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Dear Friends of Hope for Korah,

We are very excited for what the future holds and have a SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT that we believe will allow us to have an even greater impact on the community of Korah!

On September 23, 2019, Hope for Korah was licensed by the Ethiopian government as an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) in Ethiopia. In the past, we have worked in partnership with an Ethiopian charity, but now, as a licensed foreign charity we will be able to grow in new and more direct ways.

Becoming an INGO was not in our original plan. However, that is not surprising, as prayerfully living out the unexpected has been a constant part of our HFK journey. From my very first trip to Ethiopia in 2010, I did not anticipate starting a charity on the other side of the world. But on that visit, when our plans fell apart, God's plans fell into place. He led us to an unknown, destitute community of hurting people and one year later Hope for Korah was founded. This past year has been a continuation of that same unforeseen journey. We have seen God lead us and open wide every door, providing what we needed every step of the way! **We are thrilled to tell you that as of December 1st, our INGO, named Hope for Korah Ethiopia (HFKE) is fully operational!** As only God can do, all our same Ethiopian staff, beneficiaries, compounds, and assets have been successfully and smoothly transitioned to HFKE. All of our HFK board, Canadian and Ethiopian staff are gratefully celebrating this new chapter. As we anticipate greater things to come, we are committed to remaining steadfast and encouraged by the many lives that have already been changed.

Thank you, friends, for helping to make this happen! We could not do this important work without you. In 2019, with the generous support of many, we were able to meet all our ministry needs! And as we look towards the upcoming year, we also are thankful that a good portion of funds have already been pledged or donated, leaving us with a 2020 fundraising goal of \$350,000 CAD (\$264,572 USD).

We invite you to celebrate this new beginning in Korah. As HFKE's Country Director Sosena Shiferaw recently said when encouraging our Ethiopian staff, ***"We must always stay focused on our purpose. Every day we will be working together to change lives. Every day, we'll be working together for Hope!"***

We hope you will join us and STAND WITH KORAH IN 2020!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of great hope and joy!

From All of us at HFK,

Eve Pohl R.S.W.
Executive Director
& the HFK Board of Directors



Merry Christmas from our Ethiopian Staff!

Bereket's Transformative Journey

... and the impact God's love and holistic support is having.
Thank you for Standing with Korah!



We first met Bereket on the Korah trash dump in 2011. She was only 12 years old, but instead of spending her days in school, she scavenged through the trash finding food to eat and recyclable items to sell.

Soon after Bereket and her family were sponsored.

The first priority was to stabilize the family. We assessed their health and medical needs and moved them into a safer and more adequate home.



Months later, Bereket's mother Marta, came to us full of emotion and proudly introduced us to her fourth daughter. To our great surprise, she shared that her youngest had a twin sister who because of their poverty and inability to provide, had been sent away to the countryside to live with relatives. What incredible joy shone in Marta's face as she expressed that because of sponsorship, they can now have their daughter back!



The children were enrolled in school and our Berta breakfast program. They were all measured for new uniforms and Bereket's twin sisters were enrolled in HFK's Kindergarten.



Through the years they have all attended our after-school tutoring program, youth and soccer programs.

Bereket's parents have been active in our income generation & business



training programs. Marta is currently employed as a cleaner at a local hospital and her father, Sedebo is a skilled weaver and started a business.



Most importantly, Sedebo is a committed husband and loving father to his family. They all adore him! But without the intervention of HFK's medical staff and clinic, it is likely Sedebo would not be with us today.



About 1 ½ years ago Sedebo was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Last year he underwent surgery as well as chemotherapy. Today he is stable and cancer-free, but he has not been able to continue his business. It has been a hard journey for this family.

Knowing all of this, what a joy it was for us to celebrate Bereket's high school graduation, the passing of her grade 12 national exams and to send her off to university this fall! What a privilege to witness this major milestone and transformation in her life!



"We may not be able to change the world, but we can change the world for one person." - Mother Teresa