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A FUTURE DESPITE DISEASE by Sheila L.



I was unsure of what this home visit would bring as I went to this young boy's home. I had heard many things about him and I understood that this boy was in a back brace and he had a degenerative disease called "Disseminated Tuberculosis". I wasn't sure what I would find.

We walked into the home of what I would consider to be a wealthier family here; they have a refrigerator and a TV.

He had surgery again last week to have a surgical plate put in due to his growth. He is missing school as he stays home to recover. The family is very grateful for the doctor that came from Ghana to do the surgery at the American hospital in Addis.

As I talk to this young boy he chooses to speak to me in English, not in his native language of Amharic. His English is very accomplished and I realize how sharp he is. He enjoys reading books, playing computer games and wishes he could run with the other children. His great desire is to discover the cure for Ebola and then go to the sun.

Oholiab is a smart boy, full of potential, with a very bright future. A future beyond his physical struggles. A future beyond his disease. We believe in Oholiab and ask, do you believe in him too?

Would you give this boy his chance at life? Would you be willing to invest in this young man and his schooling? Oholiab is in need of a full sponsorship, which can be one donation of \$90/mo or three donations of \$30/mo. Please share this need with your friends and family and we can get Oholiab sponsored and into the program, receiving support, in no time at all!

We encourage people to connect with their sponsor child (letters, packages, financial gifts or even coming to visit them in Ethiopia) so you will have a personal relationship with Oholiab and his progress. May you be blessed this day!



I walked into the second room and on the bed lay a young boy whose tiny wrist I could wrap my thumb and little finger around 1 1/2 times. My heart sank to the bottom of my chest as I realized that this boy is not very strong and I could snap his arm like a twig. I began to pass immediate judgment on the boy as I quickly scanned him. He is lying on his bed watching TV to pass the time. As I talk with the social worker and his mom I begin to see arrogance in my ways.



His mother's English is very good and she would love to work at the school but instead she chooses to stay home and take care of her young boy who needs her. The dad is working construction but this work is inconsistent. The toll of medical bills has been paid by the family since Oholiab was born. He has had many surgeries to try and correct his problems but nothing seems to work.

HIGHLIGHTS

Join us in this month's edition of the post for an update on the Income Generating Looms Project. We'll also tell you about Oholiab Mulugeta, a child who suffers from a degenerative disease called "Disseminated Tuberculosis" and we'll give you a quick look into our Christmas plans!



TIS' ALMOST THE SEASON!

As the holidays approach, we think of the joyful times we spend with our family and friends... this is a very special time of year. As you turn your thoughts towards this festive season, would you consider helping us bring that same joy to children who are less fortunate?

Last year, through the generous support of our donors, we were able to throw a festive Christmas party for the orphaned and impoverished children in Ethiopia and it was a huge blessing! You can see pictures and read about it on our Wordpress blog here:

www.blessingthechildren.wordpress.com/2014/01/17

We would love to be able to give this wonderful blessing to the children in Ethiopia again this year and our hope for this party is to provide...



Delicious Meal – of traditional Ethiopian foods.

Small Gift – for each child open.

Games – to bring fun and laughter.

Songs – to celebrate the birth of Christ.

A Craft – for the children to make to give as a gift.

The party wouldn't be complete without a play/skit put on by the children for the children.

We can't do this without your help. To host the party we are praying for, it would cost about \$16 per child, with the majority of that to buy the children a gift. We currently have 195 children now in our sponsorship program so to provide this special day for the children we need \$3,120 by Friday, November 28th.

Would you consider giving something extra this holiday season to bring a little joy to the children in a third-world country? You may wish to give \$16 and cover the cost of one child... or perhaps you have been blessed and are willing to support several. Either way, you'll enjoy your Christmas all the more knowing you made a difference in the life of someone who could never repay you.

We invite you to join with us this holiday season to give a special Christmas to the children in Ethiopia.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our special programs need for the children last month! Providing peanut butter, hot lunch and transportation for the children is a great benefit for them and just another way we go above and beyond for our children. Peanut butter and hot lunches at the BCI Academy provide the children with additional nutritional benefits and without the transportation provided by BCI, many children would be unable to attend school, church and other activities. We appreciate each and every donor and we couldn't do what we do, without you!



UPDATE: INCOME GENERATING LOOMS

The income generating loom project is up and running with 19 parents being trained in daily classes.

A professional with many years of experience has been hired in to train the women and their bright smiles tell their story of hope. Their anticipation and eagerness to work and better their lives helps a great deal as they master this new skill. As with learning anything, there are struggles and challenges but with a little encouragement, the women push through and we are excited to see what doors this will open for them.

We are grateful to long term missionaries Brad and Christy for giving a helping hand to this wonderful project.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

KAH Hunger Container

BCI is in urgent need of \$6,800 to repay the money used to release the KAH Hunger container, holding 142,560 meals for children & families.

Need: \$6,800
 Raised: \$2,000 (29%)
 Remaining Need: \$4,800



Children's Christmas Party

BCI would like to make Christmas special for the children by throwing a party with a hot meal, crafts, games and gifts.

Need: \$3,120
 Received: \$0
 Remaining Need: \$3,120



Full \$90/mo Sponsorship

Oholiab Mulugeta was diagnosed with Tuberculosis as an infant and is now handicapped. He is in need of a full sponsorship. Please read his story on our blog:

BlessingtheChildren.WordPress.com

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