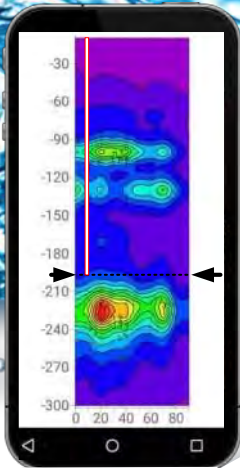


# THIS SUMMER WE ARE DRILLING A WELL!



*X marks the spot! Staking the ground. This is where we drill the well!*



# HOPE for KORAH

SUMMER NEWS 2022

## Bringing Water to 5,000 Kids!

After many months of planning all of us at HFK are excited to announce that the deep water well project at Abune Basilius School in Korah is fully funded and local government approvals have all been issued. Here's a recap of how we got to this point.

Back in June we hired a water engineer to conduct a water survey using electromagnetic sensor technology. The first location we tested was next to the school's

100,000-liter (26,400 gal) water reservoir and after we saw the results we realized our prayers had been answered. The engineer showed us an image (see above) that indicated significant amounts of water was detected at the 150-200 meter level. (The royal blue colour is water. The black arrows show the depth of the well that will be dug. The white line shows the exact location where the drilling will take place). You can see our team marking that exact spot with a stake in the photo. The engineer estimated the well might be able to fill the reservoir (which has never had a drop of water in it) in 2 hours which would also allow the school to offer water to the families in the surrounding community.

We also tested the location at the original well for a comparison and the results showed mostly clay and rock with a narrow band of water at 60 meters. This result helped us understand why it produced inadequate flow and affirmed our decision to drill the new well. The next step in the process will be to hire a reputable drilling company and once confirmed, we can immediately break ground on the new well. We are not sure of an exact date but we should be able to start drilling sometime next month.

Why is this well so important? This school of over 5,000 students (K-8) and almost 400 staff have no on site water and rely on HFK to truck in 100,000 liters every week and that is only one third of the water they need. The demand will increase even further when the high school is built on the campus later this year. **Thank you to all of you who helped to fund this project!** You are making a very big difference in the lives of all the children and staff at Basilius.



*Patently waiting for survey results.*

## MORE SUMMER HAPPENINGS Making Empowerment Fun!

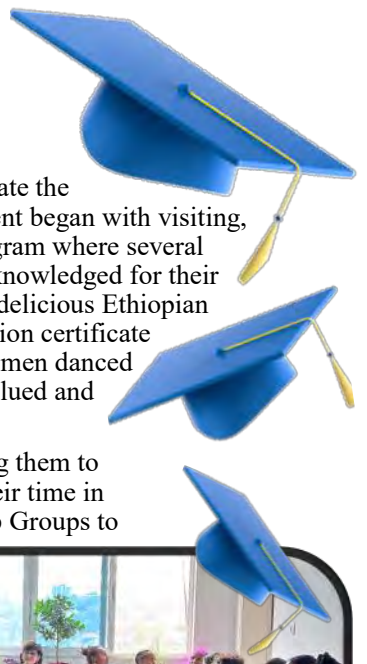
We have kicked off this summer with Life Skills Summer Camps for our Korah children and youth! The focus of these camps is to engage our youth in connection, conversation and critical thinking in key areas such as their identity and character, healthy relationships, communication skills, and health/hygiene. In addition to lots of fun, games and good food, the youth are separated into smaller groups by age, in order to discuss developmentally relevant issues. "No means no" curriculum was integrated into many of our discussions with boys and girls, setting a foundation for safe relationships and understanding of consent and bodily autonomy. Our Korah parents also loved engaging with the practical tools and insights offered in our positive parenting training that was given mid-July as part of this vision to build healthy skills and relationships among and within our families.

## Life Skills Summer Camp



# A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

## HFK's Family Empowerment Program Graduation



After years of training and hard work, what an honor it was to celebrate the graduation and self-sufficiency of 30 of our women! This all-day event began with visiting, coffee, tea, and breakfast treats. It was followed by a graduation program where several guests from Natanim Counselling and the local government were acknowledged for their role in working with us to empower and teach these women. After a delicious Ethiopian luncheon each woman was called to the front to receive their graduation certificate and gift. Charged by the atmosphere of joy and celebration, some women danced their way up to the sounds of singing and chanting; they all felt so valued and genuinely proud of themselves and one another.

HFK staff shared messages of encouragement to the group, reminding them to acknowledge all that they have worked hard for and accomplished during their time in the program. They were encouraged to lean into one another and their Self-Help Groups to maintain the close connection and support network that they have built together. They will continue to be a part of HFK through monthly gatherings and attending occasional trainings, and yet, this is also a new beginning.

After watching a video of themselves running their businesses or being employed, many shared, giving testimony to the life changing impact HFK's support, staff, and trainings have had on their lives.

The women absolutely loved this opportunity to reflect on their success. The day ended in typical fashion... with more dancing! Knowing the obstacles that so many of our women have persevered through, it was powerful to witness our women embodying what it is to be free and expressive.



Opening Graduation Gifts

## COLLEGE GRADUATES Preparing for the Future

Every year, more young people who have grown up in our HFK programs have started attending college and university. Over the past eight months, five of our students have graduated from college, with several more set to graduate in the next few months! Three of these young people completed accounting diplomas, another in advanced accounting and finance and one more graduated from secretarial sciences. We are so proud of each one! As these bright young graduates enter into this next phase of their futures, HFK will continue to support them through preparation for the workplace trainings, as well as the process of resume writing, job searching, and interview preparation.

As the number of students graduating from high school continues to increase, we look forward to extending these integral post-secondary supports to many more deserving students in the years ahead! **The reality of shifting the cycle of poverty for these families is becoming even more evident as their children become educated and empowered!**



Ayisha Mohammed  
Admas University College  
Graduated in Accounting

Aminat Ibrahim  
Arytena Health & Business College, Accounting



### WILL YOU BE MY SPONSOR?

Your sponsorship would give me the opportunity to attend private school, and cover my tuition, uniform, textbooks & supplies, after-school tutoring, youth activities & Berta breakfast.



**Habtamu—16 yrs. old, Grade 10**

Habtamu is an exceptionally bright student with ambitions to become a doctor. He has impressive English speaking skills, and dedication to his studies. We believe in his abilities and future. Going to private school will also bring hope and support to his family during this difficult time as they have been grieving the tragic death of his older brother. *Sponsor: \$100 month*



**Edalawit—12 yrs. old, Grade 6**

Edalawit is a sweet girl who balances her studies with caring for her younger siblings. She diligently attends tutoring and youth programs alongside her close friends. As a girl with great potential, we are excited she is in private school, as so often girls sacrifice education in order to care for family members. Quality education opens up life changing opportunities for Edalawit's future! *Sponsor: \$75 month*



**Addis—15 yrs. old, Grade 8**

Addis is a good kid with a passion for soccer. Life has been difficult for his family, as his mom has struggled with her health while raising three boys alone. School is challenging for Addis, and he has grown up without a father. Our hope is that the focused attention and support offered in private school will give him the skills and vision to redirect his life and recognize his potential! *Sponsor: \$75 month*

To sponsor fill out enclosed donation card with child's name, email or visit our website below:

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