



# Brothers of Good Works Water and Sanitation

Restoring Health and Hope

— Addis Ababa, Ethiopia —



How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 JOHN 3:17-18



## Executive Summary

### Description

This project will provide sanitation facilities and hygiene education for destitute Ethiopian families through our in-country ministry partner, the Brothers of Good Works.

### Purpose

To uphold the dignity of the poor and prevent their exposure to life-threatening diseases.

### Location

Woreda 02, a densely populated district of Arada Subcity, an impoverished urban community in Ethiopia's capital city, Addis Ababa.

### Cost

**\$59,400** will fund the construction of two new latrines with four seats each. It will also enable our partner to repair five existing latrines as well as educate families about better hygiene practices and the maintenance of their new facilities.

### Highlights

#### NEED

- More than 93 percent of Ethiopia's population lacks access to a basic toilet.
- Poor families must use either old, unsanitary latrines or no facilities at all.
- Without these facilities, people resort to practices that pollute the environment and spread disease.
- Insufficient sanitation and hygiene are a leading cause of diarrhea, which is a leading cause of death in children under 5 in Ethiopia. (Source: UNICEF)

#### IMPACT

- By funding the construction of safe, proper sanitation facilities and hygiene training, you will help restore the health of **190 children and 60 adults**.
- Freed from the burdens of constant sickness and stress, parents will be better able to support their families, and their children will be able to attend school.
- Your gift will uphold the dignity of the poor and open new pathways to a hope-filled future.



*Hygiene education will help beneficiaries maintain their new sanitation facilities. It will also ensure deadly diseases are stopped in their tracks.*



## The Need



*A resident of Woreda 02 explains, “In communities where there is poor hygiene and sanitation and where people find it difficult to keep their environment clean, citizens cannot be productive. We wish our community to have a toilet with decent doors, roofs and pit covers. We don’t want to see fly-swarmed toilets with overflowing feces in and around them.”*

have plans to address their urgent need. With your help, they can undertake one of those projects in Woreda 02 — the construction of clean, safe latrines. **Please give generously to support this urgent mission of mercy. Your act of compassion will uphold the dignity of the poor and help Ethiopia’s most vulnerable families flourish!**

Under the cover of darkness, the women and girls of the impoverished Woreda 02 neighborhood begin trekking to the nearest riverbank — one of the only private “toilets” available to families in this densely populated district. On their way, they skirt puddles of raw sewage and scattered plastic bags filled with human waste. These are horrible sights and smells, but the women and girls have a more ominous threat on their minds. They know they risk being sexually assaulted while squatting by the riverbank in the dark of night.

Sadly, Woreda 02’s lack of sanitation facilities affects women, children and men alike. Without a safe way to dispose of human wastes, life-threatening pathogens seep into the district’s groundwater. Poor families must resort to using this contaminated water — not only to drink but also to bathe, cook and clean. It’s no wonder the residents of Woreda 02 are constantly sick.

To make matters worse, the health issues created by insufficient sanitation also keep poor families trapped in poverty. Parents are unable to work because they are too busy caring for sick children, and in missing school, those boys and girls are unable to attend classes and work on skills that would help them improve their lives.

Without outside assistance, these poor families would likely remain trapped in an unending cycle of illness, poverty and despair. But thankfully, the Brothers of Good Works

**“In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”**

ACTS 20:35



## Help Now!

Our brothers and sisters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, are living in deplorable conditions, but there is hope on the horizon. The Brothers of Good Works want to help ease their suffering, and you can be a part of that mission of mercy. By building much-needed latrines and offering hygiene training for the poorest families, we can help lift these people out of their terrible circumstances and help them move toward a brighter future!

By supporting this cause, you will help restore the safety, health and emotional well-being of 190 children and 60 adults. Without the burden of constant sickness, vulnerable families and individuals will also be freed to enter the workforce and pursue an education. Future generations will benefit from this mission of mercy, and through the educational benefits it provides, some may be delivered from poverty entirely.

Please — give generously today to ease the suffering of Ethiopia's poor!



*Your generosity will uphold the dignity of the poor and create a ripple effect of hope!*

## Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

## Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.



## Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2023, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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