

Testimony Faith Homes Eldoret, Kenya



These four photographs show the initial exploration for bore water. This project was funded by the Judy Morris bequest and kick started a much-needed facility for Testimony Faith Homes, Eldoret, Kenya. Water supply in the town is very irregular, a situation exacerbated by the changes in annual rainfall rates and frequency. With 130 young people reliant on water coming into Testimony for their food and hygiene, this commodity is critical to the health and wellbeing of the families. There was great rejoicing when the exploration drill hit water! Since then additional funds have assisted with the establishment of the piping system, tanks and pumps which are operated by solar power. As John Green, founder for Testimony faith Homes wrote in a recent newsletter **“LASTLY a BORE HOLE for water has discovered safe drinking water, and enough to eliminate our eternal dependency on other supplies that have been SO expensive and at times very unreliable.”**

Ongoing support will be needed to see the project reach its full potential but the team at Testimony are well on their way to enjoying a more steady and reliable water supply thanks to the generosity of the Judy Morris bequest, and support from folk who continue to love, encourage and support the family at Testimony Faith Homes.





I saw this great photo of Kedouse on his Facebook page and asked if he would mind if I shared his profile pic and this cheeky and gorgeous photo of him and his kids - it had obviously been a long day at work! Like myself, when you are a sponsor you hear the names Sr Tsege and Kedouse many times in communications to you, I personally love to see the face behind the name so thought you might like to at least "virtually" meet Kedouse.

Kedouse is the Social Worker employed by the Daughters of Charity in Jimma. Kedouse and his family have had a very long involvement with the leprosy community in Jimma. Kedouse works hard and is for us Project Officers, with programs in Jimma, our "go to" when we are needing further information. I just love the power of the internet and how we can so quickly communicate with each other (well, at least when it is working!). I even managed a Messenger video chat with Kedouse and Sr Tsege some time ago - perfect timing with our world clock difference and they were both obviously in the office together.

I will endeavor to put on a reporter's hat when I'm in Ethiopia next year and do a small interview with both Kedouse and Sr Tsege if they are willing. I'm sure, like myself, you would love to know more about the people on the ground working with all of our sponsored Children. In the meantime, I hope this brings a smile to your day.

Michelle Nerthery, Ethiopian Project Officer

This article was received in the office a few months ago, so while not the latest news, it does illustrate our diligent workers who deliver such caring assistance. Ed:

Sri Lankan Project Officer

World Families Australia is in need of a Project Officer to take care of the Sri Lankan Project. It involves staying in touch with the Sisters who manage our project, on the ground in Sri Lanka. This commitment would involve no more than 5 hours per month, to maintain a communication link between the donors and the project. This can be achieved through emails or postal mail. Costs borne by World Families. Without a Project Officer it will become necessary to close the program,

Contacting World Families

WFA was recently 'phished', with hackers trying to extort money from our Project Officers. This did not occur and we have taken steps to prevent this happening again. We will no longer have personal contact details on the Web page or in the newsletter. We will replace all personal email addresses with our generic address:- office@worldfamilies.org.au. This will enable WFA to screen the emails before forwarding them to the correct Project Officer.

Update on Housing Progress for Almaz and Her Family **Bonga, Ethiopia**

Thanks to all who have donated towards the house being built for Almaz and her family. Substantial progress has been made and I am delighted to share the photos of the housing progress and of Tariku with his new wheelchair. Our project coordinator in Bonga, Ermias, coordinated/supervised the purchasing of the building materials and of the building, and organized the wheelchair, delivering it to Tamiru and teaching him how to use it. He has also negotiated with the local school and I am so delighted to share that now Idiam is in school, as the school was initially refusing a mid-year enrolment, meaning she wouldn't start till September.

I am very humbled and appreciative to have Ermias's involvement. Amongst everything he is doing, his dear Dad passed away in February and in April he was in hospital with malaria (if you are admitted to hospital in rural Ethiopia, you are usually extremely sick). Yet he continues to help his people wherever he can and he is much loved for his kindness and commitment to helping others. Almaz and Tariku made their way to Bonga to share their condolences after hearing of his Dad's passing. This is also very precious, as Tariku did not yet have his wheelchair, so made his way over many hours walking on his hands to give their condolences.

For those who are not familiar with Almaz's story, I met this young and very vulnerable Mum in November 2018 with her 3 oldest children (Idiam who is now about 8-9 yrs, Melaku now 5-6 yrs, and Sintayehu now 3-4 yrs) in Bonga in November 2018. I provided donated clothing for the children and soon found a sponsor for the family, yet their situation of insecure housing continued. They shared a rental with another young single mother for a time, but COVID led to homelessness again. Almaz re-partnered in 2021 with Tariku, a young man who is crippled (probably from polio) and walks on his hands. Together they have built a life, and have a new baby named Tadele who is about 11-12 months old.

I believe recent donations will bring us very close to the amount needed to complete this home. However, if you do want to support this and other destitute families with housing, you are welcome to donate toward the Bonga Housing Project. Any funds not needed to complete this home will be held over for the next family.

Donations can be made by:

Send a cheque made out to World Families Australia and post to 50 Fern Grove Boulevard, Salisbury East, SA 5109 (**please note new mailing address**) with a note attached saying it is for **Bonga Housing (DOB-H)** with your NAME and ADDRESS to get a receipt as donations/sponsorships are tax deductible.

Or by internet transfer with the details **Bonga Housing (DOB-H)**. If paying by internet you must put your name and at the same time EMAIL the WFA office KerryWalker@worldfamilies.org.au with your postal address for a receipt for the donation.

World Families Australia sponsorship account

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BSB No. 065-149

A/c No. 10342470

Bank: CBA Bank

Kind Regards, Sandi



Bringing Communities Together Through Sport: Soccer Pitch - Bonga, Ethiopia

Children, young people and adults don't have access to a soccer pitch in Bonga, Ethiopia. Currently the community gathers to play on rocky fields and in the streets, which is unsafe and does not allow them to develop their skills.

The implementation of sports programs and having sporting facilities for young people provides them with the opportunity to learn teamwork, promotes health improvement and offers them equal opportunities to participate in sport.

With the support and generosity of sponsors, the Judy Morris Bequest and in consultation with the local community, work on the soccer pitch has begun at the Bonga Barta School. Although the most suitable site was identified as being on school grounds, the pitch will be accessible to the whole community.

There have been challenges along the way when COVID-19 put the soccer pitch on hold, the increase in costs for building materials and the weather. We are delighted to see progress and to be able to share some photos.

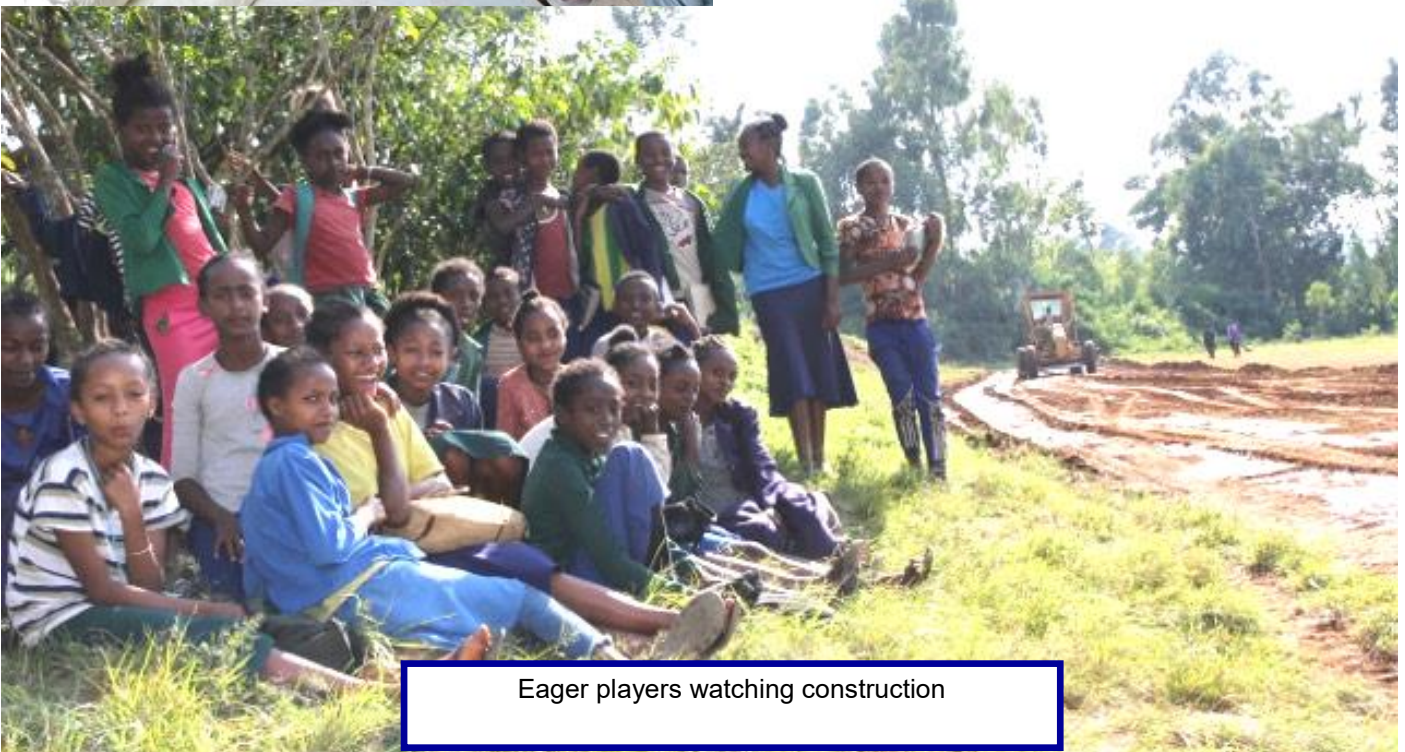
If you would like further information or would like to make a donation to help complete the soccer pitch, please do not hesitate to contact: Emma Lewis Project Officer for World Families Australia, Ethiopia



Head Master of Bonga Barta School checking delivery



Community workers



Eager players watching construction



Save A Child's Heart ~ Israel



Dear Ms. WFA Project Officer,

My name is Anteneh Tesfaye, the father of **Evana**. I am writing this email today to thank you for everything you have done for my daughter's medical treatment. There are no words that can express my heartfelt gratitude for the immense kindness and support you have shown to my family. When my little daughter required cardiac surgery, I was overwhelmed with fear and uncertainty. But my beloved & true friend (**Gizachew**) and **your** extraordinary efforts to secure free medical treatment for her have not only eased our financial burden but also given us hope in such a difficult time.

I truly believe that your generosity and willingness to help others is a gift that few possess. That there are still people in this world who choose to lead Goodness with their hearts, and you are undoubtedly one of them.

FYI My daughter is now has made a wonderful recovery. She's back to her energetic self, with her mood, appetite, and sleep patterns back to normal, and **it is all thanks to GOD, you, Save A Child's Heart, Israel, and my brother (Gizachew)**. I don't know, but maybe, one day, I hope that we can repay you for your kindness, but for now, please accept my sincere thanks. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!!!!

Warm regards, Anteneh

Below is the reply we received from Anteneh after we requested his permission to use Evana's story and photo in the September Impact. Anteneh graciously agreed that we could share their story. We thank them and send our love.

Dear Ms. WFA Project Officer,

I hope you are safe and well, Thank you for reaching out and considering sharing my email and the photo of my daughter with the WFA donors in your newsletter. I'm glad that my email touched you, and I appreciate your efforts to promote the wonderful work of **SACH** and highlight the impact of compassion.

After careful consideration, I am more than happy for you to share my email and the photo of my daughter with the WFA donors in your newsletter. I believe it can inspire others and raise awareness about the positive changes that can be made through caring actions.

Please feel free to include my name along with the email and photo. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy cause. If there are any specific details or restrictions you need to adhere to, please let me know, and I'll be glad to provide the necessary information.

Thank you once again for your kind request. I look forward to seeing the impact of sharing our story and hope it encourages others to support SACH and their incredible work.

WFA wanted to share this beautiful email and wonderful outcome for a little girl – WFA did nothing but advocate to SACH and cardiac services in Addis, and provide guidance to how they could access help, no WFA funds were provided or needed (as SACH has a program in Addis for children) but sometimes that is all that is needed to change the life for a little human and her family.

It is outcomes like this that make it all worthwhile.

This shows the importance of the contacts WFA develops and taking the time to respond to those not in our program areas to link them to supports. This family found contact details through the WFA website.



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

Please contact us through the office: (08) 8258 7909

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1st September 2023

Please Note

Any articles for the next newsletter should reach the office by 18th October 2023

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