

World Families Australia is seeking more Sponsors Please Spread the Word

In our March newsletter we presented an excerpt from our constitution which showed an overview of the background of World Families, World Families Mission Statement and World Families Objectives. The Following sets out the structure of World Families and how World Families can be supported.

Structure of WFA

World Families Australia is an incorporated body with taxation deductibility status with the Australian Taxation Office, hence donations receive tax deductibility status.

One committee runs WFA and this committee is run almost entirely by Voluntary Project Officers and a very small Administration Support, keeping Administration costs to a minimum which means more money going to the Organisations being supported.

The Management Committee of WFA is responsible for overseeing the organisation and meets bi-monthly. **WFA relies almost entirely on word of mouth for Donations. Any support by spreading our news and this Newsletter is always appreciated.**

Currently quarterly administration fees are \$11 per sponsorship. Admin fees for One off donations are 15% up to \$2000, and a flat \$300 for donations \$2001 – \$10,000, \$500 for \$10001 – \$20,000 and \$750 over \$20,000.

The World Families office is run by a small group of dedicated Volunteers and 2 paid part time staff working a total of six hours per week and is generally manned on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings. (Please call 08 8258 7909 if intending to visit) It is located at: 50 Fern Grove Boulevard, Salisbury East SA 5109. To contact the office via email: office@worldfamilies.org.au.

Ways You Can Support World Families

Donations are always welcome and can be made online at www.worldfamilies.org.au - Go to the Donate button at the bottom of the home page to Donate to a project. If you wish to support individual Child Sponsorship or for enquiries about sponsoring, contact the Project Officer connected to the Project you wish to donate to or are enquiring about, or the Finance Officer (details of Project Officers and Finance Officers can be found on the last page of this newsletter)

The following methods of payment are available.

- Bank Transfer (doesn't attract additional fees)

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- Direct Debit (one off, Annually or can be paid quarterly and doesn't attract additional fees)
- Cash (doesn't attract additional fees)
- Cheques (doesn't attract additional fees)
- via Paypal (These donations incur additional fees resulting in a reduction of the amount of funds going to your preferred project)

Bonga Community Childhood Health Screening Project



WFA has been partnering with Bonga General Hospital in south-western Ethiopia over the past 18 months. The small regional hospital, 467 kilometres from Addis Ababa, serves over 2 million people and is the only general hospital in the region. One of the projects with the hospital is to fund a school health screening project. Children in poor and rural families rarely see a health professional so preventable or treatable conditions are often not picked up and treated, at times leading to serious conditions and disabilities. Those who have been supporting WFA will no doubt remember the stories of many of the children assisted for heart conditions, blindness and other disabilities that could have been avoided if treated early on. Early intervention helps many have a quality of life with a far more effective spending per person.

A third childhood health screening program occurred in late 2024, thanks to the generosity of WFA donors. Around 460 students between reception and grade 7 were seen on this last screening, with 190 receiving treatment during the clinic (including provision of medication for ongoing use at home) and 15 that require further medical treatment. The most common issues treated this screening were ear infections, fungal conditions and scabies. As with the past two school clinics, many children were diagnosed with ear, eye and skin infections which they treat at the clinic. Where more intensive assessment or treatment is needed they are referred into Bonga Hospital. Health workers speak with the parents to educate and ensure follow up and care.

There were very positive outcomes noted for those children seen in the first and second screening who were being treated for various conditions.

Ato Fikremariam reports that there is an increasing interest among students and families in health check-ups and monitoring, and that "All treated students have made a full recovery after completing the prescribed course of treatment. The students, their families, and the school staff, including teachers and administrators, are all extremely pleased with the care provided. We also express our sincere gratitude to WFA for their generous support in covering all associated expenses".



We welcome donations of any amount or ongoing sponsorship to this project to help us continue. If you would like to donate to the Inpatient and Community Health Screening project:

Note your donation as Bonga Medical – Bonga hospital (MOP-BH). If you would like to specifically donate for medical EQUIPMENT for the hospital, please use the details Bonga Medical Equipment (MOP-E).

Please email Sandi@worldfamilies.org.au or phone the WFA office on 8258 7909 if you would like to sponsor the Ethiopian medical programs (regular quarterly payments).

Bonga Rural Update

The Bonga Rural (BOR) child sponsorships have continued, with students who attend school, University or College. Many of the sponsored children are from large families, therefore all the children in those families attend school and their communities continue to benefit from the development projects. Medical assistance is provided where necessary.

Some of the sponsorship money continues to be pooled to use in agriculture, fish farming and the bee projects, to benefit the local community with food, income generating projects, employment and to educate the community in relation to growing their own produce.

Coffee Plantation

In 2024 the agriculture cooperative had success with their coffee plantation after planting thirty thousand coffee seeds.



Planting Coffee Seeds



Coffee Seedlings

Grinding Mill

Recently WFA funded a Grinding Mill located in the Abera Beqo Guta Qofra area in Ethiopia. Photos show the inside and outside of the Grinding Mill. The Grinding Mill was funded by The Judy Morris Bequest. Women travel a great distance, carrying grain at their risk, to be milled. Having a local mill has greatly benefited the community, by becoming an income-generating project, while also creating food for children in the local school.



Grinding Mill



Mill Grinder

Fish Farming

Repairs to the fish enclosures have now been completed and fish have been returned to provide nutrition to the most vulnerable people in this community (the elderly widows and people with HIV) and they are sold at the markets to generate an income to put back into this project.

Agriculture

The Agriculture cooperative has faced some challenges due to heavy rain and flooding and unfortunately this has devastated crops. Now that the water has subsided, new crops have been planted again to be sold at the market and proceeds used for income for workers.

Bonga Barta Soccer Pitch



Preparing to Cement Seating & Retaining Wall



Construction of Seating and Retaining Wall

Despite many barriers such as COVID, an increase in material costs, labour shortages, civil unrest and floods, we are able to share some photos of the progress of this project, which is now in its final stages.

Most kids don't have soccer socks, shin guards or boots, therefore injuries such as broken bones are common in Ethiopia, however medical care in Bonga is limited. If you would like to donate to help complete this project or provide shin guards, socks or boots please send an email to office@worldfamilies.org.au attention Emma Lewis.

Without the support of donors and the funding from the Judy Morris bequest, this project would not be possible.



Interested Onlookers watching Construction



Goals and Seating Complete

Young People Needing help in Bonga

We are concerned with inflation and the number of families living in poverty, items like stationary have become out of reach for many, meaning this impacts school attendance as students need a pencil and a lined book to attend school.

Weinitu Woldegebriel

Has epilepsy, high blood pressure, diabetes and is suffering from a kidney infection and is from a very poor family.

Alemayehu Kebede

Lost one of his arms from a tree accident, which happened ten years ago, but is still living with severe pain again, his family are living in poverty.

Please consider sponsoring a child or donating to one of these young people so they can receive treatment.

Donations of any amount for the above projects or to supply children with stationary to attend school will be gratefully received and is tax deductible.

Please refer to page 2 of this Newsletter which sets out the ways that you can pay and advise the office if you wish to support one of the individual children mentioned in this Article Weinitu Woldegebriel or Alemayehu Kebede.

Emma Lewis is the Project Officer for Bonga Rural Projects



Here is an old family favourite from one of our Volunteers who has been serving it up to her family for over 50 years and they still enjoy it – Simple, healthy and delicious served with mashed potato and veg.

Pepper Pot

Ingredients:

1KG (2LB) Stewing Steak
1 Onion, sliced
1 cup red wine
1/2 cup water
1/2cup tomato sauce
2 cloves garlic chopped
1 tablespoon gravox or flour
salt
freshly ground black pepper



Directions:

Lightly fry onion and garlic in a little butter until soft. Meanwhile, chop steak into cubes, add to pan and brown. Add salt, then black pepper, ground over the pan in a pepper mill (a lot if you like it hot) Stir. Add tomato sauce, wine and water. Stir it in then turn heat down to low and cover pan. Simmer for about an hour, checking occasionally to see if liquid has dried up or the meat has stuck. Stir occasionally and if necessary add water to maintain liquid level.

Then add gravox or flour blended with a little water, stirring in quickly. Adjust liquid by adding another half cup of water if necessary. Taste to see if peppery enough and add more if desired. Simmer another 10 minutes on low heat. This recipe works great in a slow cooker or pressure cooker.



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

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

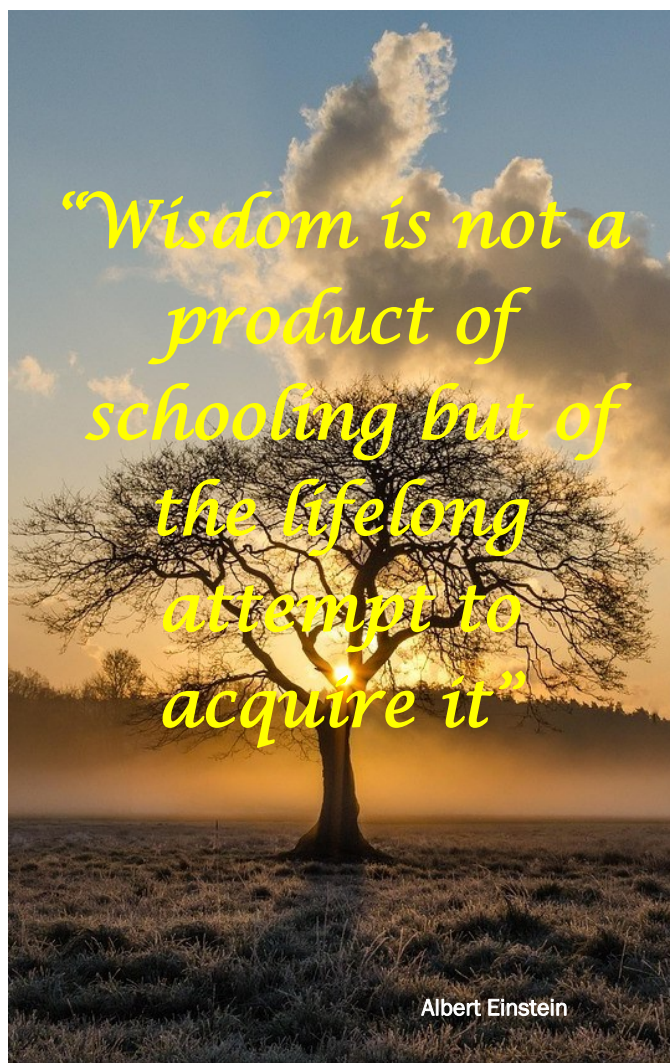
LAST DAY FOR YOUR GIFT THIS QUARTER

1st June 2025

Please Note

Any articles for the next newsletter should reach the office by

28th July 2025



Albert Einstein

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