

STRONG HEARTS ETHIOPIA

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"DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ADDIS ABABA'S UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITY THROUGH INSIDE-OUT TRANSFORMATION."

SOME NEWS FROM OUR PROGRAMS ...

On Ethiopian Christmas morning, January 7th, Strong Hearts gave away 100 sheep to feed 200 families in the Kore neighborhood. Sheep were also given away at the Awassa Christian Community Center. In the three days leading up to Christmas, Strong Hearts organized the first open-air concert in Kore, called "Worship to the Holy One." Hundreds of people came to hear the Word preached and worship with some of Addis's most well-known gospel singers. **Strong Academy** held a Christmas party for students, involving plenty of treats, songs, and games!

The **child sponsorship** program continues to grow, but there are more children in need of sponsors. Please visit cmfi.org/whatwedo/childsponsorship to learn more, or visit strongheartsethiopia.org/donate to make a donation.

Already this month, two different teams from the US have visited the **daycare** to bring donations and spend time with the kids. Mothers continue to make beautiful paper bead bracelets and necklaces as well as embroidered cloth bags. We are still looking for a venue to sell these items; the daycare has applied to the NGO bazaar and is waiting to hear back. Mekdes, age 19, is just one example of a life being transformed with the support of Strong Hearts' ministry. Her 2-year-old daughter attends the daycare. During an interview, Mekdes reported, "Before Tsinat was in the daycare program, I couldn't leave the home. I am now in school to become a hairdresser. I graduate this June. I am proud to be able to support my family and myself."

The **hospice** program added 25 new patients, for a total of 50 patients

under our care. We are hoping to hire another nurse within the next month to assist with an increased workload. Our latest project is updating all patients' profiles and medication histories, in addition to creating individualized care plans and nursing diagnoses for each patient. This has made the home visits more goal-oriented and productive for both nurses and patients.

Strong Hearts' **prayer requests:** 1) For sponsors for the children; 2) For government favor upon the microfinance and income generation project as it is in the final stages of being approved; 3) For the resources to own property, as renting venues and office space is costly. 3) For wisdom, joyful hearts, and Kingdom vision as we serve the needy in Addis Ababa and beyond!

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR: Shalom all, I'd like to extend greetings from Strong Hearts. Without your prayers and support we wouldn't be where we are right now. It is always a blessing to see when souls get saved and disciplined, the sick get healed, captives get set free, the demon possessed get deliverance, the bedridden get care, vulnerable kids get schooling, infants are nurtured, and mothers receive job training. Our amazing, dedicated staff and missionary volunteers come together with servant hearts to serve the least! The Lord is doing his work and it always humbles me to see his faithfulness and strength in my weakness. Don't you love this Lord? I DO! Thank you for being part of Strong Hearts and God bless you.
-Getinet "Dundee" Teferi