

Quarterly Donations Increasing

It was agreed at the recent management meeting that the regular quarterly donations should rise from \$70 to \$75 from September 2022. This will be the first increase for over ten years and 100% of the increase will be sent to the sponsored children or project.

Any sponsor already paying \$75, or more, for an individual sponsorship will not be affected. If sponsors do not wish to pay the increase then they just need to contact us by email or phone and we will retain their sponsorship at \$70 per quarter.

There will be no increase in admin fees. The current administration fee of \$11 meets the present needs of managing the administration of the World Families office expenses, due in large part to the cost saving efforts of Kerry and Robyn. We plan on reviewing the quarterly donations in two years time.

Dembidollo ~ Ethiopia **My name is Chala Assefa Tasisa I am 24 years old.**

My Dear Sponsor

I would like to thank you for all what you have done for me, especially for the continues support during my education. I am very grateful to you, without your support it would have been impossible to complete my education, I am really appreciated my sponsor for the great help from the beginning of grade 7 up to university level and pedagogy course it is 13yrs. You have been at my side all this years like a guardian angel to encourage me to go on my study which I am today. Now I graduated at Gondar University in teaching for three years. As you know your hard work has seen by my, successes. Now I am teaching in Chanka town am happy am thinking to do my masters God willing next year I have to pay for my intuition besides I will need a laptop to be able to follow and do research effectively I ask for your prayers and support as life is so expensive to cope by my self. Next to you I thank Sister Alganesh Assefa who always helped me during my study time. May the good Lord bless her. I have no words to say except to thanking you again and again. May God bless you abundantly.

I really do believe with all my heart and soul that everyone should have a family like you. One day if God say I will meet you.

Thank you so much. Best wishes, Chala Assefa Tasisa

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Changing Lives and Giving Hope

Dembidollo ~ Ethiopia



During a period where the internet was recently on, the Sisters at Dembidollo sent through a batch of photos and a splattering of information. Ayane's photo was amongst those and is here.

Below: are twins,
Megresa and Megresa



Ayane has now been sponsored for an extended period of time, which has supported her all the way through her schooling. This support has meant she was afforded an education, something many girls do not have the opportunity to undertake. It has also kept her safe from early marriage and the complications that come with early pregnancies. The support has been an enormous comfort to the family and whilst communications have been strained with the political environment the last few years, having a child sponsored has provided a safety net for her and the benefit extends to the family.

It is now time for her to transition from the program and to become independent. Sponsorship has meant she has had an education and she gone beyond the possibilities open to her before sponsorship. The next sponsorship period will be the last for Ayane.



The Sisters report that "They are 9 years old and promoted to 4th grade. They are growing fast and they are sweet kids. There are 7 in the family and the boys have 3 sisters and 2 other brothers, it is a big family with nothing to support the family."

Whilst drought and inflation are both enormous pressures on this rural community at the moment, sponsorship helps to keep the children attending school and with access to medical care with the Sisters checking on them.

In coming newsletters, other children will be featured; some starting their sponsorship journey and others who have completed their adventure and are now ready to embark on living an independent life, filled with hope for the future, with a gift that can never be taken away; an education.

Jimma, Ethiopia

Letter recently received from Sr Tsege, as it was written

"The situation in our country is not good, 1st because of the Covid 19 pandemic the Leper couldn't find daily work and always they are at home, the war and conflict then the inflation is four times higher , so the elderly of the Lepers are dying and to see them suffering from lack of food it is suffering for me.

We struggle our best but we couldn't manage much to reach for all they need. We hope God will provide us some food as we are depending on Gods providence.

I would like to express with gratitude your generosity to the poorest of poor children and family. Thank you for what you are doing for Ethiopia especially for Jimma"

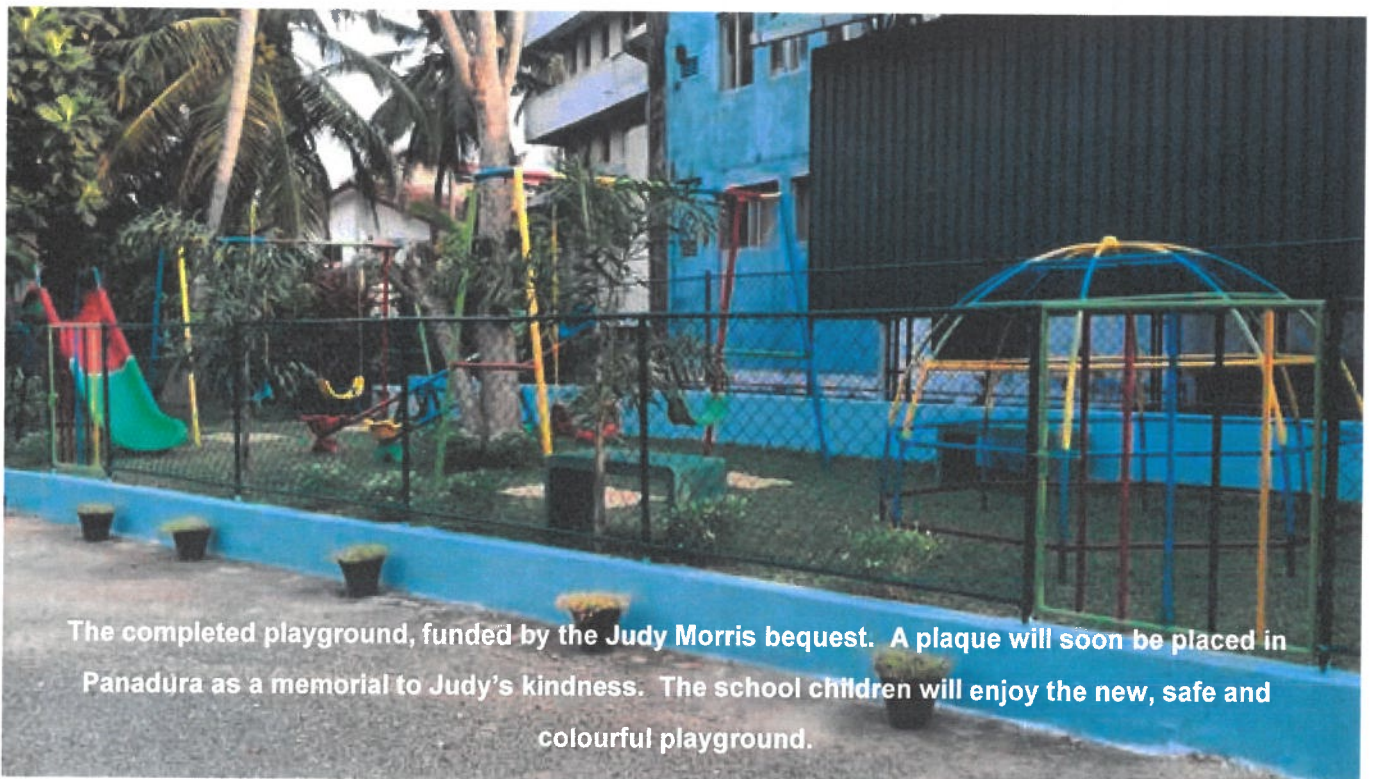
I know a lot of our Sponsors are from NSW and Queensland and totally understand that you too are in need, so I turn to the rest of Australia. If it is at all possible to add a little extra to your next quarterly payment. Most children who are sponsored in Jimma are from the Leprosy community and are in desperate need.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me

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Panadura ~ Sri Lanka

Judy Morris Memorial Kindergarten



The completed playground, funded by the Judy Morris bequest. A plaque will soon be placed in Panadura as a memorial to Judy's kindness. The school children will enjoy the new, safe and colourful playground.



Sandi, Tamru & Christine

T A M R U



Sheila & Tamru

Tamru was a young boy about 10 years old provided with food, education and accommodation in 2009 through the WFA Lalibela project for destitute children. He was very unwell when he joined the project and when improved nutrition did not improve his health, it was clear something serious was wrong. He had advanced rheumatic heart disease and needed urgent surgery to save his life. Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is a cardiac charity in Israel which had provided surgery for young Sada, a girl in the WFA Jimma project who I met in 2003, some years before. At that time Ethiopia did not have the capacity to provide heart surgery for children, although in recent years Dr Yayu is providing heart surgery in Addis. Dr Yayu was trained by SACH and also spent some years working in Australia and WFA played a small part through facilitating donations to contribute to his training.

I reached out to see if they could help Tamru. However, as he lived away from Jimma or Addis, where SACH had projects with local hospitals, they explained we needed to raise \$10,000 for his surgery. There were additional complications with his severe state of health as well as no one knowing where his family were. His family had travelled to Lalibela during a famine and for some reason he was left there when they returned home.

His mother was overwhelmed to hear he was alive. We then travelled to Israel, meeting Sheila and Yosi who were involved with SACH and played a vital role in advocating for him to be accepted for surgery and

giving him lots of love while he was in Israel. Christine and I escorted Tamru back to Ethiopia, where he was taken in by Yarod, a young man who also had life-saving heart surgery through SACH many years before. Tamru continues to live with Yarod, an inspirational person running a school for underprivileged children in Addis. About 10 months later my daughter Lexi, Sheila, Yosi and I travelled to Ethiopia together and took Tamru back to visit Lalibela and to find his family in Meskele Kristos. This was an unforgettable trip with emotional reunions, and one which we repeated several times on trips to Ethiopia as Tamru was not able to live in Meskele Kristos with his health needs. Tamru, now a young man has just successfully graduated in computer science.



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Testimony Faith Homes ~ Kenya

Here are a few PAST photos to share as a memory and tribute.

Here is the Testimony House Family as it was in 2007 or so, with Hesketh and Alice Muli, on extreme middle left and right. Currently they are House-parents in Drakely Cottage with a new family group. Most of those in this photo have grown up and moved away from us, residentially as they seek to make their own way, and start a family of their own. They have all flown the nest, but the nest is still there, and many come back just to see and gain assurance that they **did have a home, and belong to the family they found here.**



Below is a glimpse of just a 'part' of the great gathering of more than 300 old boys and girls (many with their wives/ husbands and children) who came to visit their 'home and family'. And they still come in their ones and twos, often with their family, to visit and make sure their old home is still where they left it.



Esther and I feel very privileged to still be here to see things continuing, and progressing. Ester & John Green, Testimony Faith Homes

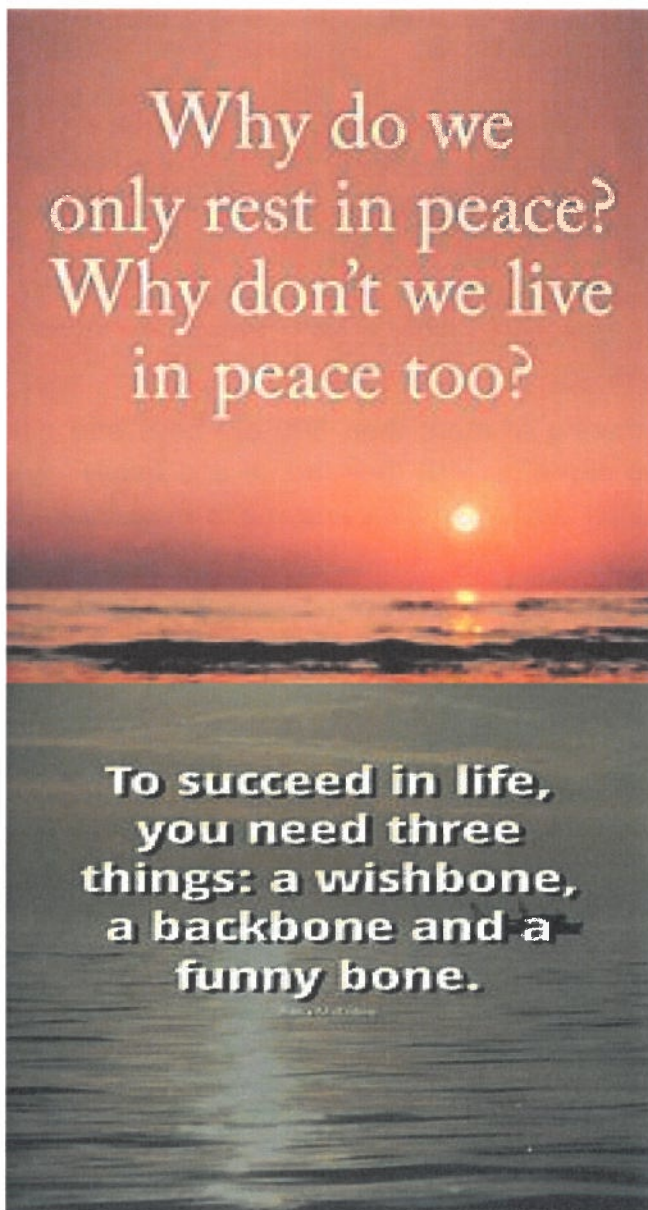


Speakers are available to tell groups about the work of W.F.A.

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