



**Hope for Rural Children  
and Orphans (HORCO)**

**Our Mission: to ensure sustainable improvement  
in the quality of life of marginalized people,  
particularly among women and children in Ethiopia**

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## Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2017

HORCO's work with our Ethiopian Partner, the Kale Heywet Church Development Commission (EKHCDC), has come to a halt this month, as the rainy season begins and roads soon become impassable in the Gimbichu District. Work with the Menjigso Gora Villages (population ~1,500 people) has gone well and is ahead of schedule. Our 2-year project is mostly complete with 6 water points throughout the villages plus water points at a near-by school and a regional health centre. The school (serving 500 students) also has new pit latrines and hand-washing facilities. A 27,000 L reservoir will be filled by pumping water from a well located in the valley below the villages. Water from the reservoir will flow by gravitation through >7 km of pipeline to the water points.

Most of the people have participated in training sessions for sanitation and personal hygiene, and nearly all homes have constructed sanitary pit latrines. A team of 14 people has been established to monitor and encourage use of sanitary procedures. Similarly, 24 people have been trained for the Water Committee, which will oversee use and maintenance of the facility, including setting up user fees for purchasing fuel for the pump's generator. Some final work will be completed after the rainy season in the fall, before there is a final inspection by Government Officials, and the system is handed over to the Community.



**The Menjigso Gora Villages have become the latest beneficiaries of the generosity of HORCO donors, which has empowered 25,000 people in Gimbichu to develop clean water and sanitation in the last 8 years! The average cost per person was \$13, or about \$80 per family. THANK YOU!**

**Mark your calendar now: HORCO's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund-raising Dinner will be held Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
*Venue: Canadian Greek Community on Sarnia Rd, London*  
*Featuring: Canadian buffet with Ethiopian side-dishes, Denise Pelley and Steven Holowitz, Guests from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and updates on HORCO's ongoing work.*