

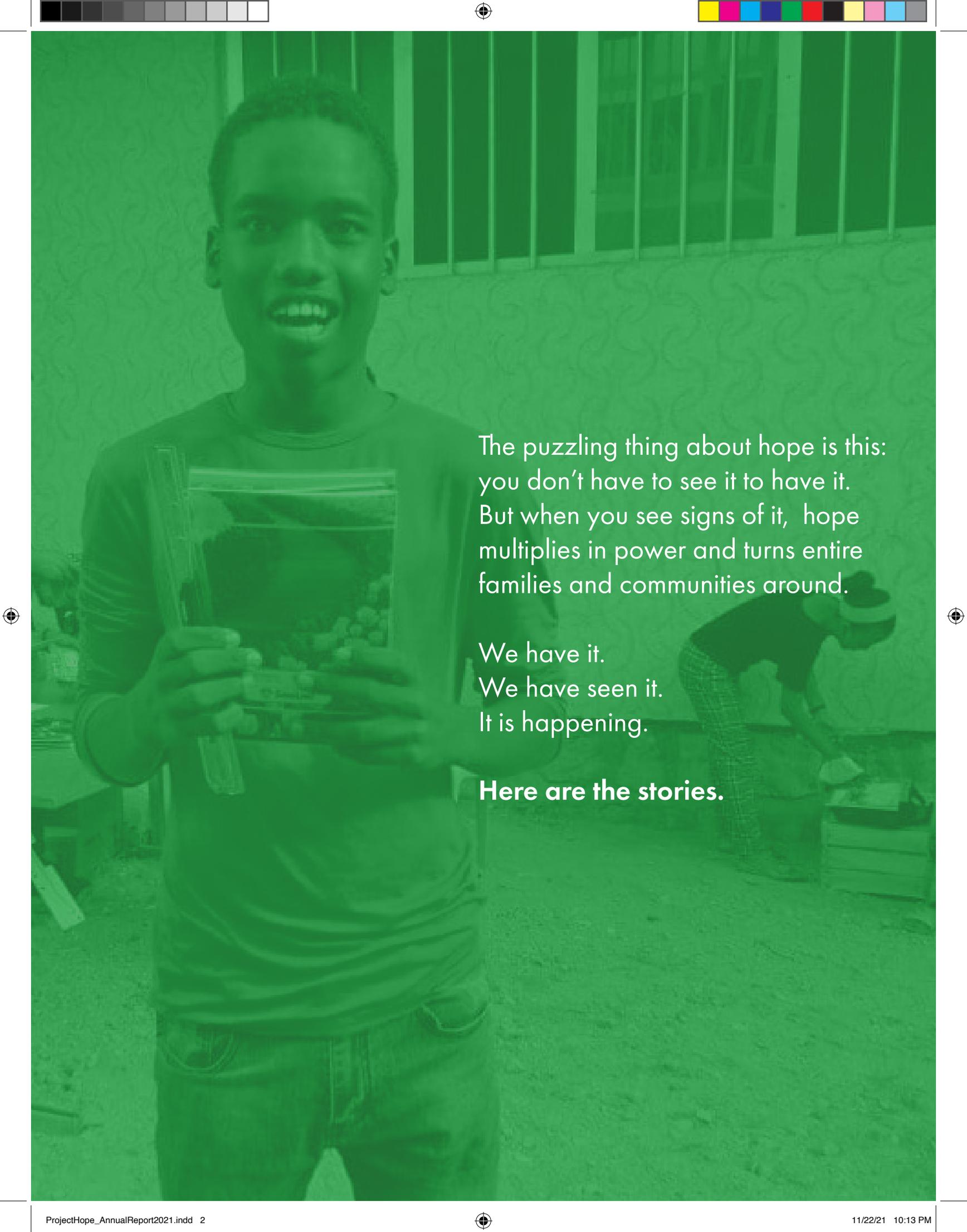


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H O P E

## 2021 Annual Report

Seeing hope when no one else does.

In a year when Ethiopia struggled with COVID, drought, economic recession, civil war... Project Hope continues to thrive and bring hope to thousands because of you!



The puzzling thing about hope is this:  
you don't have to see it to have it.  
But when you see signs of it, hope  
multiplies in power and turns entire  
families and communities around.

We have it.  
We have seen it.  
It is happening.

**Here are the stories.**



## Seeing Hope so Others can See!

**Moniona** has a family that she loves just as we love ours. She has been coming to our clinic for some time. She needed an operation on her eyes as she was almost completely blind in both eyes. Through the clinic she secured an operation on one eye. She had partial site in the eye that was operated on, but was still blind in the other eye. Our clinic nurses and doctors prayed for her that her sight would be restored completely in both eyes. Hope was seen as she was then able to see better in both of her eyes. She and her family are calling it a miracle...and it was a miracle that began by her doing what was possible so the impossible could work in her life.



## Seeing Hope for Those Far Away!

**Fatuma**. She is a leper in the Muslim community in Gendetesfa where our Christian clinic cares for her on a regular basis. She has a sister in another village known as Deder that is 100 km away. Fatuma's sister was always in pain and had an undiagnosed disease that no one has been able to address. It seemed no hope could be found. Fatuma told her sister about our clinic. Our head nurse, Tigist, gave her free medicine for the pain. She felt led to take the time for them to hold hands and pray together. She prayed that God would heal her. They prayed in **HOPE**. Then they saw **HOPE!** Fatuma reports that her sister has been pain free for the past few months. Fatuma says her sister is healed and in very good condition. The story continues as the village of Deder is asking where this clinic is that heals the impossible. They have new **HOPE**, support and belief in our clinic.



## Seeing Hope Rescue and Restore

**Samrawit** is with our microfinance program. Samrawit is HIV positive. When we first nominated her to enter our program, she was in debt for 20,000 birr (\$500). She has two children and could not see any hope for her future. We gave her 3000 birr to open her business selling food on a crowded street. She paid it back quickly and then we gave her 5000 birr for the next stage of expanding her business. This time she became very ill because of her HIV and was in the hospital for two months. We visited her, supported her family and prayed with her. When she got out of the hospital, she said that she could not work on the street because of COVID regulations. She worked with our program and discovered she could sell more natural foods in the market in a government approved area in a safe way. Then people saw **HOPE** that no one expected. Not only did she pay back her 5000 birr loan, she also paid off her 20,000 birr debt. That is not all that happened! Within two years, she has made nearly 74,000 birr and has bought a refrigerator, which is a luxury item in the village, to use in her business. She now has a bed and furniture for her house. She said, "3000 birr has changed my life." Now both she and daughter have found new faith and hope in God and feel they have a bright future. She never stops saying "thank you" for this microfinance program that provided her with the funds to be successful.



## Seeing Hope when COVID Takes it Away

**Alem Tsehay** from our microfinance program has been with us for two years. Her first loan was 3000 birr so she could open a small business selling fruits and vegetables. She paid it back on her due date, and then we gave her 5000 birr to expand her business. This new loan happened right before COVID broke out in Ethiopia. Alem came to return the money because she thought she wouldn't be able to repay the loan. Our microfinance officer, Yordanos, told her to have **HOPE** and patience, and we would work with her. They prayed together and came up with a long-term plan... and then **HOPE** was seen. Not only did she pay back her 5000 birr loan, but we then showed her the savings book that our program had been keeping for her. She had 15,722 birr saved from two years of her business. She couldn't believe how far she had come!



## Seeing Hope at Home

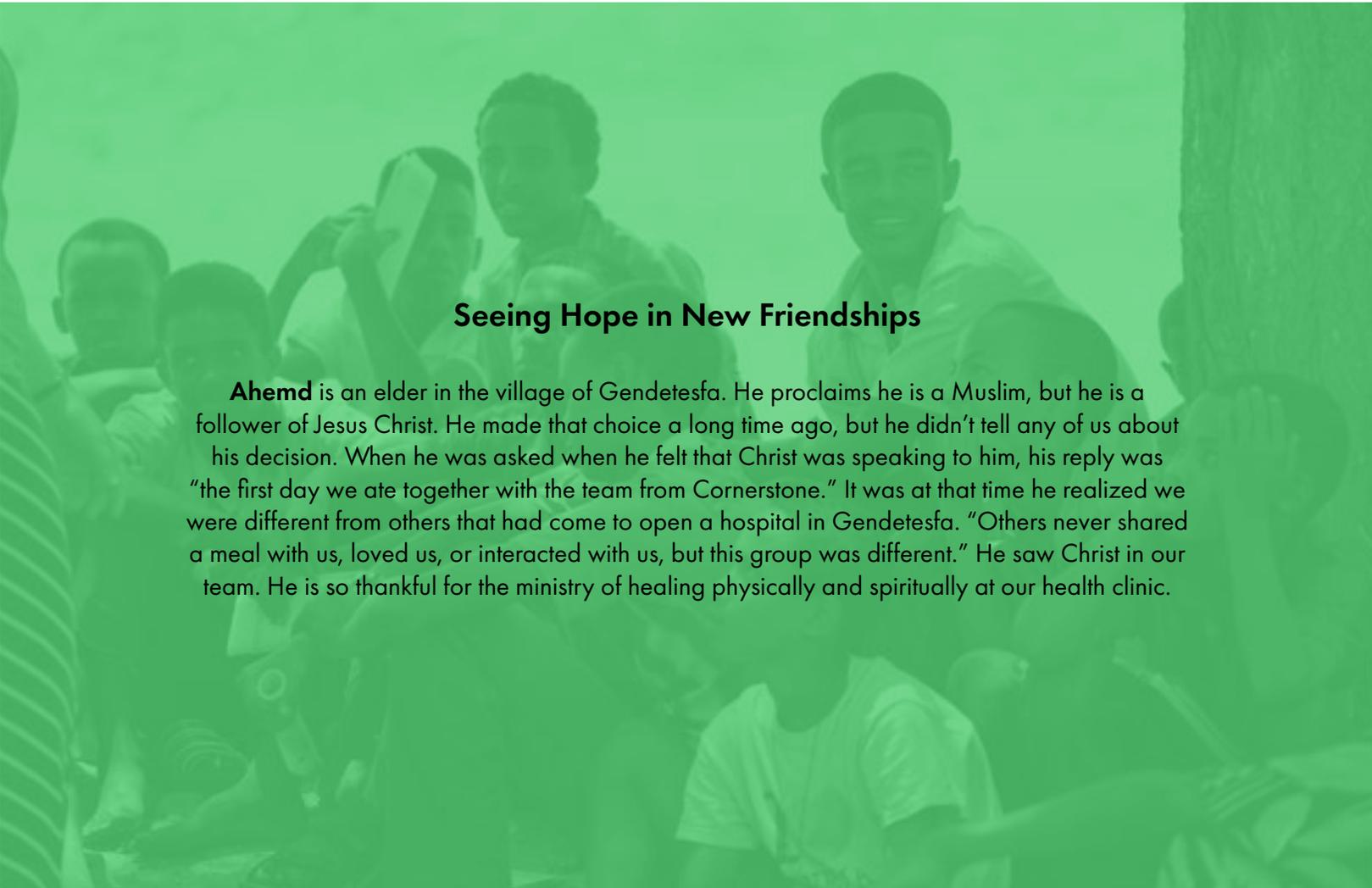
In a year of COVID in a third-world country, our clinic has had times of shutting down and being open. Thankfully, we had initiated a home visit program the year before that has stayed vibrant and incredibly effective through every government mandate and state of COVID restrictions. In the first eight months of 2021, we made **887 home visits** to keep families well cared for and healthy.

## Breakdown of the Home Visits

	Total	0-19	20-45	46-66+	Prayed With
January	120	44	37	39	45
February	152	46	50	56	29
March	105	40	30	35	29
April	100	31	29	46	31
May	87	34	21	32	42
June	95	22	24	49	45
July	107	33	37	37	33
August	112	42	43	27	37
September	121	18	39	43	45

## Here are the top 10 diseases treated:

1. Acute Gastroenteritis
2. Myalgia
3. Upper Respiratory Infection
4. Common Cold
5. Conjunctivitis
6. Skin Infections (including Leprosy)
7. Dyspepsia
8. Urinary Tract Infection
9. Otitis Media
10. Pneumonia



## Seeing Hope in New Friendships

**Ahemd** is an elder in the village of Gendetesfa. He proclaims he is a Muslim, but he is a follower of Jesus Christ. He made that choice a long time ago, but he didn't tell any of us about his decision. When he was asked when he felt that Christ was speaking to him, his reply was "the first day we ate together with the team from Cornerstone." It was at that time he realized we were different from others that had come to open a hospital in Gendetesfa. "Others never shared a meal with us, loved us, or interacted with us, but this group was different." He saw Christ in our team. He is so thankful for the ministry of healing physically and spiritually at our health clinic.



## Seeing Hope for the Next Generation

Our education program provides school uniforms, books, supplies, and food so that every child can SEE HOPE in their future! These pictures show our school book distribution plus our monthly sponsorship program that takes care of over 70 children in the village and city. There are countless stories here – just look at their faces and see the hope!

# Seeing Hope More Than Ever Before

Thanks to your generosity and consistent support, the entire Project Hope program continues to be well-funded with our new pharmacy targeting for 2022 after 18 months of COVID shutdowns and delays. We need to continue to raise the yearly budget and also save for the hospital the government has asked us to open in the future. They have offered free land and are waiting for us to complete at least a year of pharmacy service, and then HOPE we will commit to building a hospital for the greater village area that serves the poorest of poor. The new pharmacy adds an additional \$4,500 a year for free medicine and approximately another \$6,000 for salaries and supplies and equipment maintenance.

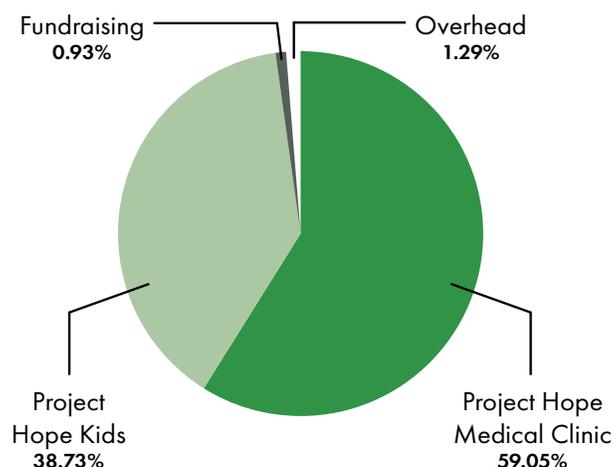
## Condensed Financial Statement

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020, and 2021 to date.

Operating Revenue	2020	2021 (To Date)
<b>Total Gifts</b>	\$161,108	\$50,566

Operating Expenses		
Program Services	2020	2021 (To Date)
Project Hope Medical Clinic	\$43,630	\$50,661
Project Hope Kids (Sponsorship)	\$28,620	\$21,690
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$72,250</b>	<b>\$72,351</b>
Fundraising	\$683.49	\$0
Overhead	\$955	\$325
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$73,888</b>	<b>\$72,676</b>

Project Hope Operating Expenses 2020



Monthly Clinic Budget Expenditures	
Utilities & Misc	2%
Laboratory	5%
Medical Supplies	14%
Specialists	8%
Personnel	61%
Taxes	10%

# Thank you!

None of this would be possible without your generosity.

# Remembering The Story Of Project Hope

## July 2009: A Vision Is Born

Rev. Shawn Franco and his wife completed their Ethiopian adoption. God spoke to him about the many children in Ethiopia who needed care. This vision came back to Richmond along with future president, Doug Wheeling, and Project Hope was born.

## February 2012: First sight visit to the village of Gendetesfa, Ethiopia

Rev. Franco and Ethiopian pastor, Miskir Abebe, meet with village elders to open a free health clinic. This village in abject poverty was founded as a leper colony in the 1950s and has grown to over 20,000 residents.

## May 2012: Long term vision is born and Child Sponsorship program begins

Health clinic, Ongoing child sponsorship, Primary education and Economic development. These four will move a village out of poverty and into self-sufficiency and thriving.

## December 2012: Primary Clinic Opens

The free-service clinic begins as "Primary Level." It cannot dispense prescription drugs, but in the first year, 3,000+ are served, surpassing all expectations of the government.

## June 2013: Intermediate Clinic Status Granted & First Nursing Team

The clinic worked diligently to upgrade to an intermediate level clinic affording a broader scope of care to the village. The first nursing team from OrthoVirginia and HCA participated.

## July 2014: Our Primary Education Program Begins & Nursing Teams Continued

Chesterfield County School Teachers went to Gendetesfa Schools and assisted in preparing students to sit for their English Exams and share teaching methods and materials.

## July 2015: Upgraded renovations create a strategic laboratory and day patient room

Architectural drawings were created for the expansion and construction of the now upgraded clinic. Medical staff from OrthoVirginia provide needed supplies & medicines to expand service.

## June 2016: Full Time Social Worker Hired & Teams Continue

Team nurses implement a community wide TB/HIV testing campaign. Child sponsorship swells to 70+ children providing food, health care, education, clothing and social work home visits.

## February 2018: Microfinance Program Begins

Varied businessmen and women travel to Ethiopia and begin a village microfinance program that enables villagers to escape the poverty cycle and change future generations.

## June 2019: Home visit program begins and Government Health Dept. Proposes Long Term Hospital

As teams now include physical therapists, the government proposes the clinic move towards the final clinic level "High" and consider moving towards a primary hospital in the future.

## November 2020: Pharmacy Plans Approved & Funds Raised. Home visitation program excels during COVID

Military coups and COVID19 prevents sight visits but indigenous staff completes plans for the pharmacy and funds are raised. Shut downs prevent further progress until Fall 2021.

## January 2022: Site visit to finalize pharmacy construction and government approval

Rev. Franco and clinic leadership will meet and finalize the pharmacy which should be finished in the summer as well as continue to discuss next steps and government vision for the primary hospital.



# We need you.

Project Hope operates on an annual budget of \$70,000/year, funding the clinic facility, supplies, and thirteen employees to provide free medical care to the Dire Dawa community. During this time of COVID, we rely even more heavily on your generous giving to continue providing this essential care to those who need it most. Would you consider standing with us by giving through one of these three ways?

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