



Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia

Ross' Piece Thank you for your magnificent response to our June appeal. It enabled us to top last financial year's donations by about 10%. Keep up the good work and keep spreading the word.

Advance notice that the next AGM will be held in Melbourne at 4.30pm on Tuesday 6 December 2011. Please put this in your diary if you are interested. All members are welcome.

I am pleased to advise that the area in which WellWishers operate (Tigray Province), is not experiencing the terrible drought of the southern areas of Ethiopia & Somalia. The summer rains have started, so water tables are getting their annual replenishment.

NORTHERN RIVERS SUPPORTERS: If you could possibly give us just a few hours of your time, ONCE A YEAR, helping stuff envelopes with the Newsletter, please contact Ross. This would be very much appreciated as it helps reduce the workload.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Donor Offers \$60,000

Our Friend will again match donations in 2011/12, \$1 for \$1 up to \$60,000. Donate generously now.



\$2.00 & over donations are Tax Deductible

Gift Cards in Lieu of Unwanted Presents

Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is only \$60 and gives an average family clean water for the rest of their lives.

Order via Website or contact Ross



"Your life will change forever, thanks to this Christmas gift"

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Wells Progress

Construction for 2011 is about 31% complete. Overall completion is due late December.



Tax Deductability

All Australian donations are Tax Deductible. Over 95% of donations go direct to the programme.

Credit Card Donations

ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers

WellWishers pay a small fee for donations received this way, but it can be an easy way for you to donate. Be assured it's a secure site.

The 4TH ANNUAL RAFFLE!

Thanks to those who sold tickets. A great job, done by many. The good news is we've raised enough for another well.

THE WINNER: Jane, a supporter from Tassie!

CONGRATULATIONS Jane - enjoy your holiday in beautiful Queenstown, NZ.



Sobering Facts

More people die from unsafe drinking water than from wars.

World Health Organisation says that about 3,900 children die daily, worldwide, from dirty water and/or poor hygiene.

People in industrialised countries use 30 to 50 times more water than in countries like Ethiopia

Your Will – A Gift of a Lifetime

The thought of one's eventual departure from this world is not usually a palatable topic for most people.

A respected firm of Melbourne Barristers & Solicitors have offered to provide advice and the preparation of a Will at a heavily discounted price of \$100.00 (incl GST) per Will (to cover staff and hard costs) when that supporter wishes to include *WellWishers* as a beneficiary.

If this generous offer is of interest to you, please contact Ross and he'll put you in contact with them, or you may contact them direct at:

Mr Alan Alpass (Alpass & Associates)
511 Mount Dandenong Road
Kilsyth, Victoria 3137
Tel: (03) 9725 0377
[Email: alan@alpasslaw.com.au](mailto:alan@alpasslaw.com.au)

All matters discussed with that firm remain completely confidential, with no Will details being passed on to *WellWishers* or any other party.

By preparing a Will, you can give your loved ones and yourself peace of mind, knowing that your affairs are in order.

Please become a Member of WellWishers. Complete this form and return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2011/12 of \$1.20 [payable with 2 x 60¢ stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS: P/CODE:

Put yourself in Letbrhan Hailu's shoes.....

If you did, you'd be a 32 year old mother with 3 boys & 3 girls between 2 and 14, living in a remote village desparate to receive a well. We know this because we visited her in a "Needy Village" last year.

And being in Letbrhan's shoes, your "normal" day would be like this:

- You wake up at 3 am, then fetch water until 7 am.
- From 7am to 8 am, you prepare breakfast for your 6 children & husband
- Up until midday you prepare lunch and look after the sheep & goats.
- After lunch, you help your husband in the field with the harvest, or 3 times a week you spend 3 hours each time, collecting firewood
- From 6 pm to 7 pm, you prepare dinner.
- After dinner, you do household activities - washing for example.
- You go to sleep at midnight
- After 3 hours sleep, the daily cycle starts again

It is nigh on impossible to imagine living Letbrhan's life; yet there are countless living like her throughout Ethiopia.



18 yr old FREZER'S VISIT TO A COMMUNITY WELL

I had been in Ethiopia, the country I had left 11 years earlier (when I was being adopted), for a month now. I hadn't known what to expect, but here I was, amazed and in love with my country. I felt I was back home and once again I experienced my love for Ethiopia.

This day, Solomon arrived in a 4WD vehicle and while we had never met him, we guessed immediately who he was and without further ado we were driving on a dusty, unsealed road, marked by a myriad of Chinese sponsored road works, towards the town of Adwa. A little distance from Adwa, through dry looking hills and across dry, stoney paddocks we reached the community well. We were led to the stone-walled, circular enclosure and greeted by community people - older men and women, younger ones and little children. We saw the pump, simple and light, being used by a small girl probably no older than 8 years, as she filled a yellow plastic container. Solomon introduced us.

The community welcomed us and thanked us for visiting. They shared with us how much the clean water meant to them. Through Solomon, they explained that about 250 families benefited from this clean water each day and how people were now much healthier because they no longer used dirty water. Girls and women now had more time for other things such as education. It is hard for me to really imagine giving up my schooling to go and fetch water each day and I felt grateful for my education in Australia. It is amazing how different my life is and will be because I have been adopted by my Australian family. Because of this I feel that the career I choose must be able to provide me with the opportunity to help Ethiopian people; women, girls and children in particular. Dad took photos and mum talked through Solomon for us.



We felt special and priviledged. We also felt that we wanted to go back to Australia and raise money for a well. Dad, mum and I all shared a sense of how can something so basic be so 'provided for us' but 'such a gift' for these people. We will raise the money for a well. People in our country spend so much money on extra things, going out to eat, clothes, mobile phones and expensive entertainment, that we are sure the money is there.

Frezer Armstrong

Please note that Donations are to be in favour of "WellWishers" and posted to the address at the bottom of this Newsletter. Over 95% of funds raised go to the actual Wells projects. There are no pastoral activities related to this project. **All donations over \$2.00 by Australian taxpayers, are Tax Deductible.**

DONATIONS: \$6,000 provides 1 Well - The Friend's 1:1 donation (up to limit of \$60,000) gives 2 wells, helping up to 900 people

Please tick Square **ONLY** if an interim receipt is required (you will automatically receive one in the month following your donation)

Enclosed is my Donation of \$ **Address** {incl postcode} _____

OR: Debit my Visa or MasterCard - **Please CIRCLE your card type** (automatic periodical donations can be arranged)

Name on Card: Signature:

Card Number: Expiry Date:/..... CCV(last 3 numbers on back of Card)

OR: You Can Donate Online (Secure Site): www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers

Name for Receipt Purposes **if different** to bank account or card name: