



## Hope for Rural Children and Orphans (HORCO)

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*Nurturing hope in rural Ethiopia through clean water and sanitation*

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Friends of HORCO,

Since 2008, HORCO donors have provided nearly \$177,000, which has enabled an estimated 27,000 people in 12 villages and a town to gain access to nearby, safe water sources and effective sanitation. We are indebted to our Canadian and Ethiopian partners, and are both grateful and honored to have the ongoing privilege of bringing Canadian resources to empower Ethiopian Communities. Thank you for trusting us with your investment.

However, the cause is still compelling and the need is abundant, as tens of millions (> *the total population of Canada!*) of rural Ethiopians are still without ready access to clean water and sanitation. That includes >50,000 people in the Gimbichu District, where HORCO is the only active NGO at this time. Over the past year, HORCO has realized that the need in rural Gimbichu Villages goes far beyond water and sanitation, and our Board has put into place a sustainable plan to use a more comprehensive approach to community and economic development. The text below presents more information about that. I hope you find this expanded vision to be as exciting as I do!

For the present, HORCO is asking for your help again this year. We want to raise at least \$45,000 for a 2015 water and sanitation project in Gimbichu. On **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ethiopian Dinner* fund-raiser. Whether you have never attended this event or you have attended it many times before, we'd like to encourage you to join us for this special, unique evening when together, we can again *celebrate with a purpose!* Check the poster below for details. Invite a friend – this is a compelling cause, an abundant need and an opportunity to be blessing.

If you are not able to attend the dinner, we hope you will still continue to support rural Ethiopian Communities with a generous donation to HORCO. Gifts can be made by sending a check to the above address, or by donating online at our [website](http://www.horco.ca). All gifts are tax-receipted, and **we continue to promise that 100% of project-designated gifts will go directly to Ethiopia.**

Please help us to continue nurturing hope in rural Ethiopia through clean water and sanitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Kline'.

Bob Kline  
Director

P.S. If you would like to do your own, creative fund-raiser for HORCO let us know and we can help you out with information and materials. Details and ideas for doing this online are [here](#).

## HORCO – the next step ...

***“How do we make an enduring, positive impact in the lives of as many marginalized Ethiopians as possible?”***

Questions like this continue to inspire the HORCO team as we join with you, our supporters, and our Ethiopian partners in fostering changes in the rural communities where we serve.

*Somehow, it doesn't feel right that women have to walk for many hours each day to collect water that often brings sickness to their family. Do they have to risk their personal security, spending hours away from their young children, when they could be watching over their family and generating income to help pay for their schooling?*

*And what if children in the Gimbichu District had access to clean water right at their school where they learn basic hygiene practices that keep them healthy and allow them to spend more time preparing to be productive members of society?*

**Not only do we think this is possible ... we've seen it happening!** As you may know, over the past number of years HORCO has facilitated the building of water points in a number of communities, the installation of pit latrines at a school, and the protection of springs that now supply clean water to an entire town. We feel we've made a great start!

*“Now we have clean water. No one in our life time has shared this love for us. You bring water to change our lives – this is a great blessing for us. Thank you Kale Heywet Church and HORCO supporters.”* (Ms. M, member of the Water Committee in the Kersa Villages, 2014)

**And we'd like to do more!** Our experience in Ethiopia has shown us that there are other organizations that are doing excellent work to support rural Ethiopians. And we have been surprised to find that one of those great organizations was right in our backyard (well, Canada is a big backyard!). *WorldServe Ministries* has many of the same values, philosophies and mission as HORCO has aspired to from its inception. *WorldServe* has even worked with the same Ethiopian partner as HORCO!



That being said, HORCO and *WorldServe* have been in discussion about how we can care for even more rural Ethiopians better by working together. This also has the potential to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, and build on our shared experiences. *WorldServe* has innovative strategies for generating resources, a comprehensive approach to community development and the exceptional commitment to send 100% of donor funds directly to Ethiopians.

Feel free to view their website at [www.worldserve.ca](http://www.worldserve.ca) if you would like more information on this potential partner. We really value your input as we continue to partner *with you* to bless as many rural Ethiopians as we can. Send comments to [admin@horco.ca](mailto:admin@horco.ca).

*Celebrate clean water with us!*



## **Hope for Rural Children & Orphans (HORCO)**

**Saturday, November 8, 2014 6:00 to 9:00 pm**  
Hillside Church, 250 Commissioners Rd E, London, Ontario

***Ethiopian Buffet Dinner***

*(with a Canadian Option)*

***HORCO Partners from Ethiopia***



**Tickets: \$20 donation; table of 8, \$150. Reserve your tickets at [www.horco.ca](http://www.horco.ca) or 519-649-0271 by November 2nd, payable at the door. Appetizers at 6:00 pm; buffet opens at 6:30 pm.**

Opportunity will be given to donate to HORCO's ongoing water, sanitation and personal hygiene program in rural Ethiopia.

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