food preparation, feeding, cleaning homes and laundry.

Alert Hospital: Great Hope Charities has recently signed an agreement with the Alert Hospital in Korah that allows our HFK families to obtain services at their hospital. We are now able to have a running account at the hospital which is making it easier for our leaders and families obtain the medical services that they need. This will be very helpful with everyday illnesses and more serious and specialized treatments can still be obtained at various other Addis hospitals.

Social Worker: Hope for Korah has added a social worker to the leadership team in Korah. Tiba Haile was interviewed and hired by Great Hope Charities and is a great addition to the team. He is full-time and works only with our HFK families. We had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with him on this recent trip and we are so pleased with how he is fitting in and especially the caliber of person and the passion he has for our families.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Individual Families - for their health, growth and involvement in the programs. Specifically please pray for Mzreshe who is to have goiter surgery soon and Rabobu who is expecting a baby. *Also we are hoping to find sponsors for 1 family and someone else who is willing to take on 1/2 a sponsorship for another family. If you know of someone who might be interested please let Donna know. Email donna@hopeforkorah.com*

GHC Leaders - for health, wisdom, strength and perseverance as they continue to serve the Lord and their people.

Income Generation - for leaders as they plan and put into action the steps necessary to make this project a reality. For families to be receptive and able to follow through on the work that will be required of them. *Please pray that this project will be successful and will help them to break the cycle of poverty and to become self-reliant.*

The Elder Lepers' Home - For the elder lepers to see how valued and important they are. For leaders as they organize the details and encourage HFK families to serve in this way. For our families to love God and serve others as they have been served. For sponsors to come alongside this program.

Hope for Korah Compound - For God's direction and help as the leaders are looking for a suitable rental property near the present shelter which can house the Elder's Home project, the Income Generation Workshop and expansion of the Berta "Crisis Intervention" Program.

Berta Program - For sponsors and the financial means to increase the size of this program so that more needy children in Korah can be part of this program. For more Berta Information go to <http://hopeforkorah.com/page6/> or email Dave at dave@hopeforkorah.com

UPCOMING TRIP TO KORAH - September 2012

Eve's next trip to Ethiopia will be at the end of September. If you would like to send a card or photographs to your family, they will be thrilled to receive them. Any correspondence is always accepted with such joy and thanksgiving! Each of our families prays for their sponsor families and they are so happy and thankful that you are a part of their lives.

We will send more details as the time comes closer. However, we are thinking that on this trip, instead of bringing many little items for families, we would try to bring one hoodie for each family member. Our September is the nearing the end of their rainy season and by then, a new warm hoodie will feel very good and can also be utilized year round as temperatures drop in the evenings due to Addis Ababa's high elevation. So, please keep this in mind if you come across any sales and would like to purchase some for your Korah families.