

Grace Centre for Children and Families Bahir Dar, Ethiopia



**Working together,
Sharing God's Love,
Building hope for the future through
Education, Health, Daycare and Support.**

Located in Kebele 13, Bahir Dar, Grace Centre has an integrated, holistic Christian approach to meeting the need of a broad range of children. Acceptance of children is based only upon the recognized genuine need of the family, regardless of ethnic and religious background.

Grace has been founded by people from different nations, professions and backgrounds who have focused upon the common goal of seeing children growing up healthy, strong and educated. Children hold the keys to the future and should therefore be given opportunities to be nourished and encouraged.

Our mission is to provide care for families and children by equipping and supporting mothers in their care role, giving children every possible advantage available to grow in a stable environment, and through education and training, empower them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

THE NEED

Over the past 40 years the families of Ethiopia have suffered drought, famine, civil war and more recently the AIDS epidemic. Families have been stripped of their wage earners, and traditional multi-generational support. Infant mortality is high (16.5%) and literacy low (less than 30%).

There are many single mums, some as young as 14 years, victims of poverty, seduction, rape or failed relationships. With no social welfare, mothers need to work in order to feed and provide for their family.

WHAT THE GRACE CENTRE PROVIDES -

- A sponsorship program for children whose families cannot afford schooling for them
- A day care centre for families who do not have extended family support for mothers to work
- A temporary care centre for families who need to short-term respite for their child/ren
- An orphanage or transitional care centre for abandoned or truly orphaned children
- A clinic to provide health care and education for mothers and children
- training programs in child care, local handicrafts skills, and literacy
- small business program #NEW#

Mid to long term goals include the provision of a village training centre for young families, a school, a vocational training centre and a facility/home for adults with disabilities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Grace Centre requires prayer, hands, funding and sponsorship to continue to serve the community in Bahir Dar.

Prayer

Prayer is the greatest gift you can give to the Grace Centre, its management, staff, children and families.

Please pray for -

- Grace, wisdom and guidance for the decision makers, and leadership, and for future direction of the centre
- Protection, healing and salvation for the children and their families, for the workers, staff and the volunteers for the people of Bahir Dar and Ethiopia
- For the provision of the ongoing resources for the running of the centre.

Volunteers

Grace is a Christian organisation that welcomes individuals and teams from around the world.

Volunteers are able to use their skills and gifts at Grace being involved in a mission to serve the local children and their families of Bahir Dar.

Volunteer tasks can include office assistance, making resources, caring for littlies, sport and craft, introducing and implementing new idea, doing repairs and building, ministering and prayer walking, providing care and support.

The teams presence provides Christian encouragement to the local workers, management and those whom the centre serves.

Sponsorship and Donations

The Grace Centre is fully funded and supported by donations. Support in the form of medical supplies, baby needs, formula, clothing and information resources are needed regularly. Prayer support is also required for the team of workers and the families they serve.

Child sponsorship, mother and child sponsorship and donations can be made through the Grace Centre websites both in USA and Australia and are Tax Deductable.

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“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.” James 1:27