

Opportunities for Ministry

Kombolcha Update

HillSong will NOT be going to Ethiopia this year. Because the state of emergency has not been lifted, we have postponed the trip until March 2018. However, we plan to host an end-of-school celebration for the children at both CarePoints so they know we are thinking of them. We hope to have more information about this soon.



Here are the highlights from a year end update from Meserete Kristos:

At the CarePoint:

- We have started a library!! We have shared the good news with the children and we are encouraging them to check out books. Twenty children checked out books our first month.
- School fees, school supplies and school uniforms were provided to the children.
- We have paid college and trade school fees for 14 students!
- We continue to support 3 University students
- Bible study continues in Genesis 12:1-9, Ecclesiastes 1: 1-9, Memory verse - Malachi 3:6

IGA:

- The bike rental IGA - The family has purchased two additional bicycles with the income from renting the bicycles. We have moved this IGA to the status of **SUCCESSFUL**.
- Twenty families are in various stages of the IGA process to start a business

Home renovation pilot:

- One home received a new roof and walls were repaired

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for several children who are sick, for a child whose grandmother passed away.
- Please pray for new sponsors! We have 20 children who need sponsorship. Please pray for peace in Ethiopia.

We are still actively seeking donations for the grief and trauma counseling for our Kombolcha CarePoints. Ethiopia is currently under a state of emergency and it is difficult to imagine the fear families may be living under. If you can, please make a donation here:

<https://fundraise.hopechest.org/team/99760>

If you are interested in sponsoring an additional child or know someone who would be interested you can set up a sponsorship online-<http://kombolcha.hopechest.org/sponsor/>

Thank you for your sponsorship! So much is happening at our CarePoint and in the children's lives because of your sponsorship!

Blessings!

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