

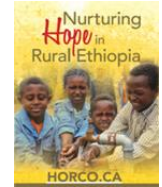
Nuturing *Hope* in Rural Ethiopia

... through clean water and sanitation

Summer Newsletter



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An update from *Hope for Rural Children and Orphans* because we value your support and want to keep you informed ...

It's always good to hear from those who benefit from the generosity of HORCO Donors and the excellent work of our Ethiopian Partner, the Kale Heywet Church Development Commission. Below are some comments given during interviews we had with two community leaders in the Riqete Village. Hope you enjoy and are informed by the Newsletter. We'd love to hear from you. [Bob Kline](#) for the HORCO Team.



"For three decades, three Governments passed and times were hard. Everyone had forgotten us and our lack of water. We had a bad situation during that time, and several times thought of moving our family to another area. But this is our family's historical place and we have stayed. Now, with water in our village we get easy access to clean water. Today you came to our village and it is a great day for our community and our nation. It is a great privilege for us to see you – it is like a new day for us. Our children and grandchildren have clean water and clean clothes. We say 'thank you' to you and to HORCO and to your donors."



"At our old age [I can't believe] we get this kind of opportunity! Before we have a big problem finding water. We traveled 3-4 hours to wash our clothes and carry 20 L jugs to get drinking water. At this time we get water from our front yard! We wash in our home – we are healthy and very happy. This is a big change in our lifetime. We are experiencing new life – for our families everything is changed. We say 'thank you'".

(Note: Ms. Sisaye was a bit upset that she did not know we were coming to visit her village. She said we could have phoned, because she has a cell phone!)

2015 Work in Ethiopia

The Kale Heywet Church is working in the Gimbichu District with the Village of Jejiga this year, estimated population of 1,500 people. So far, the community has completed work on spring protection, built a reservoir and dug a portion of the 3 km ditch for laying the water pipe. Three water distribution points will be built in the general area of the community. The goal according to UN and Ethiopian Government guidelines is to have clean water sources no more than 1.5 km distance from homes. (It's still a long walk!) The rainy season has started now so work has been stopped until late September or early October, as "roads" are impassable in this area during the summer months. Education in sanitation and personal hygiene is taught to children and families by Kale Heywet Church Social Workers and followed up periodically by Government Health Extension Workers. (Photos on reverse side.)



Progress in Sanitation - excerpts from *The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) Newsletter*

Geneva, 2 June 2015 – A new report shows that the **Global Sanitation Fund (GSF)** has supported governments and hundreds of their national partners in 13 countries, stretching from Cambodia to Senegal, to enable 7 million people in more than 20,500 communities to end open defecation in 2013 and 2014 ([link to report](#)).

- 2.5 billion people, or 40% of the global population still lack access to decent sanitation. Of those, more than a billion defecate in the open. Diarrheal disease, largely caused by poor sanitation and hygiene, is a leading cause of malnutrition, stunting and child mortality, claiming nearly 600,000 under-5 lives every year. Inadequate facilities also affect education and economic productivity and impact the dignity and personal safety of women and girls
- **Report Stats for Ethiopia.** Total population: 91.7 million; access to improved sanitation: Urban: 27%, Rural: 23%; total % population using open defecation: 37%; under-5 mortality rate: 68/1,000; % of under-5 deaths caused by diarrhea: 10%; GDP per capita US\$ 455 (\$1.25 per day).

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HELP ETHIOPIANS HELP THEMSELVES
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HORCO Updates

The **HORCO Board of Directors** will be meeting this month for their **10th Annual General Meeting**. The 2014 Annual Report of Activities and Finances will be available at www.horco.ca next month. You can also check HORCO's annual reports of finances at the [CRA charity listings](#) website. There you will find "pie charts" of expenses for admin, fund-raising and charitable work, plus other info about charities' finances. We encourage you to do this for HORCO and other charities you may be supporting. Thank you.

Preparations for the **Annual Ethiopian Dinner Fund-raiser** are underway. The dinner will be held on Saturday evening, **November 7th**, at Oakridge Presbyterian Church, Oxford Street West. Featured entertainment will be the **London Amabile Boys Training Choir**. Mark your calendars and devices - more details to follow in the Fall. Invite some friends to join you for an evening out with a purpose.

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