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Alayu

Recently I had a very sobering visit with Himanot, a widow and mother of three, who has spent the last 13 years trying to provide for her children by scavenging off the city garbage dump in Korah. She is now, also caring for her 12 year old nephew Alayu who is HIV positive and whose mother recently died, leaving him an orphan. Because of his life circumstances, Alayu was sent from the countryside to live with his aunt in Korah. Tragically on his second day at the dump, he had a terrible accident and was run over by a bulldozer... his leg was amputated.

This kind of poverty is tough to comprehend. I cannot relate to these kinds of devastating circumstances or how extreme poverty breaks families apart. Mother Theresa once said "We may not be able to change the world... but we can change one person's world." Well, that is what we are hoping for and I believe together, if we STAND WITH KORAH we can make a difference for Himanot and Alayu 's family and for others like them - the widows, orphans, lepers and families surviving at the garbage dump in Korah.

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