

“Giving hope to Ethiopian children through sponsorship”



Front entry to HMCHA Community Center, Ketaba Village, Ethiopia

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For 20 years, HMCHA has been a beacon of Christ’s love in rural villages southeast of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Founded in 2006 by Megersa Kumbi, an Ethiopian immigrant to Minnesota, the ministry was born from prayer and a calling to serve children in the Yerer mountain region of Ethiopia.

Through faithful sponsorships and generous donors, more than 400 children and 800 family members have been supported with educational opportunities, household assistance, and the life-changing message of a loving God. Bible studies and daily devotions nurture young hearts, while practical aid strengthens families striving to thrive in agricultural communities.

As HMCHA celebrates two decades of service, we give thanks for every sponsor, every prayer, and every child whose life reflects hope renewed. May the next 20 years shine even brighter with faith, compassion, and transformed futures.

## HMCHA Student Turns Hardship into Promise

In the rural agricultural villages of Ethiopia, young Damoze Getu is quietly shaping a hopeful future. A Grade 6 student, Damoze studies with determination that outshines the darkness surrounding his modest home. With no electricity and no father to support the family, he relies on a small solar light and whatever other means he can find to complete his schoolwork. After long days of helping his mother with household chores, he opens his books and commits himself to learning.



Life is filled with ups and downs for Damoze. His mother cannot afford to install electricity, and daily responsibilities weigh heavily on his young shoulders. Yet, despite every obstacle, he loves school. Education, he believes, is the path to a brighter tomorrow.

Damoze dreams of becoming a teacher or a doctor—someone who can give back and uplift others. Through support from HMCHA, children like Damoze are given hope, encouragement, and the opportunity to turn hardship into promise.

## Seeking New Board Members – Is God putting it on your heart to do more?



Carole Peterson and sponsored child Chaltu

For 20 years, HMCHA has been joyfully serving rural agricultural villages in the Yerer mountain region of Ethiopia—and now we're looking for a few passionate people to pull up a chair at the table!

HMCHA is seeking new volunteer board members to help continue the meaningful work God has been doing through this ministry. If you enjoy connecting with people, sharing inspiring stories, and making a practical difference, you might be a perfect fit. Board members are responsible for fundraising, finding new child sponsors, telling HMCHA's story to friends and family, and shaping policies that guide day-to-day operations in Ethiopia.

There is one meeting a month for about two hours. Join us in person in the Twin Cities area or hop on virtually via Zoom — coffee in hand is perfectly acceptable!

If you have a heart for missions and a desire to see children and families thrive, prayerfully consider joining the HMCHA board. The next chapter starts with you!

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