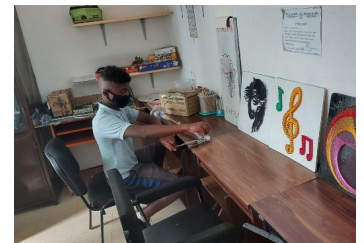


NEWS FROM ETHIOPIAN IMPACT - COVID-19 Response Continues



From Hiwotu Kassaw, Youth Impact Director:

Since our last report, we have adjusted our services at the Shalom Center and the Library. Instead of hosting over 100 children during the week, we now serve our children a few at a time. Five children come to our facilities in the morning and another five in the afternoon (10 kids per day). They wash their hands at the gates and wear face masks. We also clean the compound and the materials they use often with alcohol and sanitizers. This way, the children continue to meet with their mentors, receive counseling, wash their bodies and clothes, and have lunch. They also are able to use the library and other facilities, and take books to read at home. Our new operating plan allows every child to come to the center once a week. So we are still connecting with our kids, keeping tabs on their situations, and keeping up with how they are doing.



The children receive services in the center based on the schedule. They play and use the library, creativity room, and other facilities, while also meeting with their mentors for discussion and counseling. The families of the children we serve are in desperate need of basic food supplies. Monthly, we give two food items (one liter of oil and five kg of flour) to our families.



OTHERS RESPOND, TOO:

On August 21, we had special programs at both Shalom Center and the Library. An Ethiopian family, along with friends from the US, visited with a donation of 10 kg of flour, five liters of oil, and one liter of fluid soap for each of our 120 families.

Mahelet Nigusu, one of our former girls from the Youth Impact mentoring program, spoke to raise awareness about Coronavirus. She is now a medical professional in our community.

Youth Impact Volunteer Club

We started this volunteer club with the objective of providing our children opportunities to serve in our community. We also help mobilize local resources to serve the elderly, commercial sex workers, and young girls living on the streets with infants. Membership is open to others in the community who share the same passion.



Giving *TIME*

Weekly, six to 10 street girls visit one of our centers for food, clothes washing, bathing, counseling, and Bible lessons. We hope to provide for emotional and behavioral change, as well as spiritual enlightenment.

