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One village at a time...

School Latrine Project Continues

Toilet stalls for the latrine are being made, delivered, and put into place. The plastic toilet floors will go on top of the concrete floors shown.



Delivery of toilet stalls, Awoke Genetu leading.



First 4 toilet stalls in place. Next 4 toilet floors await plastic squat toilets and metal stall structure.

New Developments

- **One village well is done and strongly pumping clean water.**
- **One village well collapsed just after digging. No one was hurt. Cylindrical concrete rings for lining the well and the hand pump can be used on the replacement well.**
- **9 more houses received concrete floors.**
- **Schools received materials for 31 blackboards**
- **High School received a set of encyclopedias.**
- **High School Library to get chairs and tables. Carpenter will fix metal chairs by fitting with new seats.**
- **High School to get piped water system.**

Safe Building for Grades 1 -4

A new building for grades 1 to 4 is being built with all labor from parents and Project Ethiopia helping with some materials.

Parents bought half the roof sections and



Framework done. Future classroom inspected.

furnished all the eucalyptus branches for construction and soil and straw for the walls.

Workneh Genetu says that after rainy season (in Sept.) work will continue with the plastering of walls and ceilings and the compacting and pouring of concrete floors.

The second building for grades 5 to 8 will begin in September.



Students did the hard work of filling sacks and carrying dirt.



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Goal setting helped motivate.

Swimmers improve futures for 232 Ethiopian students!

Swim students have worked to earn money this summer to buy a uniform, school notebooks, a pen, a bar of soap, a personal book and a second set of clothes so an Ethiopian child can attend school. Each child sent a photo of themselves showing something about their life and activities here. Each swimmer will receive the photo of the Ethiopian child who gets their uniform

\$14 per student provides this opportunity for a student to go to school. The second set of clothes, a track suit, can be worn under the uniform for warmth. It can also be slept in since many students would otherwise have to sleep in their uniforms.

The swim students worked hard to earn money - lemonade stands, selling used golf balls, showing a video about the project

Fund raising & a visit to the projects ... Kim & Paul

A chance meeting at the Interfaith Community Church turned into an opportunity of a life time. See what Dennis and Judy had accomplished with Awoke and Workineh, we decided we had to do something.

In May, our folk trio, Real Folk, and friends performed a benefit concert to raise funds for the Project. Playing to a full house we were able to raise \$1,100 for the Project. A surprise of the evening was a birthday present to a woman who, after hearing about the Project, spread the word. So inspired by her efforts, her co-workers donated \$400 in her name at the concert.

Additionally, Kim, an elementary teacher, raised funds with her PTSA group. What started out a small project with children bringing coins had far-reaching impact. The school was burglarized and the funds stolen. As word of the theft spread, many other schools and organizations began to contribute to this incredible cause. School total \$2,358!

We wanted to see first-hand the incredible work that Judy, Dennis, Awoke and Workineh had begun, so in June we journeyed to Ethiopia to sight see and visit Dangla and the villages currently supported by the project. We were able to see concrete floors in homes. We were able to watch and help as the latrines were being finished at Bacha school. We saw the work being done on the new elementary school. We saw communities that have come together to support this. In Dangla we visited the high school for grades 9 and 10 with 6,000 students in 32 rooms. Project Ethiopia has given 31 blackboards, will rebuild chairs and upgrade the piped drinking water system. It was a delight to visit a Farmers' Association meeting.

They value so much what we take for granted. Warm smiles welcomed us at every corner.

Most of all we learned that the Project has succeeded by listening and providing resources and solutions once the needs are understood.

To connect one-on-one and see the impact that we can have on this community was overwhelming.



Lemonade for sale for a good cause!

to their neighbors. School starts in Ethiopia on Sept 12. Tailors will measure and sew the uniforms and there will be a presentation ceremony. They get a personal book, a very rare thing in Ethiopia.