

**SULULTA  
2010**

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**February 2010 Update**

**ETHIOPIA**

**Missions Trip**

## From Eve and Matthea Pohl

The days are passing quickly and soon Matthea and I will be headed to the impoverished village of Sululta, Ethiopia to work at a small medical clinic that serves over 30,000 Ethiopian people.

Last year when we first heard about the clinic in Sululta, our hearts were moved by the extreme poverty in which the Ethiopian people live. **Did you know that in Ethiopia there is only one doctor for every 100,000 people? If that were our hometown of Abbotsford, we would only have 1.5 doctors!** I can't even imagine what that would be like.

In 2009 when the medical team arrived at the Sululta Clinic, the medical supplies were virtually non-existent... not one band aid, not one blanket — the cupboards were bare! However, the 2009 team was able to bring much needed medical supplies along with medical practitioners and supportive team members who were able to give medical care, education and compassion to the clinic staff and the people living in the surrounding area.



The Entrance to the Sululta Medical Clinic

Prior to their departure, both Matthea and I had the privilege of working alongside the New Life Gems Girls Club, to help collect a suitcase full of supplies that were brought to the clinic. Upon the teams return, it was amazing to hear how each item that the GEMS placed in that suitcase was used to make a difference, one life at a time. Playing a part in the 2009 journey to Ethiopia impacted many of the GEMS as they could see first hand how God used them to help those who are living in extreme poverty. Matthea went on to study Ethiopia and presented her "Fight for a Cause" project to her Grade 6 class. Later, when Matthea

and I learned that the medical team was returning to Ethiopia, we felt led to go one step further and personally join this team in their efforts.

We are now, very excited to be going to Ethiopia in April 2010. Our group of 13, from varied fields, will be partnering with HOPE International Development Agency [www.hope-international.com](http://www.hope-international.com) They will support us in volunteer preparation through administration, promotion and poverty alleviation and development education. Hope International has extensive experience in poverty alleviation, emergency response and development projects all over the world and we are thrilled to be partnering with them.



The Supply closet that services 30,000 people!



This tired, young mom has carried her two babies to the clinic.



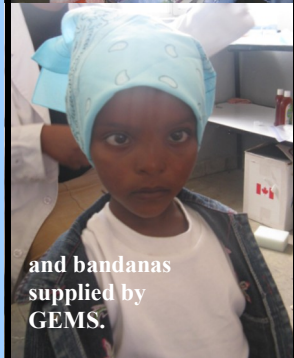
There are many goals for this trip. We seek to establish a sustainable and mutual partnership with the staff of the Sululta Health Clinic. We will provide staff with additional medical supplies, training and support. As well, we hope to increase the community's awareness of health issues and prevention. Community outreach to local schools, as well as an orphanage and leper colony are part of our plan. Poor nutrition is an issue and the creation of a locally supported nutrition program will be instrumental. As a long term goal, we seek to establish educational partnerships with teaching universities and the local clinic, while looking for sustainable ways to assist the Sululta Clinic in its long term operation.

**If you would like to join us in this effort, there are many ways you can be a part of this trip :**

**In 2009...**



Children at the clinic were given bags filled with supplies



and bandanas supplied by GEMS.



Last year's team.



Waiting in line for hours.

- Foremost, your prayers are very much appreciated. Please pray for the Ethiopian people, for our team and for Matthea and I individually. There is much work to be done in preparation, as well as while we are there. We want to be ready and able to meet every challenge for each day.
- We are certain the cupboards at the Sululta Health Clinic are empty once again, so we are collecting medical supplies to fill our suitcases, as well as items for the orphanage and schools we will be visiting. Please go to [www.120hours.ca](http://www.120hours.ca) for further details on Sululta 2010, including a medical supplies list.
- We are having a fundraiser Dessert Evening with music and a silent auction on March 20th. **We would love to have you join us!** An invitation with all of the details is attached to this email. Please contact me to reserve your spot.
- If you would like to donate directly to our trip you can do so online or through the mail. Hope International will issue you a tax receipt.

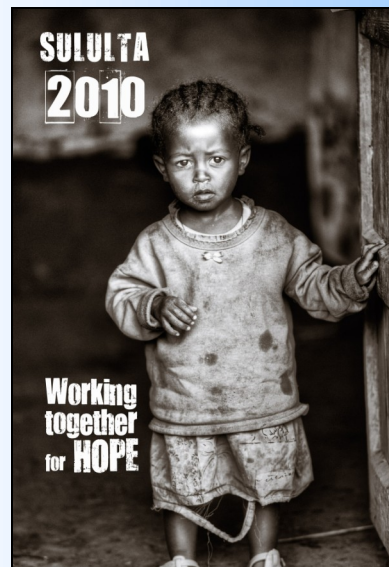
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HOPE International Development Agency [www.hope-international.com](http://www.hope-international.com) and click on DONATE, then under 'Donate To' - scroll until you reach Projects; UNION Sululta 2010 (write Eve and Matthea Pohl in comment box)

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Ethiopia's needs are great, there is much work to be done by many. Your partnership in reaching out to the people of this country would be greatly valued and deeply appreciated. It requires many organizations, many teams and many individuals and to think of the enormity of it, can sometimes be overwhelming. Any great work begins with the first step and we hope that the small part we play will impact each person we come in contact with. In the end what it really requires is trust, trusting God that He can take our small loaf and He can multiply it in whatever way He chooses.



**We're doing it again in 2010!**

*Many Blessings to you,  
Eve and Matthea Pohl*

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Go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEL9EywBcXQ>