



Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia

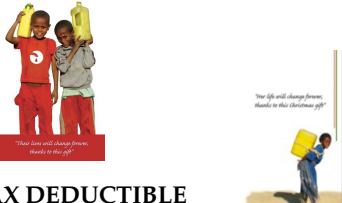

Ross' Piece

Although the accounts for FY11/12 have yet to be prepared, it seems that excluding our "Friends" \$60,000 contribution, donations last financial year were 20% down on 10/11. I guess the politicians' scare-mongering have contributed to this. Sadly this will mean that the wells construction programme for 2013, will be significantly reduced.

As part of our efforts in improving transparency, at the suggestion of one of our supporters, we have put on the website a complete list of all wells built since 2002 up to and including 2011. It can be found under the "FAQ" section. Location co-ordinates will be added mid-September.

WellWishers Fifth AGM will be held in Melbourne in November 2012. Financial members will be advised of the time, date and location well beforehand. It will also be notified in the "News" section of the website.

A scary thought - it's less than 4 months till Christmas! We'll be selling Christmas Gift Cards again, which are a perfect substitute for unwanted presents that so many people receive. Remember this when pondering what to buy for your friends & family. Full details in November's Newsletter.

<p>Tax Deductability</p> <p>All donations by Australian taxpayers are Tax Deductible. Over 95% of donations goes direct to the programme.</p>	<p>Newsletter Name</p> <p>Do you have a brilliant name hidden away for this Newsletter. We think WellWishers deserves something a little less boring than just Newsletter. "The Quarterly Drop" anyone? Email and let us know</p>	<p>Spreading the Word</p> <p>Many of you ask "what can I do to help?" If you could encourage just 1 or 2 people to register for the Newsletter [no obligation to donate], that would be terrific. Please see what you can do to spread the word of the work of WellWishers.</p>	<p>Gift Cards in Lieu of Unwanted Presents</p> <p>Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is only \$60 and that gives clean water to an average family and their generations to follow.</p>  <p>TAX DEDUCTIBLE Order via Website or contact Ross</p>	<p>Donor Offers \$60,000</p> <p>Our Friend will again match donations in 2012/13, \$1 for \$1 up to \$60,000. Donate generously now.</p>  <p>\$2.00 & over donations are Tax Deductible</p>
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"The Measure of Civilised Behaviour is Compassion"

A Sad Period for All Ethiopians



On 16 August, The Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, Abune Paulos, passed away in Addis Ababa. He had been head of the church since 1992. About half of Ethiopians follow the Orthodox Church, which separated from the Coptic Orthodox Church in 1959. Most other Ethiopians are either Protestant or Muslim.

Just 4 days later, Ato Meles Zenawi died in a Belgian hospital at the age of 57. He was Prime Minister since the overthrow of the Derg [Mengistu's communist regime] in 1991. Mr. Meles is credited with spearheading economic development in Ethiopia. He was austere and hardworking, with a discipline forged from years spent in the guerrilla movement that fought against the communists.

One of our trustees, Mr. Graham Romanes, had met Mr. Meles on several occasions, including during the war when Graham himself was in the sector held by the rebels when he worked for Community Aid Abroad (now Oxfam Australia).

The deputy prime minister, Mr Hailemariam Desalegn, becomes prime minister until the next elections, due in 2015. It is expected that Mr. Meles' aim of lifting its citizens out of abject poverty will be maintained by the new PM.



Please become a Member of WellWishers. Complete this form and return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2012/13 of \$1.20 [payable with 2 x 60c stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

NAME: EMAIL ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS: P/CODE:

Major Donors

A very big thank you goes to the **Beecher Foundation** for another \$20,000 donation last financial year. To date they have funded 12 wells since becoming *WellWishers* supporters 4 years ago. We are so grateful to Foundations such as this for their support.

A thank you must also go to the **Bangalow Lions Club**. From this tiny Northern Rivers village, have come funds for 5 wells since 2006. **ACME Foundation** of Hong Kong likewise are generous ongoing donors, funding 2 more wells this year.

There are dozens of other individuals & organisations who've now fully funded one well or more. We are privileged that so many of you think *WellWishers* is such a worthy cause.

If you'd like your donation publicly acknowledged on the Website, please let me know [we will commence doing this later this year]. This is regardless of the size of your donation. You can also tick the appropriate box at the bottom of this page and return the form to us.

Remember, it's not just how much you donate, but also about spreading the word and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Just 60 donations of \$100 dollars each gives a village of up to 400 people clean water for the rest of their lives. As the expression says, it's a gift that keeps on giving.

Wells' Construction Progress



We have received REST's [our Ethiopian Programme Implementation Partner] Interim Report for this year's construction progress. Of the 96 wells and bores commenced, on average they are 36% complete. They and the 28 yet to be started, are scheduled for completion during December 2012.

Tax Deductible Receipts These are issued late in the month following the calendar month in which donations are received. Over 95% of those donations go to the wells programme, the rest being for newsletters and institutional fees. Due to Diana's [from Melbourne] illness, receipting is now being done by Kate from Pt Macquarie. Kate is using a system designed by Dave of Melbourne to simplify the process. Thanks Kate and Dave. We received over 40 offers of help when the SOS was sent out! Thanks so much for that. We wish Diana good health and thank her for her invaluable help.



We are off to Ethiopia

Marianne and Ross have booked to fly to Ethiopia in mid November. It will be Ross's 6th visit [all visits are self funded]. They will be accompanied by daughter Fionna and the impossibly cute Elin [grand daughter] who will be 20 months old at that time.

Ross would like to hear from you about any specific matters you would like addressed or any subjects you might like photographed [apart from Elin of course!]. A full report will be written up in the February Newsletter.

Do not be afraid to visit Ethiopia. It is a safe country with amazing people and some fascinating places to visit. Check out the website www.tourismethiopia.org

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 helping up to 400 people

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Enclosed is my Donation of \$ **Postal or Email Address** (incl postcode).....

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

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

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

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

Please send me information about making a bequest to *WellWishers*