2020: A year of Blessings, Accomplishments, Challenges

YOU continued to sponsor and support the children & work of HMCHA! 18 children were sponsored in 2020, the highest number of new sponsors in one year! Our HMCHA family has grown to 125 sponsored children.

Thanks to you, a new primary school serving children in grades 1-4 is finished & ready for its first eager students. All that’s left to do is raise money for desks, benches, and blackboards.
A NEW PLAYGROUND was installed and dedicated in February. Our village children had never seen a real playground, so this was a big hit - with adults and kids alike!

COVID-19 in Ethiopia
Dedicated staff forded rivers & climbed mountains to visit families all year long, taking study materials and Bible lessons when gatherings of more than 4 people were canceled because of COVID-19. Schools closed in March all across Ethiopia and still have not reopened.

FLOODING IN ETHIOPIA
Last summer, record heavy rain and flooding affected more than a million people in almost the entire country and displaced more than 300,000. Because of your generosity, HMCHA was able to donate 3,000 notebooks & pens to children who lost their homes in flooding in the Awash River about 40 miles from where we work.
We Promised You Survey Results!

In September, 200 surveys were sent to a random group of you, and you responded! Thank you for your insight and thoughtful remarks.

All of you said it was important to you for HMCHA to further our mission for future generations, and that you were familiar with HMCHA’s mission.

Most of you said we recognize you well as donors, but some said we need to do better at thanking you. We’d love more feedback about your ideas of how to do that. Email your thoughts to Jay Boyle at hmcha_mn@yahoo.com or to Carol Pfleiderer at carolpflr@aol.com.

Why do you give? Our donations help HMCHA be the hands & feet of Christ, and provide children with the basic things Americans take for granted. The stories touch us to the point of action. We want to help children grow & develop. I feel led by the Lord to donate to HMCHA because I believe they honor HIM in how they use funds and minister. I believe in supporting education for girls, especially those who don’t have easy access to it. I saw the impact first-hand.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? DONATIONS DOUBLED TIL JAN. 10, 2021

PRAY for the children and staff, and for peace in Ethiopia. Though the area served by HMCHA is currently stable, there is a grave concern for the country and its citizens. Pray for success in diminishing the spread of COVID, and for safety in the midst of uncertainty for the future.

CONTRIBUTE to help furnish the new school. $6400 is needed for desks, benches and blackboards. Capital expenses needed for gates into the compound and pathways between buildings total $16,000. Designate your gift, or indicate that you would like it used “where most needed”.

ALL THESE DONATIONS DOUBLED!

SPONSOR A WAITING CHILD. Fill out the form below to indicate your preference.

Other Ways to Give: Employer Match, Thrivent Choice Dollars, AmazonSmile, Donor Advised Fund.
When you sponsor a child, you make a difference in the life of a family for a lifetime! Beyond the children pictured are many more waiting and hoping.
You may pay annually ($360, semi-annually ($180 x 2), quarterly ($90 x 4) by check or credit card.
NAME____________________________________ EMAIL____________________________________
ADDRESS________________________________ CITY________________ STATE____ ZIP____
PHONE: ______________________Preferred contact: mail _____ email_______
CHECK ENCLOSED AMOUNT_________ FOR ____________________________
If you are sponsoring a child, do you prefer ______ boy______ girl________ either
MAIL TO HMCHA, P.O. Box 591, HOPKINS, MN 55343 OR PAY ONLINE AT www.hmcha.org

Blessings to you in 2021. Be well, stay safe.
Will you please sponsor me? I will be so happy!

Fikir-Adis, Age 12, Grade 6  Zewuditu, Age 12, Grade 5  Lidetu, Age 10, Grade 4  Mestu, Age 8, Grade 1

Genu, Age 13, Grade 7  Habtamu, Age 13, Grade 7  Bitilu, Age 11, Grade 4  Yonas, Age 9, Grade 3

LIFE IS ALWAYS HARD for these children, the poorest of the poor families. Most survive on one meal a day, and that meal may come only 4-5 days a week. They hope and pray that they will be chosen to have a HMCHA sponsor soon.

CAN YOU RESPOND to their hope and make them part of your family here, and part of HMCHA’s family in Ethiopia?

SPONSORSHIP IS LESS THAN $1 PER DAY. Your $360 donation provides your child with school expenses, food, tutoring, medical care, and more. There are parent meetings to support them and their families.

IN RETURN, you will receive letters from your sponsored child, our HMCHA newsletters and the joy of helping one of our world’s poorest families.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SPONSORSHIP, CONTACT Carol Pfleiderer, Volunteer HMCHA Sponsorship Coordinator, at carolpfi@aol.com.