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MOTORCYCLE PROJECT — KENYA

In January 2015, through the generous donation of an anonymous donor, the Motorcycle Project was launched with hopes that it would change the lives of five young men and give them the means to make a living.

Five motorcycles were purchased — three in Isiolo and two in Marsabit. A committee drawn from HOH's partner churches took responsibility to oversee the project.

In Kenya, the *bodaboda* business is one where motorcycles are used to transport people or goods. It is an excellent

way to make a good income and earn a living. Committee members from the churches in Isiolo and Marsabit identified five young men to be recipients of five motorcycles. A contract between the church and the recipient was written with clear-cut expectations and a repayment schedule, so that the motorcycle would be paid for within one year. Once all payments were made, ownership would transfer from the church to the recipient.

January 2016 marked the one-year anniversary of the Motorcycle Project. We are pleased to report that all five motorcycles have been paid for in full! The recipients continue to successfully run their *bodaboda* businesses and the economic status of each man has greatly improved. Additional motorcycles have been purchased with the funds collected by the church, resulting in the opportunity for additional young men to make a living and change the course of their lives, as they look to a brighter future.

Hand of Hope is pleased with the success of this program and looks forward to another successful year.



Galgalo Qalicha, age 29, was one of the first recipients of a motorcycle in Isiolo. Two months into the program, Galgalo was able to get married and have a steady income to support his marriage. He made timely payments on the motorcycle and now owns it himself! His *bodaboda* business continues to be a success. He faithfully supports his church by serving in the church and tithing regularly.

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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

HOH CHILD SPONSOR — ETHIOPIA



Karen and Gene Pierce,
HOH Child Sponsors

My husband, Gene, and I decided to become HOH sponsors after seeing the amazing things that Hand of Hope was doing for the orphans in Ethiopia and Kenya. After visiting Ethiopia in 2014 and spending time with many of the orphans, we saw first-hand how well these children are doing in the homes that they live in, in school, and in church. After seeing all of this, we knew that we wanted to be a part of this!

We were impressed with the ways that HOH encourages the kids to get their education and teaches them that education is extremely important to their future.

When we spent time with the kids in Ethiopia, we saw the joy that they possessed, the motivation, and the love that they were surrounded with. They were fun and kind and hard working. It was a joy to spend time with them and get to know them. We know that

the support that they receive from HOH plays a big role in all of these things.

We became sponsors because we saw the hope that HOH provides to the kids and the promise of a better future.

HOH CHILD SPOTLIGHT — ETHIOPIA

Hama Shanko, joined the HOH Children's Program in 2011. HOH Children's Program Coordinator, Bake Chenfo, and his wife, Ensene, took over the care of Hama after the death of her parents.

Hama has grown into a beautiful young lady. She lives in the southern town of Mega, Ethiopia, and attends the local public high school. Hama is

very smart and makes excellent grades in school. She has a good chance of being able to continue her education on into university. If she does — she would be the first HOH girl to attend university!

If you want to send a word of encouragement to Hama, or any of the other HOH children, you can email us at

handofhope00@gmail.com, and we will pass it on!



Hama Shanko

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING A CHILD?

\$350 WILL
SPONSOR A
CHILD FOR ONE
YEAR

INTERESTED?
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HOH reaches out to many orphans throughout our ministry area. Many of these children have been orphaned as a direct result of HIV/AIDS. HOH provides the opportunity for these children to obtain an education as well as have their basic needs met.

Guidelines have been set up to ensure that the selection

process is fair and that we choose the children whom we can help the most. All HOH children are required to attend school regularly. Each child's case is renewed on a yearly basis once their case has been re-evaluated. Bake Chenfo, a dedicated volunteer in Mega, serves as coordinator of the Children's Program in Ethiopia and follows up

regularly with all of these children. Hassan Bagaja and his wife, Hawo, faithfully volunteer their services to coordinate the Children's Program in Kenya.

We will not commit to a child unless sufficient funds are available to support the child for at least a one-year period.

SUPPORTING THE VILLAGE CHURCH

HOH continues to partner with local churches in Ethiopia and Kenya to support evangelism in rural villages.

God continues to draw people to Himself, and believers in remote village continue to come together to worship.

The church in Deeda Jaarsa is one of the first churches that HOH helped fund the building, many years ago. Recently, HOH provided funds to help them make some much-

needed repairs to the building due to normal use.

In 2013, HOH provided funds to erect a simple church building for the growing congregation in Gaayo, a small village outside of Mega.

Funds were recently provided by HOH to help make repairs to the floor and walls of the church. Churches in remote villages, such as Gaayo, are constructed out of mud walls and floors. Repairs are frequently necessary due to nor-

mal use and weather conditions. HOH is happy to be able to help churches such as Gaayo provide a place of worship for believers in the area.

HOH is hoping to help build a church in Soda. Soda is a difficult place to share the Gospel; however, the church in Soda is growing! A larger church building is needed to replace the existing building which is not only too small, but also old and in desperate need of repair.

SODA CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

AMOUNT NEEDED:
\$10,000

ENCOURAGING BELIEVERS IN KENYA

In December 2015, Phil Dillingham and Adam Murray travelled to Kenya to minister to HOH partner churches in Isiolo and Marsabit. Phil and Adam attend Priest Lake Christian Fellowship in Antioch, Tennessee. Both are gifted teachers and willingly went to share their gifts with believers in Marsabit and Isiolo.

In Marsabit, Phil and Adam joined other guest speakers and used their gifts of teaching to share with believers in a conference hosted by the local church. Over 600 people attended the conference, and more than 25 Muslims accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!

Adam also spent some time ministering to the children as he shared God's love for them through His word.

Over the course of the two weeks, Phil and Adam were also able to spend some time with several of the HOH sponsored children in the area and deliver some backpacks and school supplies that had been donated.



Above:
Pastor Wako and his wife in front of their home. Wako is Pastor of the Ore Church of Marsabit.

Right:
Conference attendees of the conference sponsored by the Ore Church of Marsabit in December 2015.



Pictured here are children in Marsabit that Adam was able to teach while the Conference was taking place nearby.





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Hand of Hope is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of people in southern Ethiopia and Kenya through **orphan care, aid to the poor and evangelism.**

How can you be involved?

Become a.....

- ⇒ Prayer Partner
- ⇒ Financial Partner
- ⇒ Child Sponsor

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

2017 MISSION TRIP

HOH has starting planning for a team to go minister in Ethiopia for two weeks in 2017.

Please pray for HOH's leadership as they proceed with the huge task of organizing this trip.

The team will most likely be involved with the following:

- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Conference
- Encouraging Evangelists
- Loving on HOH Children
- Church Building Project

If you or someone you know, is interested in being a part of the 2017 team, contact Sam or Vivian Dersu at 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 looks forward to the 2017 Mission Trip!



Two members of the 2014 Mission Team loving on some of the children in Mega, Ethiopia.