

Your Dollars Bring Joy, Gratitude, Cooperation

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6 Model Villages Emerging

"No one is sick." "We live a life of luxury with clean floors and safe water." These are joyful reports from the first two villages where every house has a concrete floor, there are wells for safe water, and every house will soon have a composting twin-pit latrine. These are joyful reports in a country where 230,000 children under 5 die yearly of diarrheal diseases.

There is so much hope! Their children no longer sleep, play, study and eat on floors that are muddy when wet and full of fleas when dry.

A cultural change! With the good water, men are willing to carry water—a task usually borne totally by women and children.



Many improvements have spontaneously occurred in this climate of hope. Families have refreshed and smoothed their mud/straw home walls, are applying white wash and decorating with baskets and hand embroidery on fertilizer bags!

Ethiopian TV featured these villages—speaking



Embroidery in the homes

about the novel approach. A lottery has been held in each of our villages to select the order of homes to get concrete floors as funds permit. There will be well water in all 6 villages this year. Any family willing to do the work will get a composting latrine.



Compacting dirt floor

Efficiency: **THOUSANDS** of volunteer hours made dollars stretch. Project Ethiopia pays for cement and masons.

Dennis Wilkins and Judy Sanderman have just returned from 7 weeks in Dangla, supervising projects and shopping, cooking, and sharing life with their neighbors. They want to share their good news on progress in schools and villages.

Gratitude Expressed:

- *"You have money and could go many places and yet you come here. You could just stay home and have someone feed you."*
- *"The Ethiopians who go away and make money don't help us and they are our blood relatives."*
- *"You are like a sycamore tree—it gives fruit and shade. We have eaten the fruit (beehives and sickles) and now we see you and have peace and shade."*
- *"You are not like others who stay in Addis and telephone us to find results. You don't even stay in a hotel. You ride a donkey cart to see results."*
- *"I am inspired to work and change things. You are a good example for work."*

Unsafe School Begins Rebuild

Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have new classrooms with concrete floors and desks, thanks to the volunteer effort of the villagers to provide all labor and to build the building.

The school is built on marshland and is cracked

and damaged beyond repair by the swelling and then shrinking land.

Seattle Ethiopians donated money for concrete school floors. A German construction company working in the marshlands on a public

works building 'donated' the expertise (build a huge foundation island of rocks).

88 triple desks are gifts from Project Ethiopia donors.

If funds permit, classrooms for grades 5-8 will be rebuilt next year.



Small children got knit caps to protect from dust, give warmth.

Waterless Urinals, Composting Toilets = Good Health + Fertilizer

This is the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SANITATION and we did our part!

A *model school latrine* is almost finished and your donations will result in other school latrines. Shallow trenches were dug and lined with concrete blocks. On half of the trench are 4 toilet floors with toilet stalls over them. After one year the toilet stalls and floors are moved to the other half of the trench. The filled pits are covered and left to compost for one year. When the toilets need to be moved back the next year, the compost is germ-free and ready for agricultural use. Urinals drain to a tank for use in agriculture. It is germ free in 3 months.

Secret for success? After EVERY USE 2 handfuls of compost are added to the pit. Each stall will have wiping material and organic compost material.

Smell? The pit has a tight lid (removed and replaced by one's foot) so smells are minimized. Flies can't get out and are attracted by the light and air flow to the vent which is screened.



Agricultural use? Workineh Genetu, our partner, was honored as "Farmer of the Year" in 1999 and as a "Millennium Man" in 2000. He will use the urine and compost in his farming and then teach other farmers.



Project Ethiopia supporters will travel to Ethiopia in late June. Money given now, before the supporters go, will be put to use by them when there.

Study Hard, Play Hard (uniforms, personal books, jump ropes, soccer balls)

Each of the 450 children who received uniforms, 5 exercise books, pen, and soap also received their own personal book! To own a book is an amazing thing.

School libraries desperately need books (most cost \$1). A little money can make a big difference!



Judy Sanderman & Dennis Wilkins give out books. This is a library for 1200 students!

Other school news

- Clean water for 2 schools
- Microscope supplies for the high school
- Telephone connection for a school
- School library books
- 25 white canes and instructions were given to blind children.



Soccer balls and jump ropes



Farmers Association Works!

The 50 farmers in the Farmers Association now have a honey extractor for the 51 new bee hives. They have a comb printer and embedder which allows the wax combs to be made so the bees can go to work making honey instantly. The hives improve pollination and give farmers a cash crop.

A warehouse is under construction so that farmers can hold their grains, corn, beans and other crops until the prices are favorable.



Honey extractor will travel farm to farm.

"Waffle iron" prints wax combs.

How Project Ethiopia works:

- **Our greatest resource is community support.**
- **We give money to NO ONE—we buy all materials & implement all projects.**
- **We buy local, hire local when possible to build local economy.**
- **We are all volunteers—Judy & Dennis and our Ethiopian partners, Awoke Genetu (tour guide) and Workineh Genetu (farmer).**
- **We hire at Ethiopian wages or villagers volunteer labor since they will benefit.**

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