



Project Mercy
starts with the One



Fall, 2014 - Project Update



High School and Health Science College

The new high school is now open!!

The new high school opened its doors to the high school students on September 16, 2014! Many thanks to ALL whose efforts and generous support have provided this wonderful facility for the students!

The National Exam results are in and our students did very well! We are very proud of them! Their preparations for this test are evident! Many thanks to our teachers, benefactors for the School Meal Program, and tutors whose combined efforts have enabled students to perform so well.

This new school year 2014/2015 has all of our students and staff full of excitement and enthusiasm for the wonderful opportunities they have before them.



Dedication and excitement was felt as the students arrived at school on the first day. Nursefa (red and white shirt) was one particular student

who walked five miles from up in the mountains to get to school! There are many other students who walk anywhere from three to five miles each way. Their zeal to learn is such a blessing!



Admiring the painting by artist, Shawn Bridges, in the high school hallway.

Health Science College Update



IMPACT



Dr. Randy Thomas and Dr. Rachel Peterson demonstrating newborn resuscitation

Dr. Dineen Greer delivering a lecture to the HSC staff



Dr. Michael Cline conducting a discussion on Faculty Development

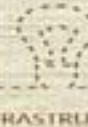
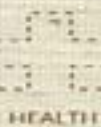
There has been much progress toward the opening of the Health Science College (HSC). The staff has been selected and enrollment is under way. Classes will begin in the fall of 2014. In the interim, the staff has been preparing the classrooms and their syllabi for instruction.

We are very grateful to a group of doctors and nurses who spent a week in Yetebon teaching the HSC staff in Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics and Helping Babies Breathe in the Midwifery training program.

Health Science College staff



There was so much good medical information shared from our volunteers to the faculty...many thanks to all who gave of their time and expertise to better equip our faculty in Midwifery. Pictured here is the HSC faculty, nurses from the Glenn C Olsen Primary Memorial Hospital, and medical volunteers from Germany, CA and IN.



Project Mercy's Mission Is Recognized by US Senators

In May, 2014 Project Mercy received a group of 17 US guests, most of whom were government officials with five being US Senators. Senator James Inhofe led the group of guests to various Project Mercy project sites.

Their tour included a visit to the new High School/Health Science College; Medhane-Alem Primary School; Hospital; Skill Enhancement area; and enjoyed their time seeing the Fruit Tree Project and expanded gardens.



Senator James Inhofe with Deme at the Health Science College.



(L-R) Senator Jefferson Sessions with Marta and Deme

(L-R) Senator John Barrasso, speaking with Hospital Director, Dr. Fekadu



Senator Deb Fischer greeting Deme upon the senators arrival



Senator Tim Scott leading the group to see the gardens and fruit trees

New Staff Member !

Reverend George Carey will be joining Project Mercy's team January 1, 2015 to help build church partnerships with Project Mercy. We are so happy to have George and his wife, Nita, join us at Project Mercy. Reverend Carey has most recently served as the Evangelical Presbyterian Church World Outreach Director since January, 2009.

When sharing about George with Project Mercy's board, Marta said, "I just love George and Nita....we are so blessed to have them join us at Project Mercy,"



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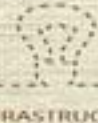
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Dairy Cattle Breeding Project Update - ChaCha, Ethiopia



A farmer receiving a crossbred heifer!



Grazing cattle

Fourteen heifers have now been distributed to farmers!

It starts with the One! We were very excited to see that first heifer given to its new family last year. Although the process is slow, we are steadily raising additional heifers to be ready for distribution. We are grateful to have entered the project's next phase of community involvement. Families who have received a heifer were selected by the ChaCha elders and then requested to complete training in DairyFarm Management. Future training sessions will continue as the heifers are ready for distribution. The farmers with heifers are realizing four times more milk than what area cows are producing!



From the Heart

It is with much heartfelt appreciation for our generous and caring supporters that I want to say thank you! Words escape me to share Deme's and my gratitude for all that has been accomplished in HIS Almighty Name over the last 21 years.

Deme and I remember the days when Yetebon was without opportunity of an education for its children; without healthcare or clean water, and no recourse for change. However, since 1993, many changes have renewed hope in Yetebon. Evident to that change, in part, is seeing some of our graduated students serving their community via our school, our office, and in our hospital. My friend...it is a dream I had only hoped I would live long enough to see. ~ *God is good!*



Area child working to help family income by gathering corn husks.

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Volunteers Making A Difference!

BE ONE PART OF THE STORY

Tutoring
students



Volunteer teacher assisting
students with eye testing

Providing
medical help



Taye Babeker wins the Oslo Marathon in Norway!



Taye Babeker, who attended Medhane-Alem school in Yetebon from 1st - 10th grades, won first place in the Oslo Marathon in Norway on September 20, 2014. Competing against world class runners in the 26.2 mile race, Taye's finishing time was 2:21:28 - a record time for this course!

Taye shares his purpose for running, "I run to honor God, to help my family and other young people."

Project Mercy is very proud of one of our own.
Congratulations Taye!!!

With the **holidays** just around the corner, your dollars spent on gifts could also benefit Project Mercy without spending anything additional!

Here's how, *THEN tell your friends:*

Give Back America - your store choice will make a donation to Project Mercy based on your purchase.

<http://www.givebackamerica.com/charity.php?b=431>

Amazon Smiles - Go to smile.amazon.com and select Project Mercy Inc as your supporting organization. Then, .5 % of your purchases will be given to Project Mercy!

Donation to Project Mercy as a gift to your loved one!

Purchase of items from PM's store: Baskets, bracelets, embroidered items, or *Sheltered by the King* book! Your purchase will be a great blessing to many.



Christmas Is Coming!



Read how one young woman is inspired to **impact** lives in Ethiopia!



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Caraghan Selfridge, a junior in high school in San Francisco, CA wrote to Project Mercy asking how she might help and also inspire others to get involved with the work Project Mercy is doing in parts of Ethiopia. She gave PM permission to share her request with our readers:

“At my school, we are encouraged to take leadership and start a club that benefits various organizations. I read online about “Hope Bracelets” and Project Mercy and became extremely interested in getting others to help. I would like to set up a club of about 20 members that would benefit Project Mercy through bake sales, sending supplies and creating awareness. Your thoughts would be much appreciated with any ideas on how I can get my school involved with this powerful organization.”

Would you like to join Caraghan’s efforts in raising awareness and funds to help Project Mercy? Maybe you have some additional ideas - email us at pminfo@projectmercy.org.



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