



10

ETHIOPIAN
CHURCH
PARTNERS



200

FAMILIES CARED
FOR THROUGH
HBC PROGRAM



139

ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT
MEMBERS



7

INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED
MEDICAL CARE



600

FOOD
BASKETS
DISTRIBUTED

ETHIOPIA NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

This past quarter has been a beautiful one. In September, our US-based Wholistic Care team traveled to Addis to facilitate our annual Training and Retreat for 17 Ethiopian church pastors, their church coordinators, and committee members. Our time together was incredibly joyful and included time in worship, prayer, small group discussion, and an evening bonfire. Pastor Trey Dunham led us in several teachings about the generosity of God and the resulting need for God's people to be generous as we care for the vulnerable in our communities. The two days together were inspiring, refreshing, and encouraging. It's always so sweet when our US staff, Ethiopia staff, and the churches we serve can spend intentional time together. And the joy-filled visit was punctuated with the excitement of the Economic Empowerment graduation!

We are now in our second year of the Local Church Expansion Program, and we are excited to have 7 churches taking up the cause of the fatherless (Isaiah 1:17) and implementing their own versions of the HBC program to serve vulnerable families in their communities. They truly have exhibited generosity to others in response to the generosity of God towards us. Currently, these 7 churches are caring for 15 families through home visits, food baskets, and more. We're grateful they could participate in the Wholistic Care Training and Retreat alongside our 10 World Orphans church partners!

Wholistic Care in Ethiopia

Our Social Worker, Martha Admassu, facilitated a training with the youth in the area of Spiritual Purity and Reproductive Health. These trainings continue to help the teenagers better understand God's view of sexuality as well as the natural process of puberty, menstruation, and the ongoing changes in their bodies. Our hope is that ongoing training will help to avoid confusion and aid the youth in making wise decisions in their ongoing physical development.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN ETHIOPIA

In September, 47 incredibly hardworking caregivers graduated from our Economic Empowerment Program after 4 years of repaying annual loans and developing their small businesses! This is a massive accomplishment, and we are so proud of their success! These caregivers will now exit the HBC program and make way for new families to join. These new families have already participated in a business training and received their first loans. These caregivers are now stepping out in faith to begin their own small businesses, with dreams of becoming financially independent, providing for their children, and graduating in 4 years! Please pray that the Lord blesses the works of their hands and that they would gain not only business experience but also a deeper knowledge of Christ's love for them.

