

## Village of Hope's 2006 Year End Report



Another amazing year! Have you ever had the feeling the life was spinning out of control, and that you were more an observer, than the master?

Village of Hope has the involvement of so many wonderful people, who not only have a loving heart and desire to serve, but are highly motivated, intelligent and unselfish. We owe everything to our wonderful colleagues who have joined us in Village of Hope.

Let's revue some of the achievements that we jointly accomplished during 2006:

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and have a wonderful New Year!

Lon and DeAnna Kennard, Co-Founders

### **The High Risk Children Center (HRCC):**

\*We have sponsored all of our high risk children, Emuti, Longale, Dibabe and her infant son, Benjamin, and Chaltu and her twin girls, Mergitu and Balditu.

\*Emuti, formerly a high risk child, is now in the final stages of adoption to a loving family in the United States.

\*The three orphans in the high risk center, Aiyasha, Abate and Maryama, are all studying hard. They're healthy and very wonderful children. Aiyesah has been sponsored by a loving sponsor, Alicia, who lives in San Francisco. We still need sponsors for Abate and Maryama.

\*Pioneers, Maggie Diamond and Tammy Little, completed internships in the high risk children center and contributed greatly to the development, discipline, development and growth of the first high risk children to come into the center. We appreciate the contribution of these two wonderful women. As we also appreciate Steffanie, Abu, and Carolyn. Their impact on the HRCC children will last for generations, as the lessons they taught are passed on by their students to their own children and grandchildren.

### **The Village of Hope Compound:**

\*We have 5 dome houses finished and furnished. The kids have just moved in, and we now have room to admit another 25 high risk children or orphans. Ultimately, the children center will be home to 250 resident children, and a refuge and treatment center for hundreds more non-resident children who come for counseling, treatment, activity and food, each day, then return home at night.

\*Steffanie and Pirkko have grown a beautiful "proto" garden, which will be the precursor of two huge gardens that the kids will have a chance to work in and that will provide much of the food, the kids in the high risk center will consume.

\*We have installed a new stone and metal front gate, now have three guards providing security 24 hours each day, and we have completed a new, improved guard house.

\*We have hired a local R.N, Bonso Ami, who provides continual care for the children in the children center and provides supplementary care to villagers who have special needs that cannot be fulfilled elsewhere.

\*The HRCC playground was fenced, to protect the children while they enjoy a change of pace from their school work, chores and homework. We hope to get more playground equipment for the children to play on in 2007.

### **The Educational Sponsorship Program:**

\*We have sponsored 98 students, who are attending primary and secondary school, or one of Ethiopia's many colleges and universities. It will be very interesting watching each child grow and mature, and see the contribution each has to the economic, educational and humanitarian development of Ethiopia.

### **The Cooperative Dairy:**

\*The farmers of the village who are interested in participating in the Village of Hope Cooperative Dairy, are now developing By-laws, an operating plan, and completing the initial training in cattle genetics, scientific feeding, and improving production. Arrangements have been made with another coop dairy in Debrazeit, to pick our milk up, process it and distribute it to wholesalers in Addis Ababa. Land O'Lakes, USAID, World Wide Sires, and Village of Hope are in a joint venture helping to improve dairies, and milk and cheese production throughout Ethiopia.

### **Kersa Illall Publis School:**

\*Over the years, Village of Hope has built three new buildings for the school, has provided the 8 thousand books in the school library. This year we continued to support the school with a new printer and typewriter, desks for the classrooms where the students must sit on the floor to study, and chairs and study tables for the library.

### **Health Clinic:**

\*Village of Hope expeditions have come to our medical clinic 3 times during the year, in April, June and October. Close to 1,500 patients were provided with health treatment and many children were washed for scabies, treated and given new clothes. In June alone, 293 children were treated for scabies and clothed. Additionally, many newborn kits were distributed to mothers who came in for prenatal and postnatal care, and completed classes in sanitation and hygiene. Several hundred newborn kits were also given to government hospitals in Addis Ababa and Kuyera. Mother education lessons in nutrition and best use of the new clean water system, have been a major factor in the improving health of the five village cluster of Kersa Illala, Turge, Maja, and Korke (when we speak of Kersa Illala, we are referring to the 4 village cluster).

### **After Effects of our 2005 Water System:**

\*During the Summer and Fall of 2006, a cholera epidemic attacked the villages of rural Ethiopia very severely. Although there were thousands who died of cholera throughout Ethiopia, and hundreds in the villages surrounding Kersa Illala, there was not a single case of cholera in Kersa Illala, due to the clean water and sanitation. That was possible because of the new water system.

### **Growth of Village of Hope Chapters Throughout the World:**

Our vision for growth in our capability to help the villages of Ethiopia includes the development of many local chapters that can be responsible for other projects in other villages, that will eventually spread across Ethiopia, other East African nations and eventually, throughout the world.

We are establishing chapters in:

- Idaho (Verna Gneiting, R.N., is the Director),
- the Central Valley of California (Geri Beck is the Director),
- the UK (Harriet Roberts is the Director),
- and Northern California's Central Valley (Sue Reuser is the Director).

We invite anyone who would like to help us begin a chapter of Village of Hope in their area, to contact us. We will work together to make each chapter a success.

### **Improving Communications through our Website and use of the Internet:**

\*Ville Walveranta is hosting the server for our website, providing internet data base management and secure internet payment capability. Additionally, he and his good wife, Lucretia, have been a major benefactors of Village of Hope.

\*Keith Fenstermaker, Brian Barlow, and James Barlow, have all played major roles in the development of our new website.

\*Dan Algers, is working to:

- 1) upgrade for corporate involvement in providing incentives for family income development,
- 2) implementing our corporate "Adopt a Village Program," and
- 3) provide VOH with state of the art email and telephones in Ethiopia, to facilitate communication between Ethiopia and the U.S.

Thanks you gentlemen, your selfless service is much appreciated.

### **Major Financial Benefactors of Village of Hope in 2006**

Mark and Dawn Smith, Ville and Lucretia Walveranta, Matthew Parsons, M.D., Dan and Lita Algers, H.S. Dent, Lane and Becky Vance Family, Fred and Donna Hanke Family, Sue Reuser

### **Ethiopian and U.S. Organizational Assignments:**

#### **VOH in Ethiopia**

\*Dr. Adane, M.D., Chairman of the Ethiopian National Governing Council (and frequent medical expedition participant as a pediatrician).

\*Pastor Tgro, Chairman of the Kersa Illala Governing Council and member of the National Governing Council.

\*Hagi Hamad Muhammad, Vice Chair, Kersa Illala Governing Council

\*Melaku Asfaw, Ethiopian National Liaison

\*Abu Milkesso is Assistant Director of the Kersa Illala High Risk Children Center

\*Aman Bulbula, Treasurer, Kersa Illala Governing Council

\*Bonso Ami, R.N., Resident VOH Nurse and Clinic Manager

\*Megersa Yosef, Director of the VOH Dairy Development Project and Chief Consultant to the VOH Cooperative Dairy in Kersa Illala.

## **VOH in the U.S.**

### **Board of Advisors**

\*Steffanie Reeder, Director of the Kersa Illala High Risk Children Center

\*Gary and Joyce Kennard, Co-directors of the Northern Utah Outreach Program

\*Brian Lee, Jane Crump and Kelli Cusik, coordinators of the Student Support Committee

\*Naomi Harper, Chief Public Relations and Grant Writer

\*Daryl Gibb, Director of Construction and Dome Engineering

\*Pirkko Gibb, R.N., Director of Nursing and Family Nutrition

\*Gahambo Heben, Director of Cultural Communications and Primary Translation Consultant

We are currently seeking a new Medical Director, please refer any physician you think may be qualified and interested.

### **Officers of Village of Hope**

\*Brian Barlow, Vice President of Operations

\*Steven Bangerter, Esquire, Legal Council

\*Bradley Graham, CPA

\*Lon H. Kennard, Jr., MBA, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer and Board Member

\*DeAnna B. Kennard, President and Board Member, Co-Founder

\*Lon H. Kennard, Sr., Ph.D., Board Chairman, Co-Founder