

# 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 & future president, Doug Wheeling.

## **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 & Child Sponsorship Program Begins**

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

## **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+ patients are served, surpassing all the 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 Ortho Virginia and HCA participated.

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

Chesterfield County School teachers went to Gendetesfa Primary School for an "English camp" where they assisted in preparing students to sit for their English exams and share teaching methods and materials.

## **July 2015: Upgraded Renovations Create a Strategic Laboratory & Day Patient Room**

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

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

The 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. English camp continues.

## **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 & 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. English camp continues.

## **November 2020: Pharmacy Plans Approved, Funds Raised, & Home Visitation Program Excels During COVID**

Military coops and covid19 prevents sight visits but indigenous staff complete plans for the pharmacy and funds are raised. Shutdowns prevent further progress until Fall 2021.

## **July 2022: Clinic Moves to Expanded Facility & Meets with Dire Dawa's Mayor & Cabinet**

Rev. Franco and leadership meet with village and city leaders (mayor, health director & cabinet) to discuss steps for expanded services and a primary hospital in the future. An official proposal is requested by the city.

# More Information About Project HOPE This Year

## Top 10 Diseases in the past 12 months:

1. Dyspepsia
2. Urinary Tract Infection
3. Common Cold
4. Hypertension
5. Dermatitis
6. Upper Respiratory Tract Infection
7. Acute Gastroenteritis Infection (AGE)
8. Arthritics
9. Myalgia
10. Conjunctivitis

## Project HOPE Clinic Details in the past 12 months:

- 350 patient home visits
- 2400+ patient visits at the clinic
- 10-Year Total:
  - 30,000+ Free Clinic Visits

## Condensed Financial Statement

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2021, and 2022 to date.

Operating Revenue	2021	2022 (To Date)
<b>Total Gifts</b>	\$139,820	\$37,461

Operating Expenses		
<b>Program Services</b>		
Project Hope Medical Clinic	\$58,610	\$33,902
Project Hope Kids (Sponsorship)	\$28,740	\$20,280
Project Hope Microfinance Initiative	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$87,350</b>	<b>\$54,182</b>
Fundraising	\$1,052	\$0
Overhead	\$1,212	\$438
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$89,615</b>	<b>\$54,620</b>

Composition of Net Assets		
Unrestricted (Clinic)	\$240,331	\$230,049
Restricted (Kids & Microfinance)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$240,331</b>	<b>\$230,049</b>

The above is an unaudited financial statement.