

# HOPE *for* CHILDREN *in* ETHIOPIA



Leather Works Trainee at HCE- Hidota Leather works Vocational Skill Training Facility

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Welcome to the official newsletter of  
Hope for Children in Ethiopia (HCE).

On this edition, we will update you  
with the latest happenings at HCE in  
the month of March, 2018.

## What is Inside?

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## ■ PROJECTS UPDATE

### ■ HCE-KG & SPONSORSHIP



Yadete: the cook at the KG, sharing love with Children

Hope for children in Ethiopia Kindergarten, on this month, has been busy equipping the school with all necessary teaching aids and empowering the staff. Two new teachers were added to the team.

Currently, there are 77 children learning in the KG, having breakfast, lunch and all necessary school materials. Another 194 sponsored students also following their education in primary schools.

### ■ NEW LIFE GIRLS' HOME



NEW LIFE GIRLS: Visiting the National Museum

In this month, the New Life Girls visited the National Museum, Addis Ababa to help them learn about the history of their country and how our ancestors overcame the hardship in their lives.

Ethiopia is a country with great history and culture. As the project duration for this group of girls is coming to an end, we believe they will also make history by becoming great entrepreneurs and show the world that it is possible!

### ■ Street youth Support (SYS)

Light House is part of the Street Youth Support Program where we keep and invest on boys rescued from the street for a longer period of time. Currently we have 6 boys living in the light house.

Currently five of the boys are in College and University. Two boys, Yoseph and Adugna, will be graduating this year. The last one is in grade 12 and will take the National Examination in the following months.

Although this kinds of projects require patience, when you start to see the change in the lives of the boys in man dimensions, it starts to pay off.



Yonas and Aweke with Light house Boys



## ■ SELF DEPENDENCY PROJECT

The 30 girls and 10 boys under Self Dependency Project Addis Ababa are being trained in various vocational skills such as; Tailoring, Weaving, Hairdressing and beauty, leather works and construction finishing works.

On our monthly reflection time, beneficiaries assured us that they are happy with the trainings. They are also being friends with each other and already become life family with HCE staff.



SD PROJECT- Students on basic Tailoring Skill Training

## Project CHENCHA



Women empowerment: Chench

Following March 8, HCE-CHENCHA staff conducted a community training and awareness creation session about women empowerment in cooperation with local government office.

On the occasion, HCE was awarded Certificate of recognition and appreciation for the work it is doing at Chench District. The Government representative also indicated that the district will continue to cooperate with HCE in its development works.

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## Rebranding HCE

HCE is rebranding itself in a way that shows the extent of its vision and programs in Ethiopia. Our New website will also be launched soon.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Beza Threads and p7 Design USA for the dedication they are showing to help HCE build its new brand and website.

## Success Story: *'Freedom from the Sweatshop'*

Simon's Journey of freedom away from Home



Simon kassa used to work in a sweatshop for an employer. While he was working there, he used to get sick frequently because the employer would make him work for hours without rest and sufficient meal.

After he brought him from the rural North, Simon didn't know anything or anyone apart from the sweatshop. Knowing this, the employer exploited and abused Simon. "Even when I got really sick, he would tell me to sleep under the traditional weaving machine until I feel better, then he would force me to start weaving again either I feel better or not."

"I've got a job as a tailor even before I graduated."

- Simon Kassa

This went on and on for more than two years until one day he met a friend he knew back in his parents' home, who told him about the Self Dependency project at HCE. Luckily it was a time of registering new victims of labor abuse thus Simon was accepted at HCE Self Dependency Project.

Simon just finished a yearlong training in modern weaving and he got paid for every single scarf or garment (netela, gabi...) he made throughout the year. Simon showed an outstanding performance in his weaving skill so he was also given the opportunity to learn sewing skill. He finished both skill learnings with very good result.

"I've got a job as a tailor even before I graduated. We got all our basic needs fulfilled and got trainings by professionals. My prayer is for God to bless this organization and help them achieve more than they think they can." Simon wants to become a professional tuxedo tailor and a traditional outfits maker.

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As we continue to bring **Hope** and **Love** to the hopeless, We want to take this opportunity to **THANK** partners and donors for standing with us

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