

Hope on the Move

In June, we launched a special campaign to purchase a reliable van for our ministry in Ethiopia—and thanks to your generosity, we're nearly halfway to our goal!

Over the past 14 years, Hope for Korah has grown into a thriving ministry serving hundreds of children, families, and elders in Korah. Yet despite this growth, we've never owned a vehicle. Every day, our team depends on rented cars or taxis, often unreliable, sometimes unsafe, and ill-suited for the work we do.

That's why Hope on the Move matters. We're raising funds for a **high-quality used van**—one that will be so much more than transportation. This van will be a lifeline, delivering dignity, essential care, and connection to the most vulnerable in Korah.

With a dedicated ministry vehicle, we will be able to:

- Respond quickly to medical needs and emergencies
- Safely transport staff, families, and supplies
- Support daily operations and program purchasing
- Carry out home, school, and business visits
- Strengthen connections between ministry sites
- Increase overall safety, reliability, and efficiency



An Evening for Korah



Save THE DATE!

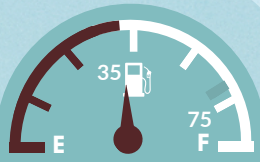
OCTOBER 25, 2025
ABBOTSFORD, BC

NOVEMBER 22, 2025
MONTROSE, PA



Thanks to Your Generosity we've raised...

\$35,078



\$75,000 Goal!

With your support, we can bring hope directly to those who need it most—safely, consistently, and with compassion.

The cost is significant. Vehicles in Africa are surprisingly much more expensive than in North America, and depending on the type and age of the vehicle, we may also face duties and taxes. But we believe that care, dignity, and opportunity should never be out of reach—and this van will help us deliver that, every single day.

But we still have a ways to go...

Your support will put Hope for Korah on the move—helping us reach those who need us most, with greater care and impact.

Join us. Be part of the journey.

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Bereket and her mother

A LIFE TRANSFORMED!



"I can't put into words what it means to see Bereket graduate. I was there on the dump in April 2011 when I first met her and took these photos. This is what I—and so many others—dreamed of. What we prayed for. To see it all come to fruition... is deeply moving, and I'm filled with such gratitude. This is empowerment. This is what Hope for Korah is all about."

—Eve Pohl,
Founder, HFK Executive Director

SUMMER NEWS 2025

CELEBRATING
WHAT HOPE LOOKS LIKE

HOPE
for KORAH

This is the story of Bereket. A story of God's goodness, redemption, and the power of second chances. A story that reminds us, even in the darkest places, there is hope.

We first met Bereket when she was just 12 years old. She was wearing tattered clothes, and her face and hands were blackened with soot and grime from the city dump where she worked each day alongside her mother. They searched for scraps of food, bits of metal or plastic, anything they could sell to survive. Her father was out of work and also scavenging at the dump.

Bereket had been forced to drop out of school. Instead, she walked 40 minutes each way to collect water and worked tirelessly helping her family find food. It was there, among the trash heaps of Koshe that our founder, Eve Pohl, first met Bereket and her mother.

A few months later, Bereket's family was accepted into the HFK Family Empowerment Program. In her very first meeting with our social worker, **this young girl, who wasn't attending school, who spent her days digging through garbage—shared a dream: She wanted to become a doctor.**

With the support from HFK, the family moved into safe housing. They received beds and mattresses, access to medical care, help with rent and groceries. All the children were enrolled in school. Her parents, once unemployed and desperate, attended training and found stable, full-time work. Hope was no longer just an idea—it was becoming their reality.

Bereket worked hard, graduated high school, and went on to university to study in the medical field. After five years of dedication and perseverance, Bereket graduated this spring with a degree in radiology. What a celebration!

But this isn't just Bereket's story—it's also the story of a couple from Nelson, BC. Thousands of miles away, they answered God's quiet call to sponsor a family they'd never met. From Bereket's first steps off the dump to her university graduation, they walked alongside her, faithfully believing in what God could do.

Congratulations, Bereket!

We couldn't be more proud of you. We can't wait to see how God uses your life to bring hope and healing to others—just as He brought it to you.



THREE COMMUNITY PROJECTS: **COMPLETED**



1. **EXCITING UPDATE: WE DRILLED A WELL!**

We are thrilled to share wonderful news from Biruh Tesfa School. Recently, we partnered with this large public school located in the heart of Korah after learning that their water pump had been broken for over two years. The school, which serves more than 3,000 students, including many children from our program, had no access to clean water. This meant no safe drinking water and serious challenges related to health, sanitation, and hygiene.

Our initial goal was to restore the school's existing well. However, after careful assessment it became clear that a deeper, more sustainable source was needed to meet the school's daily water needs. **For children who already have so little access to water—both at school and at home—we felt it was absolutely essential to change course and drill a brand new well.** Though it was not part of our original plan, we knew we could not settle for a temporary fix. The result is a dependable source of clean water not only for the school, but for the surrounding community as well. **With these changes came additional significant costs, and we are still raising funds to fully cover what was required.** We are incredibly grateful to have been part of this life-changing project.

The new well is now complete, and the entire school is rejoicing in the gift of fresh, clean running water. This project will have a lasting impact on thousands of students for many years to come.

To our generous supporters: thank you. Your kindness, prayers, and commitment made this possible.

THANK YOU FOR
GIVING THE
GIFT OF WATER.



2. **WE BUILT A PLAYGROUND!**

Hope for Korah has completed a vibrant new playground, now serving over 170 children from two local daycare centers. With colorful slides, swings, tunnels, soft turf, and a safety fence, it's a joyful and secure space for kids to play, explore, and thrive. A special highlight is a mural featuring native Ethiopian animals, painted by a local artist.



Sosena Shiferaw, HFK Country Director (L), receives appreciation from Neimetellah Kebede Assefa, CEO of Kolfe Keranio Sub-City (R).

In a community where parks and safe play spaces are rare, this playground is a meaningful step forward. Play is essential for child development and emotional well-being, and this space offers children living in the Korah area the freedom to laugh, grow, and just be kids.

We celebrated the playground's opening on April 9th with a special dedication ceremony alongside local officials. **One of the most moving moments was seeing the children line up to enter—eyes wide with joy and wonder.**

We are thankful to be part of this community-led effort and remain committed to walking alongside families with care, compassion, and hope.

3. **WE HAVE NEW GRADUATES!**

This year, Hope for Korah launched a **crafted textiles initiative** designed to empower vulnerable women through income-generating skills training. We are pleased to highlight the success of these graduates.

After months of hands-on vocational training, eight women chose to specialize in basket weaving. Upon graduation, they joined HFK's Basket Weaving Cooperative, proudly selling their handcrafted baskets at local markets. For many, this is the first time in their lives they are earning an income.

Among them is Azimera, whose transformation is especially moving. Before HFK, she lived on the streets, surviving by begging. With quiet determination, Azimera committed herself to learning—**discovering a gift she never knew she had.**

Our staff were amazed: *"She didn't realize these skills were already in her hands—and yet, she was begging on the streets."* Today, she is one of the most talented weavers in the group, earning an income and building a future filled with hope and dignity.

Seven other women pursued sewing, completing their training under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Rather than going their separate ways, they united to form an HFK sewing co-operative. Their first project? Creating baby blankets and reusable menstrual pads for an organization that supports pregnant mothers living near the city dump.

We also witnessed a beautiful full-circle moment: Tigist, a former HFK student who graduated with a diploma in clothing design, returned to assist in teaching this new group.

This project is a powerful story of empowerment, dignity, and community. We are so proud of these women and all they have accomplished, and we can't wait to see where their journeys take them next!



Hearts in the Balance *Pray for those Waiting— and those Discerning*

This fall, we're preparing to welcome 20 new families into our family sponsorship program. The selection process is extensive, involving home visits, in-depth interviews, debriefing sessions, careful decision-making, and much prayer. It is a demanding and emotionally exhausting time for our Ethiopian social workers, who pour their hearts and energy into making these incredibly difficult choices. Please pray for our staff—and for the vulnerable families, that they can hold on with hope until support reaches them.

STAY TUNED—THESE
FAMILIES WILL SOON
BE AVAILABLE FOR
SPONSORSHIP ON
OUR WEBSITE!

