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IMPACTING CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES



Important!!!

Increase In Donations

As we advised in our previous newsletter, regular donations will increase in this September quarter from \$70 to \$75.

For those of you who pay via internet banking and have an on-going schedule set up please don't forget to change it!

For those sponsors who pay via direct debit (ie we deduct payment from your bank account each quarter) this will be done automatically from our end and no action is required.

This will be the first increase in over ten years and 100% of the increase will be sent to the sponsored child or project.

If you do not wish to pay the increase please contact me on KerryWalker@worldfamilies.org.au or 8258 7909

Connectivity With the Office

Dear Donors,

You may have attempted to contact us over the past few weeks either by phone or email and been frustrated by not being able to speak to us by phone or connect via email.

Our sincere apologies for this, however it has been beyond our control. Not being completely competent in understanding how the internet functions and believing it must be "operator error", it took a few days to realize the problem was not in this office but in the external cable connections. To undertake rectification to secure our phone line and the internet has now been a three-week saga with our internet provider, Telstra.

It was identified that an "outage" had occurred, meaning there was a break in the line and a construction arm of Telstra would need to deal with it; they would schedule the work. This was a quote from Telstra on Tuesday 12th July. On the 19th of July the phone and internet still had not been repaired and the office was informed the work was scheduled for Thursday this week, however Telstra would not guarantee the work would be completed as at times new priorities may emerge.

The past three weeks have been extraordinarily frustrating for the people in our office as most are volunteers who then turn around and go home again as there is no work that can be undertaken. Hopefully reconnection is not far away. Thank you for your patience. Bert Michels Office Manager

Mission Uplift ~ Indonesia

The 2021 year finished on a high note with great Christmas celebrations and gifts for all. Since then of course the children of school age are all back at their computers, still being home schooled.

The staff make sure they also have plenty of outdoor activities; ball games, competitions and self-sustaining projects such as building a shade house, establishing a fish farm and learning to create and maintain a large vegetable garden. All ages are involved under the expert supervision of Femi's husband Manahat. All fresh produce is used at the orphanage's kitchen with great pride and appreciation.

Overall, everyone is doing well at Bukit Karmel providing such a loving family environment. Thank you again sponsors; your help makes all the difference!



Dembidollo ~ Ethiopia

Continuing information on the success of some of our sponsored children, now adults.

Bedane: From small boy to grown man and ready to face a brighter future



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

You may recall Bedane is one of eight children, and large families in Ethiopia find it very difficult to provide education opportunities to all of the children who survive to school age. Your support has enabled Bedane to take advantage of opportunities he would have otherwise not had. He is healthy and able to work in his rural community. Inflation and drought are having a considerable impact on life in Ethiopia so his health and education provide some resilience and opportunity to come through difficult times better than those who have not had access to the same support.

It is now time for Bedane to transition from the program and to become independent. The next sponsorship period will be the last for Bedane. We sincerely thank his sponsor for continuing support over such a long period of time. On behalf of the Daughters of Charity, Bedane and WFA, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our faithful sponsors.

Thank you for helping Sena develop from this little girl into this young woman.



The support give to Sena has given her opportunities she would have otherwise not had. Her access to medical care and education has meant her trajectory has been more positive than it would have been without sponsorship. She has been able to avoid early marriage and pregnancy, expected of girls without education and she has an opportunity to gain employment. Inflation and drought have had a considerable impact on life in Ethiopia so her health and education provide some resilience and opportunity to come through difficult times better than those who have not had access to the same support.

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WFA Bonga, Ethiopia Sponsorship news



Congratulations to the Bonga students who have graduated over the past few months. This includes those who achieved the necessary national exam benchmarks in grade 8, grade 10 and grade 12 to continue in their studies.

There are a few students who have completed university degrees/college degrees including Tamirat, (above R) who has completed a 4 year degree in Health Science at Addis Abeba (capital city of Ethiopia), and Messay, (above L) who graduated in banking and finance.

It is a real credit to these young people's determination and effort in completing this level of education when coming from rural poor areas, as well as to their sponsors who supported them throughout many years of schooling.



Jenny Minck Retires

Jenny Minck has spent many years as our volunteer Project Officer to India and has reluctantly tendered her resignation due to health issues. On behalf of World Families may I express our gratitude for the support you have provided to the Indian projects over the years and particularly Minjar. Your email expresses a thoroughness in the manner you have looked after Minjar and how it might continue in the future. World Families thanks Jenny for her caring commitment to the communities and children of Minjar and Chennai. Jenny worked to give students in Minjar better access to computer technology within their schools and also advocated for the community when devastating floods ravaged Minjar.

Until a new volunteer Project Officer is found for India, the office will manage the administration of Minjar. If you would like to explore the duties and responsibilities of becoming a Project Officer, please ring us at the office and we will be happy to have a discussion with you.



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

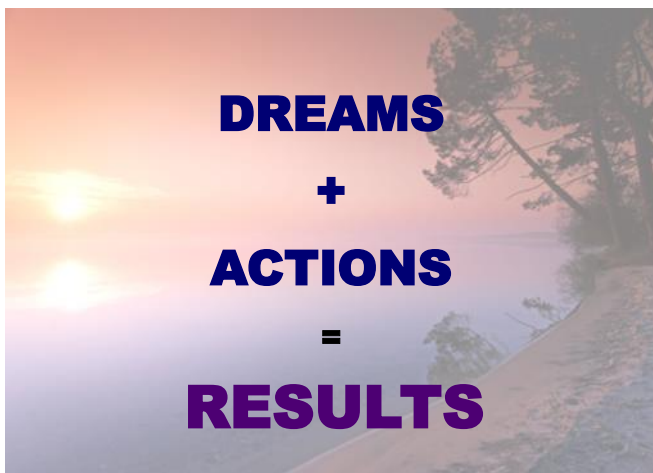
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LAST DAY FOR YOUR GIFT THIS QUARTER

1st December 2022

Please Note

Any articles for the next newsletter should reach the office by 31st October 2022



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