



Dear Supporters,

Thank you for your ongoing support through this incredibly challenging time in the world. It means so much to us, and even more to the children, families and community you are supporting in Ethiopia.

While we have been quiet on the communication front recently, we have been working tirelessly behind the scenes and are thrilled to share with you some very exciting, important and life changing news.

The Ethiopian government has recently approved a grant to Hope for Children of 80,000 square metres of land, in the area where we currently operate The School of St Yared. This land package will become the new site for The School of St Yared.

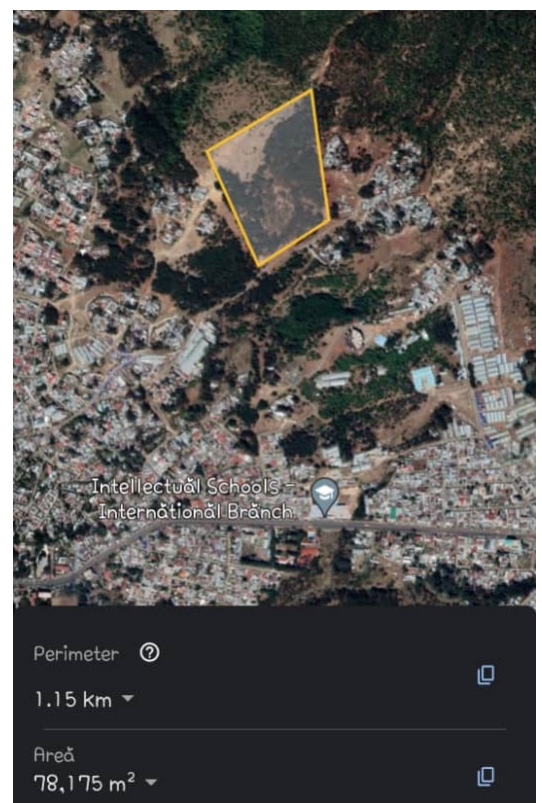
This land grant is significant for a number of reasons.

Hope for Children is the only organisation to be granted land from the current Government in the last 18 months and as the only international organisation to be granted land rights in Ethiopia, we believe this is in recognition for the years of community development we have led in the country. This process started over 11 years ago and the hours of work and dedication that has been shown by our team in Ethiopia and at our head office in Perth has been inspiring to witness. In particular Dr Temesgen and Sorit Mahde, on the ground in Ethiopia, have both volunteered an unbelievable number of hours, while always remaining positive and working tirelessly on our behalf.

It is also hugely significant as it gives The School of St Yared, our students and our community certainty. It gives us a permanent home. It gives us the opportunity to expand, knowing that we can do so with confidence. It allows us to support more children, their families and their communities who need us.

Thank you also to those who contributed towards the new land in our Land Campaign, two years ago. We will be sending you your land deed in the coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing with you our plans to develop this land in the months and years to come, and how you can support us in achieving this goal.



Some additional highlights for the current year include;



- None of our students or community have been infected by COVID-19, to date. This is an extraordinary achievement, given the living conditions many face each day and the underlying medical conditions many live with. We are proud that the community have all supported each other and protected themselves, using the clear information given to them from Hope for Children at the start of the pandemic.

- Thanks to our supporters, like yourself, we have been continuing to ensure the community has access to food, which has become much more difficult to access during COVID-19.

- High school results from all the students have been exceptional. With our oldest students finishing year 11 in two weeks, we will support them over the summer break to have tutoring and access to teachers to assist them with their final year of school.

- Our year 8 students sat the national exams recently and all results were in the top 10% of the country, with 7 students in the top 2%.

- We have welcomed Martha Gashe as Head of HR and Administration. Martha has already taken her role to a new level and made significant positive changes assisting Hope for Children in Ethiopia.



- Hope for Children recently received our accreditation from Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), another significant landmark goal achieved! For more information about ACFID click this link: [About ACFID | ACFID](#)

As always, we are in need of additional support and sponsors for the children at The School of St Yared. We are also starting to work on our expansion plans for the new land and will be seeking significant philanthropic support to achieve this vision.

If you feel you may be able to support The School of St Yared, Hope for Children and the children, families and communities we work with, please feel free to call me on the number below, at any time.

Please also pass on my details to any contacts you think may be in a position to partner with us on this exciting development. Working with us to spread the word, is equally important.

With warm regards and gratitude,

Handwritten signature of Jacquie Gilmore.

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