



LIFE CENTER ETHIOPIA

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

James 1:27

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.



OUR MISSION

Transforming the lives of widows and orphans, vulnerable women and children, through personal development by providing vocational training, entrepreneurial skills, financial loans, and education based on the love of God.

45%



Mulu Woldetinsae Executive Director

Dear friends, of Life Center Ethiopia, I pray you and your family are doing well. With God's help and your faithful support, 2025 was an amazing year for Life Center Ethiopia. I want to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for standing with us in this wonderful journey of sharing our love with the orphans and the widows in Ethiopia. In 2025, we supported 318 children and 1100 widows started or expanded their own small business. We gave many life changing trainings. Some of our kids joined colleges and universities. The widows became confident and leaders of their communities and ambassadors of Life Center Ethiopia. They are able to stand tall.

We distributed beds, mattresses, and comforters to the women and their children who don't have these necessities for the first time. I am grateful to the donors, and I am happy to see the joy of the people when they receive the support. We have been receiving many friends of Life Center Ethiopia from the USA; they

have shared their love and wisdom with the orphan children and the widows. I am grateful for their dedication and their in-person presence in Ethiopia. They blessed us greatly and the community we serve. Life Center Ethiopia is doing an amazing job not only feeding those in need but also helping the children go to school, and we train, mentor, and coach them to

make their tomorrows better and transform their lives. Our dedicated staff members are working hard with the orphans and the widows to show them the light of hope in their darkest times. By spreading the love of Jesus in words and in practice, the Lord is blessing the children and the widows abundantly. I want to thank our board members, each of our partners, sponsors, and donors. We couldn't have made it without your prayers and support. God bless you and your family.

45%

Blessings, and my best regards,
Mulu G Wodetinsae - Life Center Ethiopia



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

What \$40 per month does for a family.

250 children have been supported in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** and 52 children have been supported in Sekota, Ethiopia.**

Financial support is provided to the family as indirect beneficiaries.

After school tutoring is provided to 75 students in grades 5-8 three times per week. They are also provided a snack with tutoring. Computer training is provided to students in grades 9-12 in addition to tutoring.

Parents and caregivers can also attend free parenting classes.





HOPE FOR WIDOWS

Microloans & Business Training

170 widows have been granted microloans in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** and 30 widows have been granted microloans in Sekota, Ethiopia.

On average, 45 women attend our quarterly Business Training sessions, and 10 microloans per month are granted from those trainings.

Business Training includes the initial training, business-plan coaching, and business set up. After a business is established, the women receive monthly follow-up calls or visits to offer help and encouragement to the new business owners!



SPECIAL PROJECTS

Bed Distribution



Through partnerships with Fellowship City Church and Maximum Impact Foundation, Life Center Ethiopia provided brand-new beds, mattresses, and blankets to almost 200 vulnerable families in Addis Ababa. By replacing floor-mats with high-quality bedding, this outreach restored dignity and physical comfort to mothers and children who had spent years sleeping in harsh conditions.



Youth Retreat



A retreat for our high school students is held each year in February. This is a time of teaching, fellowship and restoration for kids from hard places.





Dairy Cow project

Life Center Ethiopia started a special project supporting 10 widows to run a dairy cow farm in Meky.

Garden Project

In 2021, the local government of Sekota gifted land to Life Center Ethiopia to establish a garden cultivated by local widows. The Garden Project not only provides a source of income for widows struggling to support their families but also supplies the community with fresh, nutritious vegetables. In a region where diets primarily consist of grains, this initiative plays a crucial role in addressing health issues such as malnutrition and stunted growth.



T-Shirt Printing

A group of orphans at Life Center Ethiopia received business training from our staff and launched a T-shirt printing business with the help of one of Life Center Ethiopia's board members, Truman Pollard. Now, these young adults have a workspace and a fully functioning business!



**MEET
YENENESH DAGNE**



Yenenesh 's Story

My name is Yenenesh Dagne. I am a wife and a mother of two children. For many years, life felt like a long night with no sign of morning. My husband, the father of my children, has been unable to work because of serious health problems. When illness entered our home, stability left it. What followed was not just poverty, but a quiet daily struggle that slowly drained our strength.

I spent my days inside our small home, caring for my children, watching over them with a heart full of fear and love. The little money my husband could occasionally send was never enough. There were days when food was uncertain and nights when sleep would not come because my thoughts were heavy. As a mother, there is no deeper pain than watching your children face hardship while you have nothing left to give. I carried their pain inside my heart and prayed silently, asking God why life had become so hard. Time passed, and the struggle did not ease. Hope felt distant. I often felt invisible to the world, as though my suffering was unseen and unheard. Yet even in that darkness, God was quietly preparing a way.

One day, a local government administrator in our area noticed my situation. They saw the seriousness of my condition and chose not to look away. Instead, they referred me to Life Center, Meki Branch. That single act of noticing changed the direction of my life.

When I arrived at Life Center, I was welcomed with compassion and respect. The kindness shown to me was not ordinary. It reminded me that I still mattered, that I was still a human being worthy of care. Life Center did not treat me as a problem to be solved, but as a woman with potential and value. That love restored something broken inside me.

Life Center then brought together 10 women, including myself, who were facing similar hardships. We were women burdened by poverty, illness in our families, and years of struggle. Through Life Center, we received one month of professional training in animal care and livestock management, delivered by experienced experts. For the first time in many years, we were not being helped to survive one more day, but prepared to build a sustainable future.

After the training, Life Center supported us with five Holland dairy cows. That moment marked the beginning of restoration. Those cows were not just animals. They were a sign of hope, dignity, and trust. They were proof that our lives could change.

Today, all five cows have given birth. Though we experienced loss one along the way, God preserved us, and we now have four cattle. Each morning, as I work, I remember where we came from. We sell one liter of milk for 0.40 USD, and with this income, we are slowly rebuilding our lives. We are no longer only surviving. We are striving forward with courage.

**This journey has taught me that God never abandons the brokenhearted. The Bible says,
"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."**

Psalm 34:18

Life Center became the instrument through which God answered our prayers. Through sustainable support, training, and compassion, they helped turn our suffering into strength. They gave us the chance to stand on our own feet and to believe again.

Above all, I thank God Almighty, who turns sorrow into joy and weakness into testimony. And from the depths of my heart, I thank Life Center, its staff, donors, and partners, for being a light in our darkest season.

What once felt like endless pain has become a story of faith, resilience, and restoration. This is my testimony. And to God alone be the glory.

MEET EYUEL BIREHANU



Eyuel's Story

Eyuel Birhanu

My name is Eyuel Birhanu. I am 21 years old. Life Center has been part of my life since I was seven years old. For 14 years, I grew up within its children's program. Life Center was not only a place of support, it was a place where my character was built. The staff guided me, corrected me with love, encouraged me, and helped me see potential in myself that I did not yet recognize.

I was raised by my mother alone through many hardships. Watching her struggle taught me resilience. But having Life Center alongside us gave us strength and stability. It gave my mother hope, knowing she was not walking this journey by herself.

Through sponsorship, I received long-term support that covered my educational needs and personal development. Sponsorship allowed me to stay in school, grow in confidence, and prepare for a better future. It was not just financial help, it was an investment in my destiny.

Because someone believed in me enough to sponsor me, my life took a different direction. Today, I am working in Life Center's expanding garment department. It is a great honor to serve in the very place that helped raise me. At the same time, I am studying Cinematography in the evening program because I dream big. I want to become a professional cinematographer and storyteller. I want to produce films and visual stories that inspire, educate, and bring positive change to society.

Just like Life Center shaped my future, I want to shape the future of others. I want the sponsorship program to continue growing so that more children can discover their purpose and talents. One day, I hope to give back generously and become a supporter of others the way I was supported.

Life Center gave me direction. Sponsorship gave me an opportunity. And my dreams are bigger than my past.

Scripture reminds us in Galatians 6:9, Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Eyerusalem and Eyuel are part of that harvest. Their journeys are proof that seeds of love, care, and sponsorship never return empty. What was sown in faith has grown into purpose, confidence, and vision for the future.

As it is written in Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

May this testimonial inspire us to continue investing in the next generation, knowing that every act of support echoes into eternity. The story does not end here. It multiplies through every life that chooses to pay it forward.



FINANCIALS AND LETTER

David Herzog
 Chairman of the Board
 Board member since 2020
 Arizona

2025 KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

GRANTS TOWARDS ETHIOPIAN PROGRAM SERVICES

U.S.A. grants to support LCE Programs	\$209,238
Partners (direct contributions to Ethiopia)	\$192,254
Other (direct contributions to Ethiopia)	\$6,950
Total Income	\$408,442

U.S.A. GRANTS TO ETHIOPIA YoY

2025 GRANTS TO ETHIOPIA	\$209,238
2024 GRANTS TO ETHIOPIA	\$117,215
Percent Increase	61%
\$ INCREASE	\$72,023

NET ASSETS

BEGINNING OF YEAR (1/1/2025)	\$297,541
END OF YEAR (12/31/2025)	\$342,762
PERCENT INCREASE	15%
CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$45,221

The Impact of your continued donations!

Because of your generosity, Life Center was fully resourced in 2025 to sustain and expand critical programs. This income ensured children and families received consistent care, education, and support without interruption—turning faithful giving into daily stability and hope.

Your donations directly strengthened life-changing programs in Ethiopia. A 61% increase in program contributions meant more children served, stronger local partnerships, and deeper long-term impact in the communities we support—proof that generosity multiplied impact on the ground.

This growth in working capital reflects wise stewardship of every dollar entrusted to Life Center. Stronger reserves allow us to respond quickly to urgent needs, plan responsibly for the future, and protect the continuity of our mission—giving donors confidence that their gifts are managed with care and foresight.

MINISTRY (U.S. and Vietnam)

Consistent giving from our U.S. donor community provided a dependable foundation for ministry in 2025. This steady support made long-term planning possible and ensured programs were driven by mission—not uncertainty—demonstrating the powerful role of faithful, ongoing partnership.

FUNDRAISING



Dear Friends and Partners,

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude – for God’s faithfulness, for the resilience of those we serve, and for you, our Life Center donors and partners, whose generosity and trust make this work possible.

At the heart of Life Center Ethiopia has always been a simple but powerful calling: to restore hope, dignity, and faith in the lives of vulnerable children and widows. For more than thirteen years, we have pursued this mission by surrounding those we serve with love, empathy, practical support, and the skills needed to build a future they may have only imagined. Because of your partnership, that calling continues to bear remarkable fruit.

Your consistent support throughout 2025 ensured stability and continuity across our programs. It allowed our team to serve without interruption, to plan responsibly, and to remain focused on mission rather than uncertainty. This dependable foundation is a powerful ministry in itself—one that brings daily hope and security to the communities we serve.

Through longstanding partnerships with Horizon International, Touch of Love International, Fellowship City Church, Maximum Impact Foundation, and Global Orphan Relief, we strengthened child sponsorships and expanded widow business loans into new communities in the capital Addis Ababa, the northern part of Ethiopia, Sekota, and the South-central part of the country, Meki. Together, these partnerships multiplied impact and deepened our reach.

Over the past year alone, 334 children received sponsorship, and 446 widows were empowered through our Widow Business Loan Program. These outcomes represent more than numbers—they reflect restored confidence, renewed purpose, and families moving toward self-sufficiency.

In 2025, through prayerful reflection and strategic planning, our Board and Ethiopian leadership recognized a clear calling: we must do more. The hardships facing many of our clients run deeper than we had traditionally addressed, and faithfulness required us to evolve.

We discovered that many of the children we serve were missing one of life’s most basic foundations – a bed. Something so simple, yet so essential to health, dignity, and emotional well-being. Through the generosity of donors and the partnership of Fellowship City Church and Maximum Impact Foundation, we were able to provide complete bedding sets for over 195 children. The improvement in their physical health, emotional wellbeing, and cognitive development was immediate and profound.

We also recognized that our physical space was limiting our ability to serve. By God’s grace, we secured a much larger facility in the same Addis area, expanding training rooms, improving meal preparation, and creating a larger community center. From the very first day, the impact was felt throughout the campus and in the hearts of our clients.

Another critical step was adding professional counseling services. Many children carry deep trauma that requires trained support. Bringing on a certified counselor has already led to meaningful breakthroughs in healing and self-esteem—affirming the importance of caring for the whole person.

None of this would be possible without our extraordinary Ethiopian staff. Their dedication, compassion, and tireless service reflect the heart of Life Center every day. They are the hands and feet of this mission, and we are deeply grateful for their leadership and faithfulness.

On behalf of Mulu our Executive Director, the Life Center Ethiopia Board, and our entire team, thank you. Your partnership is not taken lightly. Every dollar entrusted to Life Center is stewarded with care, prayer, and responsibility, always with the goal of maximizing impact for those we serve.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence and hope. The momentum built in 2025 has led us to expand services, deepen impact, and continue evolving to meet the real needs of our clients. Stay tuned for amazing new outcomes forthcoming in 2026 and feel the joy that you played a critical role in making it happen!

May God bless you abundantly and thank you for standing with us in this mission.

With gratitude,
David Herzog

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TESTIMONIALS

Shole Gebre – Turning Limitation into Livelihood

Shole Gebre is a 35-year-old mother of three living in Meki town. From birth, Shole has lived with a physical disability that limits her ability to stand or walk. Her husband also lives with a similar disability, making daily survival and family leadership extraordinarily difficult. For years, Shole's life was shaped by deep poverty, isolation, and dependence, as even the most basic responsibilities felt overwhelming.

Despite these challenges, Shole carried an unbreakable determination to care for her family. Yet without mobility, resources, or opportunity, her dreams of independence felt far out of reach. Life became a daily struggle for survival rather than a path toward growth.

Hope arrived when Shole learned about Life Center's Women's Support and Microloan Program through local district leaders. With encouragement from Life Center's compassionate and dedicated social workers, she enrolled in a basic business training course and gained access to a microloan—an opportunity that would change her life.

With this support, Shole launched a small home-based business, preparing and selling homemade snacks and sugarcane in her community. What once felt impossible slowly became achievable. Today, Shole earns her own income, contributes to her household, and actively

My name is Eyerusalem Gebeyehu. I am 22 years old. From my early childhood, Life Center Ethiopia became part of my life story. I am among the few children who have been connected to Life Center Ethiopia since its founding. For me, Life Center Ethiopia was not just an organization; it was a family. The staff became my mentors, my encouragers, and in many ways, the fatherly presence I longed for.

They gave me guidance, protection, and constant motivation to believe in myself.

I was raised by my mother alone. She carried many burdens to raise me, and life was not easy. But through Life Center Ethiopia's support system, I grew up in an environment of care, discipline, and hope. They followed my academic journey closely and stood beside me at every stage of my growth. Through the sponsorship program, I received consistent support for many years. Sponsorship made it possible for me to stay focused on my education without being overwhelmed by financial pressure. It provided for my school needs, encouraged my progress, and reassured my mother that we were not alone. Because someone chose to sponsor me, I was able to dream beyond my circumstances.

With hard work and determination, I graduated last week with a BSc in Clinical Pharmacy, with a CGPA of 3.6, from Africa Health College. This achievement is the fruit of years of support, love, and investment.

I dream big for my future. I plan to pursue a Master's degree and advance in my profession. But my greatest desire is to live by the principle of "pay it forward." I want to serve vulnerable communities and become a source of hope for those who feel forgotten. My prayer is that Life Center Ethiopia's sponsorship program continues to expand so that many more children can rise, just as I did.

Life Center Ethiopia shaped my life. Sponsorship sustained my journey. And the future I carry is a testimony of both.



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