

Village of Hope
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KERSA ILLALA, ETHIOPIA

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GEORGETOWN YOUNG WOMEN SEWING FOR AFRICA



Julius and Maxine Njui returned to Will Rogers Middle School on April 6th for an evening performance for the whole family of 'A Day in Africa'. They transformed the multi-purpose room into an African setting, where participants danced to the beat of the drums, wore colorful fabrics fit for kings and queens, and kept to the rhythm of the music. Against a colorful backdrop of media, music, and African dancing, 'A Day in Africa'. Julius complimented the Young Women for their humanitarian efforts and encouraged them to continue to sew for Africa. After hearing about the great need in the **Village of Hope**, the Young Women from Georgetown, California began making t-shirt dresses, shorts for young boys, and building personal sewing kits. Their leader, Joan Newton, will be traveling to Ethiopia to share her Young Women's gifts of love with the women and girls who are learning to sew on the treadle machines donated to the village.



THE VILLAGE OF HOPE LET US TELL YOUR STORY

DeAnna Kennard regularly brings medical and health education teams to Kersa Illala to treat as many medical problems as possible and reinforce prior teaching and training. As long as the women and children draw water from the river the medical needs will continue to increase.

Participants bring medical experience and supplies, HIV education information, solar showers, soap and shampoo, and hygiene kits to alleviate the suffering and to care for the people.

There is something else that DeAnna brings

across the oceans, across borders, and across poverty to the people of the village. DeAnna brings hope...**hope** makes all the difference to a village which had **no hope**.

Five years after DeAnna and her husband Lon adopted six Ethiopian orphans, they returned to Ethiopia with all six children for a visit to the village. After their visit, they were determined to develop a humanitarian program, the **Village of Hope**, an outreach program in which volunteers work along side indigenous villagers. For the Kennards and volunteers who return to Kersa Illala, it is taking a family to raise a village.

