

UPDATE FROM YOUTH IMPACT

Shalom Center and Impact Library

From Hiwotu Kassaw, Youth Impact Director:

Covid-19 is not affecting Youth Impact to a significant degree at this time. Since our last report, we have allowed more children to come to the centers for services. Schools are not opened yet, so children are spending more time with us. Schools are set to reopen soon at which time we will return to a more normal routine.

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.

Hope Center

The remaining eight boys in the Hope Center have graduated from the mentoring program. They have all gotten jobs and are living independently. These young men have been provided with



furniture and materials, such as bunk beds, mattresses, blankets and bedsheets, to help them establish their new living quarters. The arrival of the 14th batch of boys is scheduled to be finalized in the next two weeks.

Youth Impact Volunteer Club

A mentoring program for commercial sex workers has begun on a regular basis. We have now 10 women who are attending the program regularly.

Every Thursday morning, they come to the center for a day dedicated only to them. The plan is to change their lives permanently by mobilizing resources and creating opportunities from local sources.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Youth Impact staff took a recreational trip and conducted a program review meeting from October 22 – 27, 2020 in Gondar and Bahir Dar.

Program review was conducted for all the centers (mostly refining detailed activities and refining roles and responsibilities of our mentors). Job descriptions have been modified accordingly, and detailed activity plans have been prepared.

SALEM'S ETHIOPIA NOW AVAILABLE IN THE U.S.

As Christmas approaches, please remember the beautiful, handcrafted jewelry, scarves and household items from Salem's Ethiopia, a store in Addis Ababa owned by the wife of Youth Impact founder, Abraham Fiseha.

Salem Kassahun employs dozens of workers to create one-of-a-kind fashions and merchandise.

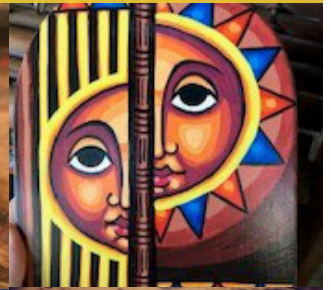
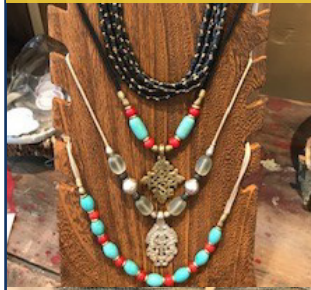


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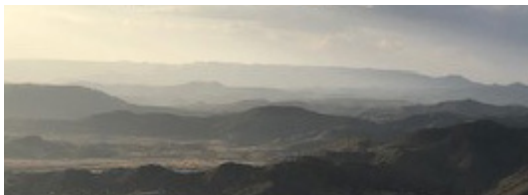
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PRAY FOR ETHIOPIA

In recent weeks, military conflict has broken out in Ethiopia between the government of the state and the governing party of the northern region of Tigray. The conflict has been brewing since early fall and is now escalating, with tens of thousands fleeing to the Sudan and other surrounding areas to seek shelter. Hundreds of Ethiopians have lost their lives due to the conflict.

Communications have been shut off, and humanitarian groups are being blocked from entering to help those in need. Please pray for peace in the country of Ethiopia, as well as protection for our dear friends in Addis Ababa.

Also, please pray for the next batch of young men to find their way into the program at the Hope Center. The selection process is taking longer than planned because government security forces are taking boys forcefully off the streets to unknown places.

When considering your giving during this unusual time of worldwide upheaval, please remember Ethiopian Impact. Your support, no matter the amount, makes a difference in the lives of young people in Ethiopia, and is needed now more than ever.

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