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BRINGING CHANGE THAT LASTS

December 9, 2019

Dear Friend of PAAV:

During this festive Holiday Season, I want to reach out to you and share with you some of what has taken place in Sendafa, Ethiopia via the efforts of Dr. Frew and the Project Adopt A Village (PAAV) team during 2019. People like Demeku, Meseret and Solomon, whose collective story has been included with this letter, continue to be served in a caring compassionate way and their lives have been favorably changed forever.

Dr. Frew and the PAAV team have sustained their remarkable outreach to the people of Sendafa and surrounding communities over the past 11 months. Dr Frew continues his clinic two days per week, taking care of the sickest of those infected with HIV/AIDS. Over this past year, he has provided care during over 400 patient visits, with 100 people suffering from HIV/AIDS receiving nutritional support, and an additional 300 impoverished children receiving vitamins and food to overcome malnutrition. From an educational standpoint, 80 students have received scholarships in order to further their education, a key factor towards overcoming the shackles of poverty in the village. Fifteen (15) new individuals have been provided start-up capital to begin their own small businesses or IGAs (income generating activities). Forty (40) individuals in the IGA program have received basic business skills training. Finally, the PAAV team has reached 2,560 individuals with their organized health education programs in Sendafa.

In July, 35 Americans were part of a mission team organized by Living Word Community Church that went to Sendafa to participate in a medical camp and teach in the schools. We worked side by side with the PAAV team and many other Ethiopian colleagues and friends. About 200 children were taught ESL (English as a Second Language) in the school, while the medical team saw 3,000 patients for various medical and surgical conditions. Seventy-one (71) patients underwent cataract surgery providing sight

to the blind. In addition, there were 91 general surgical procedures and 200 dental procedures, with many of the patients receiving primary care, medical eye care, and psychological support for the first time in their lives. We were busy!!!

All these efforts would not have been possible without your support. Thank you so much for your partnership and support in the past. We hope you consider ongoing support for these activities and more as we strive to demonstrate love and compassion in practical, meaningful and tangible ways.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Nelson MD
Founder and President



The PAAV Team
Eshete, Birhanu, Ageritu,
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