



December 2018

Dear Friends of PAAV:

The PAAV team and the Friends of PAAV Board would like to thank you so much for your partnership and support of Project Adopt a Village (PAAV). Your donation is touching lives and enhancing the quality of life for many in Sendafa and the surrounding area

As 2018 comes to a close, we wanted to share with you some of the accomplishments of Project Adopt A Village (PAAV) for the past year. Dr Frew and the PAAV team have continued to provide love and compassionate care to many individuals in Sendafa, Ethiopia and the surrounding area. In addition to the 5 Ethiopian members of the PAAV team, 40 Americans have been part of short term mission teams going to work alongside the PAAV team and many other Ethiopian volunteers to serve the needy community. Americans coming from multiple churches, several states, and different backgrounds have joined in our efforts. We want to take this opportunity to share the highlights of the outreach done during 2018.

Dr. Frew and the PAAV team:

1. 164 newly diagnosed patients with HIV/AIDS were evaluated and treated
2. 21 patients were set up with income generating activities (new businesses)
3. 242 impoverished children and families were provided vitamins and nutritional support
4. 1322 individuals participated in anti-HIV awareness teaching
5. 150 mothers enrolled in the family planning program
6. 85 children with HIV/AIDS or with parents with HIV/AIDS received academic support
7. 40 high school students and 40 college students received educational financial support
8. New textbooks were provided to the high school

In July, a large team organized by Living Word Community Church in Red Lion, Pennsylvania traveled to Sendafa. One half of the team were medical doctors and nurses who teamed up with numerous Ethiopian nurses, doctors, providers, interpreters and helpers to treat 2800 patients who presented with a myriad of medical and surgical problems. Including:

1. 61 patients who were completely blind were given sight through cataract surgery
2. 91 patients received surgery for various surgical conditions
3. 200 patients underwent dental procedures relieving agonizing mouth and tooth pain
4. over 2400 patients were seen for treatment of general medical conditions or medical eye problems

The nonmedical members of the team:

1. Taught students in the schools
2. Made home visits to support patients with HIV/AIDS
3. Visited some very poor families participating in the vitamin and nutritional support program
4. Installed vinyl on the dirt floors of some of the huts/homes of HIV/AIDS patients

Another smaller team of women went to Sendafa in September to support the PAAV team and women in the town of Sendafa.

Thank you once again for helping to make this all possible. Your generosity helps to make these and many more accomplishments possible! Your interest, contribution and compassion are truly making a difference in the lives of people in Sendafa.

Sincerely,

Ed Nelson M.D., Founder and Board Member, Friends of PAAV



**The team- American and Ethiopian**



**The waiting room**



**General Surgery**



**Cataract Surgery**



**Primary care**



**Dentistry**



**Teaching in the school**



**Donating textbooks to the school**

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Project Adopt A Village - Bringing change that lasts. Project Adopt A Village (PAAV) exists to improve the physical, educational, economical, and spiritual health of neglected villages in Ethiopia, starting with Sendafa.