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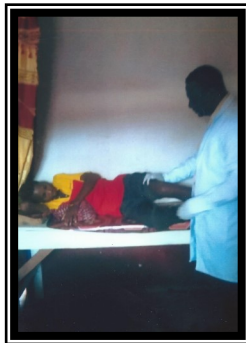
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### TADESSE MENGESHA: MOBILE NURSE

Tadesse Mengesha is a nurse working in the city of Mega, located in southern Ethiopia. Tadesse has a heart not only to meet the physical needs of people, but also to share God's love in the process.

Tadesse came to Mega from the Dilla area to work in the Mega Clinic that was run by the Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. The clinic served the community for several years

and finally had to shut down due to a lack of necessary funds to keep it open and running. Tadesse then decided to open his own clinic and continue serving the medical needs of the community.



At the clinic, Tadesse can provide basic medical care to the residents of Mega. Every day patients come to his clinic seeking medical attention. Some patients are able to afford the fee charged, others are not. No one is turned away.

Tadesse's policy is to provide treatment to every person who comes to the clinic, regardless of their ability to pay for the treatment or any medication provided.

A few years ago, Tadesse expanded his services beyond the clinic. Periodically, he travels to remote villages to see patients who are unable to come into the city for treatment. ----- Tadesse uses these opportunities in the village not only to treat the sick, but also to educate villagers in basic hygiene and healthcare. Most villagers are unable to pay for the treatment

or medication that Tadesse provides, yet

he continues to serve the community in this way because his work is more than just a profession for him. His work is something he has been called to as a believer.



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*Whatever you do,  
work at it with all  
your heart, as  
working for the  
Lord, not for human  
masters.*

**Colossians 3:23**

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Although Tadesse's desire is to continue to serve those in the villages, providing medication has become quite costly. Ten dollars a month would enable Tadesse to provide medical care and necessary medication to one villager. Tadesse is looking for individuals who would be willing to partner with him by committing to give \$10 or more per month to help. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with Tadesse through Hand of Hope to serve the villagers?

**\$10 / month**

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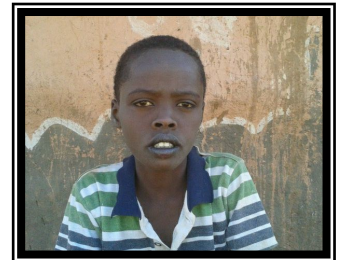
**Treatment & Medicine****For One Villager**

## HOH CHILD SPOTLIGHT — KENYA

**Wario Kosi** is 13 years old and lives near Sololo, Kenya, with his grandmother. Wario's father passed away in 2005. Following his mother's death in 2013 Wario and his younger sister, Sadia, moved in with their grandmother. They live in a village on the Ethiopian-Kenyan border. Wario had dropped out of the Kenyan public school system due to depression and lack of parental encouragement. The owner of a private school in

the area stepped in and awarded Wario a full scholarship to attend Mwangaza Top View Academy.

Dabo Jillo is Wario's grandmother and caretaker. Dabo is from a pastoralist community and raises goats for their livelihood. Dabo depends on government relief food to feed her two grandchildren, but even with this, she struggles to be able to provide enough food.



Wario was accepted into the HOH Children's Program in Kenya in February 2017. Funds provided ensure that not only Wario, but also his sister and grandmother have food to eat. Wario dreams of becoming an engineer one day. Would you consider sponsoring Wario and encouraging him in his education? If you would like to sponsor Wario, please contact HOH via email at [handofhope00@gmail.com](mailto:handofhope00@gmail.com).

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Wario Kosi with his grandmother, Dabo and his sister, Sadia.

## HOH TEAM BUILDS CONNECTION WITH BELIEVERS IN DUKEM

HOH continues to partner with local churches in Ethiopia and Kenya to support evangelism in rural villages. This past September, HOH sent a team of four, led by Sam Dersu, to encourage believers in Dukem, Ethiopia. Dukem is located just outside the capital city of Addis Ababa.

Sam Dersu, Phil Dillingham, Randy Wright and Matthew Huddleston met with leaders of the Dukem Mekane Yesus Congregation and spent two days encouraging and worshipping with them. Matthew Huddleston brought a message to church members at their Saturday afternoon service, and Phil Dillingham, Pastor of Priest Lake Christian Fellowship in Antioch, Tennessee, brought the Sunday morning message to the growing congregation of more than 50 members. Over the course of the weekend, HOH team members spent time teaching the children and worshipping with them as well.



HOH team members, Phil Dillingham and Randy Wright, visit with leaders of the Dukem church.

HOH has plans to develop a partnership with this congregation and to provide a budget that will allow them to send evangelists into rural villages in the Shewa region surrounding Addis Ababa. The Dukem church is in the midst of building a new church building to accommodate their expanding congregation. HOH provided funds to help with the start of this church building project. Over \$15,000 is needed to complete the new church. Pray that God would provide these funds. If you are interested in contributing to the Dukem Church Building Project, or if you would like more information, please contact HOH at [handofhope00@gmail.com](mailto:handofhope00@gmail.com).



Above: Current Dukem church building that the congregation has outgrown.

Below: Church members help with the new church building project.



### \* \* \* CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS \* \* \*



**\$10,000 NEEDED FOR SODA**  
**\$15,000 NEEDED FOR DUKEM**



## TEAM LENDS A HAND IN SODA

HOH's team of four spent a day in Soda this past September. Team members enthusiastically joined in with locals to help with their church building project. There is still much work to be done before the church is completed, but progress is being made. Church members, in this predominantly Muslim town, were encouraged by HOH's

visit and the willingness of the team to pitch in and help.

Pray for believers in Soda and the growing church. Approximately \$10,000 is needed to complete the church building in Soda. Pray for God's perfect provision.



HOH team members Randy Wright (above) and Matthew Huddleston(left) work beside locals on the Soda church building project.



The cross being erected on the church in Soda!





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## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

HOH has rescheduled the 2017 mission trip to the summer of 2018.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of the 2018 team, contact Sam or Vivian Dersu at [handofhope00@gmail.com](mailto:handofhope00@gmail.com) for more information.

Each team member will be responsible for raising approximately \$4,000 for the trip. In addition to this, HOH will be raising funds to cover costs involved with the various activities that the team will be involved with.

Thank you for your prayers as HOH moves forward with planning the 2018 Mission Trip!



Randy Wright, posing with children in Mega, Ethiopia during the 2014 Mission Trip.

### What might the 2018 team be involved with?

Vacation Bible School in Mega  
Church /Home Building Project

Village Vacation Bible School  
Loving on HOH Children

Youth Conference  
Encouraging Evangelists