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HAMA MAMO: HIS STORY—SO FAR

Hama Mamo became a HOH child in 2009. In 2015 Hama became the first HOH child to graduate from University. We asked him to share his story with the HOH family. Here is his story.



First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who supported me through Hand of Hope. It is because of the love of Christ you showed to me through your support that I have been able to complete my studies and obtain a university degree.

Your constant encouragement and financial support provided me with the hope and courage I needed to pursue a better life. Your kindness means a lot to me, as great as a mountain. I cannot find words to express my thanks. All I can do to reward your kindness is to continue to work hard.

Thank you to all of you who prayed for me, supported me, and encouraged me since I became a Hand of Hope child. May God bless you.

My name is Hama Mamo Sagaro. I was born in 1991 in the city of Mega and have lived in that area my entire life. I am now 24 years old. My mother's name is Woyyee. My mom died from blood pressure complications when I was 8 months old. My maternal grandparents took me in and were my guardians.

We moved to Goda-Beeroo, which is a village not too far from Mega. Goda-Beeroo was a better environment for my grandparents to make a living, as their livelihood depended on livestock rearing and crop production.

When I was seven years old, I started attending Goda-Beeroo Primary School. The school was near our home, so I walked to school by myself every day. I attended Goda-Beero Primary School for four years and then continued my education at the government school in Mega. Every day, I walked for one hour from Goda-Beeroo to Mega to attend school. I did this for four years. I studied hard and got excellent scores.

In 2009 I entered 9th grade at Mega Senior Secondary School. It was then that I got the chance to be included in the Hand of Hope Children's Program. The monthly financial support I received enabled me to live with Bake Chenfo and his wife, Ensene, in the city of Mega. I no longer had to walk one hour to school every day. I continued to study hard and made excellent scores. Once I completed 10th grade, I then continued my studies at Mega Preparatory School for 11th and 12th grades, which I completed in 2012.

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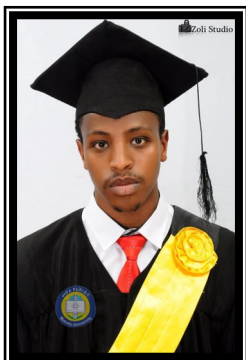
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***Whatever you do,
work at it with all
your heart, as
working for the
Lord, not for human
masters.***

Colossians 3:23

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HAMA MAMO: HIS STORY—SO FAR (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



I completed Mega Preparatory School with good scores, and was able to continue my education at Mekelle University in the city of Mekelle. I dreamed of becoming a successful agriculturist and pursued a degree in agriculture and natural resources. Ethiopia is an agrarian nation that derives most of its livelihood from this sector, so I thought this would be a good course of study.

I became active in various campus organizations. Campus was made up of many different students from various backgrounds, religions, cultures and manners. I learned to adapt and made friends. I also continued to worship our Almighty Lord as I pursued my education and adapted to university life.

In July 2015, I graduated from Mekelle University with a bachelor degree in Rural Development and Agriculture. After graduating, I returned to Mega. I found my first job at the Rural Land and Environmental Protection Office in Mega. I continue to work there as a Land Administration Control and Follow-up Expert.

HOH CHILD SPOTLIGHT — KENYA

Nasibo Abdi joined the HOH Children's Program in 2013. Nasibo lives in Sololo, Kenya.

A few years ago, Nasibo's mother was killed by militia men in the area. Nasibo and her four siblings live with their father, Abdi Karim. Abdi works as a mechanic and although he has been quite successful in this field, he struggles to support his five

children. Support from HOH ensures that Nasibo will be able to stay in school and have her school fees covered.

Fifteen year old Nasibo is currently in the 9th grade and attends the local high school in Sololo.

If you would like to sponsor Nasibo, please contact HOH via email at handofhope00@gmail.com.



Nasibo Abdi & her father,
Abdi Karim

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WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING A CHILD?

HOH reaches out to many orphans and needy children throughout our ministry area. Many of these children have been orphaned as a direct result of HIV/AIDS, others have lost one parent.

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 annually after their case has been re-evaluated by the local HOH Volunteer Children's Program Volunteer.

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

VILLAGE CHURCHES GROWING IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA

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

The village of Deeda Jaarsa is home to one of the first churches for which HOH played a significant role in funding their building. A few months ago, HOH also provided funds for some much-needed repairs. We are thrilled to report that repairs are underway and church members are encouraged by HOH's support.

The church in the village of Soda is growing. Despite being in a Muslim dominated area, God is working and souls are being added to the Kingdom! HOH is trusting God to provide \$10,000 needed to complete the church building in Soda. Construction has begun. HOH is sending a small team of men to Soda in October to encourage believers in the area and to help with the construction of the church building.



Pictured above and to the left are church members in Soda, putting up the frame of the new church building.



Pictured above, left, and right are church members in Deeda Jaarsa making preparations for building repairs.



CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT: SODA

AMOUNT NEEDED: \$10,000



TEAM TO OFFER MINISTRY AND ENCOURAGEMENT

HOH is sending four men to Ethiopia and Kenya this fall for two weeks of ministry. Sam Dersu will be joined by Phil Dillingham, Randy Wright and Matthew Huddleston.

Plans are for Phil, who serves as Senior Pastor at Priest Lake Christian Fellowship in Antioch, Tenn., to lead a 3-day

pastors' training conference in Mega, while other team members go to the village of Soda to encourage believers and lend their hands to join church members in the construction of their new building.

After spending some time in Ethiopia, the team will travel down into Kenya and meet

with some of the HOH children in northern Kenya. They will also meet with the pastor and elders in Marsabit to follow up on the Motorcycle Project in that area. Then they will go on to Isiolo to meet with elders at our partner church, Christ Community Church, before heading to Nairobi from where they will return to the United States.

**Fall 2016
Mission Trip**

**September
22nd
thru
October 7th**



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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

HOH is moving forward with plans for the 2017 Mission Trip to Ethiopia.

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 moves forward with planning the 2017 Mission Trip!



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

What might the 2017 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