



# Ethiopia Vision Trip

November 7-16, 2010

Registration Deadline: August 2

Cost: \$1,930 + airfare

## **Day 1 & 2 Arrival**

We depart the US and arrive in Ethiopia the evening of day 2. After we settle into our hotel in Addis Ababa we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## **Day 3 BCS Ethiopia / Shalom Children's Home / Family Visits**

After breakfast we will visit Bethany's office in Addis and meet many of the dedicated staff who are "making things happen". Our staff will share how Bethany started ministering in Ethiopia, tell you about the programs, and share their dreams for the future.

Near Bethany's Ethiopia office is the Shalom Children's Home. Bethany and Shalom work closely together to advocate for the children. After meeting Bethany's staff we will walk to the Children's Home.

Lunch will be a great time for you to get to know Bethany's Ethiopian staff better.

Children and families are the focus of Bethany's ministry in Ethiopia and around the world. We will split into two or three groups, each visiting a family who is receiving financial support and direct services from Bethany Ethiopia staff.

Dinner will be followed by an evening enjoying traditional dances and music.

## **Day 4 Gelgela / Mt. Entoto / St. Mary Orthodox Church Museum**

After breakfast we will visit the Gelgela Integrated Orphans and Destitute Family Support Association (GIODFSA), which cares for abandoned children, orphans, and destitute families. Bethany has an agreement with this Christian ministry to place children through adoption. Bethany is providing financial support to over 100 families, as well as to the Gelgela HIV home. If time permits, we will visit Gelgela's center for street women, and a center they run for children struggling with HIV.

We will have lunch at the Blue Tops Restaurant followed by a tour of St. Mary Orthodox Church / Museum. Mount Entoto is the best location to observe the panoramic view of Addis Ababa both day and night. After supper, our evening is free.

## **Day 5 Yezelalem Minch / Bethany's Women's Ministry**

After breakfast we will visit Yezelalem Minch. YM is a community – based Christian Ministry that serves families and children. We will have lunch with Nesibu, the Director. Bethany provides financial support, professional training and consultation to Yezelalem Minch.

The afternoon will be spent visiting with women who are sponsored by Bethany and participating in an income generating program. This program is giving them and their families a chance at self-

sufficiency. We will enjoy a nice dinner out with Bethany's staff.

### **Day 6            Tour of Addis Ababa / Open Market**

Friday will be spent touring Addis Ababa and visiting the Makato market, the largest market in Africa. Be sure to visit the women selling jewelry. Lunch will be followed by tea or coffee with Bethany's staff.

We will spend time visiting families within the community. Again, this is a perfect way to encourage and personally become invested in the lives of the families and children Bethany serves. Dinner will be followed by an evening out or just relaxing.

### **Day 7            Yezelalem Minch Orphanage Center and Ministries / Awassa**

After breakfast we will visit the Yezelalem Minch Orphan Center. This center provides care for older children; but their primary work is supporting families and children in the community. YM has three centers with feeding programs which serve over 500 children each week. It will be a blessing to see this in action.

We will enjoy lunch as a group and then depart for the wonderful city of Awassa. Awassa is about 275 km from Addis, so it will take a few hours to get there.

### **Day 8            Awassa**

Awassa is known for its natural beauty and wild life. On the way to Awassa, there is a beautiful resort called Sabbana where we will have lunch. After we settle into our hotel we will spend the afternoon touring the town.

This evening we will enjoy a wonderful dinner with our hosts.

### **Day 9            Lake Awassa**

After breakfast, we will be treated to a boat tour on the lake, where there is a good chance we will see hippos in their natural environment.

After lunch we will begin our drive back to Addis Ababa. The evening is reserved for packing.

### **Day 10          Depart Ethiopia / Arrive Home**

It is hard to believe that our time in Ethiopia is over. We say good-bye to our friends, and begin our journey home.