

Hope for the Hopeless June 2019 Newsletter

Hope ...

Chair of the Board, Pastor George Cushman

I write this just a few days after celebrating Pentecost. It is when the Holy Spirit comes to live among us, empowers us and calls us to be disciples for Jesus. I have always marveled at the responsibility God gives to us to transform a world, and also the trust God shows in us to accomplish it. As Biblical Scholar Walter Brueggemann states, "What God does best is to trust us with our moment in his-story, God's story. We are the ones writing the next chapters in the life of the church.

Hope means to see what is possible, but not yet realized. Hope becomes real because we live into the trust God bestows upon us. It is you who makes hope real by your care, concerns and compassion. Thank you.

We, who have been to Ethiopia, and seen the impact of your support, would love to come to a group you are a part of, a church you belong to, and tell Hope's story, tell how we are helping write our chapter in God's-story. We would love to introduce you to some of our kids, have you meet some of our foster families, celebrate the compassion and dedication of our staff, see the homes we have provided. We would love to tell you about the changed lives we help to create, and about some whose lives we have literally saved.

Again, thank you for your care and for turning hope into life.

Education is the key to a Hopeful Future

Exams!! Our hardworking children in Ethiopia are nearing the end of the school year and are taking National Exams for their next level of school. We send prayers of calm and success to 7 children testing to move from 8th grade to High School, 6 youth testing for pre-college and one brave young man taking 12th grade exams to move on to college! The children are able to get to this stage with the love support of all of you who support them and the loving staff that have gotten them here. These youth all have big plans for their lives and will become leaders in their community. Prayers are appreciated for all of them and we wish them good luck.

School supplies!! Each year we like to provide all of our 300+ children with materials to make them successful in the school year to come. New school uniforms, books, pencils, we know the list!! We need to prepare for this date coming in August! Funds have been short the last couple of years and not all children could get updated materials for a fresh start. Please consider sending a donation to help all our children get the materials they need to be successful. With customs and shipping, it is not practical to

send actual supplies, H4H staff can get supplies locally at a great price. Please help if you can!

Celebrating 25 Years of Supporting Children ... Now we need some help with facilities maintenance.

With 300 children in and out of our three facilities, repairs are needed. A big storm damaged the fencing around the Suluta boarding school property this winter that must be in place per the local government regulations and for the security and safety of our children.

Dorms need a fresh coat of paint; storage lockers are in need of repair and some other general maintenance is needed.

Again, we could really use your support, please consider a one-time donation or possibly increasing your monthly donation to help keep our children in well maintained facilities.

Please share Hope for the Hopeless information with friends so more can enjoy the joy of supporting these beautiful children to a successful future!

Visit our website <http://www.hope4hopeless.org/home.html> where secure donation links are on the *Contact* and *Donate* pages which will take you to E-giving, or mail checks to H4H, PO Box 80464, Phoenix, AZ 85060

Any questions please contact Sponsorship@hope4hopeless.org

Thank you for all your support and blessing for all you have done and continue to do.