



Embracing Hope Ethiopia

Church Partnership Agreement

Here at Embracing Hope Ethiopia we have identified the need to have local churches involved in the work of seeing Jesus transform the lives of the poorest of the poor mothers and their children. We see this as a work that requires support, prayer, encouragement and relationship - all things that we believe churches outside of Ethiopia can partner in - especially as churches are becoming increasingly aware of the call to care for widows and orphans together.

At the same time we believe that there is an opportunity for churches in other contexts to learn from the struggles and the successes of the poor. We believe that there is a discipleship opportunity for those churches offering support that at times has gone untapped. We're not looking simply for supporters, but rather we are looking for partners whom we can together engage with as fellow students of Jesus, growing together while also seeing others impacted in Jesus' name.

Therefore, we ask for churches to consider partnering as a congregation with EHE and the work we are doing. We believe that we all benefit from this type of partnership - including the poorest of the poor.

To do this work together, there are a series of commitments we make to the local church as a ministry and that we ask the local church to make to us.

Church Commitments

1. As a Church, we commit to fully sponsor at least 3 EHE Families. Each family is made up of 4 sponsorship slots of \$34 each or a total of \$136 per family per month. This may be done by our missions committee, within the church budget or by asking individuals from the congregation to commit together to seeing these sponsorships fulfilled.
2. As a Church, we commit to praying on a regular basis for families and EHE staff.
3. As a Church, we commit to sending notes of encouragement to the local staff on the ground in Ethiopia at least 2 times per year.
4. As a Church we commit to sending representatives to Ethiopia to visit the work every 2 years.

Embracing Hope Ethiopia Commitments

1. We commit to give you the tools to help raise awareness within your congregation and to keep you updated on the work here. These tools will include at least 1 video per year, a bi-monthly newsletter via email, ongoing prayer requests and an annual live conversation via skype or phone for a gathering within your congregation to ask questions and hear "live" updates. An additional awareness raiser that your church is open to participating in is the setting up of an EHE store of handicrafts made by Moms from EHE.



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2. We commit to communicate in a transparent way with your congregation with specifics about the mothers and children you are partnering with, including detailed updates 2 times per year and prayer requests as they arise.
3. We commit to help raise awareness of the complexity of poverty and a call to respond with justice and mercy in action in Jesus' name. One tool we use here is a yearly Advent devotional that we publish.
4. We commit to work along with your leadership and/or pastor to help develop tools that they feel will assist with discipleship in the local church. We want to see people called to mission not only globally but also locally.
5. We commit to help facilitate your members' time in Ethiopia when they are able to travel to visit the work here.

Church Name

City

Email

Signed:

Church Representative

Date

EHE Representative

Date