



Brothers of Good Works

Giving Shelter, Medical Care, Nutrition and Economic Empowerment to the Poor

Vision

Cross Catholic Outreach is shining God's light into places darkened by deep poverty by supporting the Brothers of Good Works' mission to bring aid and hope to vulnerable families in urban slum communities. By addressing the medical, sanitary, nutritional, economic and housing needs of the poor, they have an immediate impact while empowering families to work toward long-term prosperity.

Project Summary

This project will provide **support to special-needs children and their families**; fund the **maternity ward** and the **treatment of HIV and tuberculosis patients** at St. Gabriel Catholic Health Center; build **sanitary bathroom facilities** (and repair existing structures); **repair the damaged homes of HIV patients**; build **handicapped-accessible ramps** for children; offer **business training and start-up supplies for disadvantaged women**; and **provide elder care**, including food, clothing and medical checkups.

Please see the reverse side for further details.

Location

The slums of Ethiopia's capital city, Addis Ababa.

Partner

The Brothers of Good Works operate under the Catholic Archdiocese of Addis Ababa. They strive to serve in such a way that the poor will be able "to support themselves rather than remain dependent upon the charity of others."

Projected Cost

\$295,027 is needed to provide special-needs therapy, maternity care, HIV and TB treatment, sanitary bathrooms, safe shelter, elder care, entrepreneurial opportunities and compassionate intervention for vulnerable Ethiopians.





Uplift Poor Ethiopian Families

The Need

Addis Ababa is one of the world's fastest-growing cities, but most of that growth has done little to improve the lives of the countless families living on top of each other in Addis' dense, dirty, sprawling slums.

Visit this dismal labyrinth of straw and mud shanties, and the stench of open sewage and decaying latrines will engulf you. As a visitor, it's likely you'd leave these slums as quickly as you could, but these families are not so fortunate. They have no path to better jobs, and their meagre income leaves no room for them to seek a better way of life. In fact, just finding enough food to eat is a struggle. For those who are handicapped or HIV-positive, these challenges are multiplied tenfold, and many also face an undeserved stigma that isolates them further from opportunities to improve their lot in life. Your help will show these vulnerable men, women and children they are valued sons and daughters of God — *and that there is hope for their future.*

The Solution

The Brothers of Good Works strive to lift up poor and marginalized slum dwellers — particularly those suffering from HIV — by meeting their greatest needs, regardless of religious affiliation. As representatives of a minority faith in a country dominated by Coptic Christians and Muslims, the Brothers emphasize God's love for all people and actively work to reduce the prejudices harming those in deepest need.

Your generous gift to Cross Catholic Outreach will equip the Brothers of Good Works to provide:

 **MEDICAL** — Your gift will fund the St. Gabriel Catholic Health Center in order to meet the medical needs of **pregnant women and their babies** and help provide the tests, counseling, treatment and staff salaries needed to screen about **47,520 patients** for HIV and tuberculosis and treat those who test positive. You will also help **special-needs children** get the therapy and support they need through the Brothers' Counseling and Social Services Center. In addition, you will improve the health of **186 families** by installing four sanitary latrine facilities — each with four seats — and repairing six existing structures.

 **HOUSING** — Your support will cover costs to build **one new home for a poor family** or elderly individual, repair homes for **44 families of HIV patients**, and build **three handicapped-accessible ramps** for children confined to wheelchairs.

 **MICROENTERPRISE** — You will give a second chance to **100 poor, HIV-positive women** and **82 commercial sex workers** by funding the basic business skills training, mentorship, supervision and startup business supplies they need to begin supporting themselves through dignified and safe work.

 **FOOD** — You will provide a nutritious daily meal, along with clothing and some basic medical services, to **indigent elderly** who have no other source of support.

*Please answer the prayers of these struggling Ethiopian families.
Let Christ's light shine through you to pierce the gloom in Addis Ababa's slums!*

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2022, 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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