

Ethiopia Outlook

Villagers, Farmers Helped

Villages: The Project Grows! Work expanded from the schools we help to their villages! Wells in the 3 villages of 20, 50, and 60 homes will soon be finished. Women and children will benefit in time and energy saved getting water, and the entire family's health will improve. Concrete floors for their 1 or 2 room mud-straw homes will follow for those willing to dig up their mud floors. These floors can be cleaned and will be dry in the rainy season.

The 3 villages and others we hope to help are all in the Amhara region close to Dangla, home of brothers Awoke and Workineh Genetu, our partners.

With villages close together the knowledge of hygiene and sanitation will build and spread.

Farmers receive help! All farming is done by oxen and wooden plows. Quality hand implements help save energy. Forty farmers received 200 high quality sickles and whet stones to help in their labor. Another 10 farmers received modern beehives and bee keeping equipment.

Use of the school latrine's compost will build soil. Urine as fertilizer will improve the soil and increase food crops.

Workineh was named Ethiopia's Farmer of 2006 and will provide leadership and education.

Fact: Help is Needed 56% of Amhara children under 5 are stunted (of whom 26% are severely stunted).
Malnutrition is Cheating its Survivors NYTimes 12/28/06.



Village home - Workineh's



Mud floors get wet, dirty



Farmer, 2 oxen and plow

Children Connect

158 Ethiopian children received uniforms, thanks to Sammamish/Fall City, WA swim school children in a swim school who each donated \$6 for a uniform and school supplies for a year. Photos were exchanged.



Proud of their sponsor

The Ethiopian children did not recognize themselves so they were given a copy of their photo to keep.

Children sent 12 soccer balls, 314 tennis balls, volleyball and net.

2006-7 Total: 428 uniforms, school supplies and soap were provided for students.

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Exciting Tidbits:

- 3 wells & 2 underway
- All trachoma treated
- Farmers get sickles and beehives
- Swimmers give 158 uniforms, photos
- School latrine planned
- 2006 "Helping Hands" award given to Dennis & Judy by Sustainable Ballard (Seattle non-profit org)

UN Millennium Development Goals for 2015

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Achieve universal primary education

Promote gender equality: empower women

Reduce child mortality

Improve maternal health

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria & other diseases

Ensure environmental sustainability

Develop a global partnership for development.

Help for Schools Continues

In Ethiopia, 58% of boys and 55% of girls* go to elementary school. The completion rate of grade 4 is 41%** .
UN Millenium Goal Indicator 2005, 2001***

Resourceful helpers found 18 microscopes which they adjusted, cleaned and repaired. Another helper bought slide preparation equipment and wrote information sheets. A booklet on microorganisms in pond water samples was included. The high school in Dangla was delighted to receive them along

with a set of donated encyclopedias.

We shopped locally to supply the schools with plywood for all the blackboards that were needed and blackboard paint for all existing boards. New chalk & erasers topped off the project.

As a village resource, we bought Where There is No Doctor and other health books for the library. We also enjoyed buying every title of children's readers.



Bacha school well, holding tanks, faucets, water bottles for all students

How the Work Gets Done

What a team of Ethiopians! Awoke, Workineh and their assistant, Dagne, buy all the materials locally, helping area businesses. Many jobs are created: well diggers, plumbers, cement workers (we bought a cement mixer that can go from site to site), masons, carpenters, mule cart drivers. We have volunteer support from an engineering firm in Addis Ababa.

Awoke has a gift for seeing what can be done and inspiring others to feel ownership in the projects.

The Carter Center will treat our 3 villages for trachoma in 2007.

Workineh, whose farm is in the Dangla area, supervises all the projects and hires workers.

Awoke and Workineh volunteer their time and work. Some of the workers

who are paid have said they will take some of their profit in "satisfaction".



Judy, Dennis, Dagne, Workineh, Abay, Awoke

What a Home Team!

We count our blessings for the help we have received in donations of money, time and talents:

Engineers, architect, translator to prepare the latrine plans

Organizer of the US children paying for uniforms & sending photos and parents' donations

Medical advisor/Mentor

Coach on mission of projects

Microscope experts to gather, repair, buy slide preparation materials, write instructions

Gatherers of sports equipment

Knitter of hats

Donor of bird-watching equipment

Collector of college and trade texts

Carter Center Ethiopia

Pfizer

International Trachoma Initiative

Africa Task Force Univ.Presby.Church

Support of Interfaith Community Church members

What's needed:

Video projector for computer

Your compassion and generosity have made all of this possible. Your donations will keep improving lives.

100% of your donation goes to the projects.

Dennis Wilkins and Judy Sanderman absorb all administrative & travel costs.

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