



REMEMBER OUR BABY BETELEHEM WHO WAS BURIED ALIVE?

Last year, we shared the story about baby Betelehem. Betelehem was buried alive and only saved by men walking by who heard cries coming from under the ground. Thanks to Amy Minard, our onsite director, Worku Assab, our social worker and many other people, since coming to Grace Center, Betelehem's life has not only been saved but transformed. She has grown into a beautiful baby and just recently we were blessed to see her take the next step in her life journey. This is another miracle for this dear baby as she has now been adopted by a beautiful Ethiopian family here in Bahir Dar. You can see this photo of Betelehem with her new mother.



EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS
ENDLESS POTENTIAL.

BIG GIVING CREATES AN ENORMOUS CHANGE.

We have a very dear family that has supported Grace Center on numerous occasions. Bruce and Maribeth Herman and their children (pictured with our family in the photo on the following page) have contributed for building and sponsorship and giving substantially into the lives of those in most need in Ethiopia. We had never personally met them but they recently made a trip to Naples and we were able to thank them in person for all their support. It was during this time they began thinking about contributing on an even larger scale to support Grace Center.

Through their amazing gift of \$40,000 we have been able to build the kindergarten in our Grace Academy that will serve hundreds throughout the years. We have also been able to purchase a vehicle that is desperately needed. The most substantial change is that Grace Center will continue to see lives transformed and that more and more people will be reached. God has placed a huge vision in my heart and Grace Center needs to expand. In this day and age, when I am from a place called Naples, Florida and can see wealth in many places there should never be a person dying as they are trying to reach Grace Center. We each need to do what we can. We need to expand and we need to reach more people before it is too late.



IMAGINE A DAY
WHEN WE WILL BE IN HEAVEN
AND SEE THE PEOPLE
WHO ARE THERE
BECAUSE OF OUR GIVING,
PEOPLE WE NEVER EVEN MET
WHILE ON EARTH.

We have so many exciting things happening including a new book available.

"Marcie Erickson's book, *Glimpse Africa, The Women of Bahir Dar*, is simply an amazing tribute to the women of Africa, the backbone of a continent. Skillfully framed images that convey a range of emotions by a master photographer and accompanied by stories of tragedy and triumph, defeat and redemption are presented in a sensitive narrative. Written and photographed by this exceptional woman who has been led by the Holy Spirit to serve in a very difficult and often hostile environment in a ministry that has impacted thousands of women and children over the past decade."

- John J. Sullivan, author of *Servant First, Leadership for the New Millennium*

We need partners to realize this new vision of expanding Grace Center. Grace Center is on the winning end of breaking the cycle of poverty. And this only happens through partners like you.

Our goal is to raise \$45,000 to continue serving the poorest of the poor. We greatly appreciate your support!

God bless you for the many lives saved and transformed thus far. Let's continue to reach more.

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