

# A HIGH SCHOOL FOR ROGGIE VILLAGE BECAUSE...



“Our life is empty. We are empty handed.”— One of the Poor of Ethiopia.

After school, Fate was sent to gather wood because in conditions of extreme poverty, children do not play or read books after school. They work. But Fate was only a ten-year-old frail girl and while climbing up the mountainside with her back loaded with wood, she slipped and broke her leg. With no money for medical care and a strong distrust of Western medical practices, Fate’s leg was reset without pain medication by the local healer. Wrapped in dressings that had to be changed and cleaned daily, Fate was left on the floor of her hut unable to walk for weeks.

These are the conditions of the empty-handed. A life without freedom to choose and living day to day not prepared to encounter the unexpected.

But empty hands can be filled when a community is given hope. As we know in the Western world, graduating from high school can be the difference between being able to support yourself or not. The same applies in Ethiopia. Once a child graduates from 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the gaps in their education virtually disappear. They are able to seek employment, attend vocational school or apply for higher education, which is highly subsidized by the government.

## IMPACT OF HIGH SCHOOL

Prepares Roggie students for  
vocational training or university

Provides for all Roggie residents:

- Community health clinic
- Community training center
- Community library
- Access to electricity

Protects girls from early marriage

Strengthens the seeds of Christian  
faith initiated in the community

**At HOPE’s three existing high schools 95% of the students graduate as opposed to 50% at the public high school closest to Roggie.**

**50% of HOPE High School graduates are girls as opposed to 25% at the public high school closest to Roggie.**



**DONATE NOW:**

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## PARENT/TEACHER TESTIMONIES

On YouTube, search for key words:

“Roggie Village”

“Testimony”

“HOPE Enterprises”

“Deb Kilner”

Even more important, a high school can become a community center - a place that opens up opportunities through health care, adult literacy classes, microenterprise training and Bible teaching. It opens up something the empty-handed often do not have – the freedom to choose. It’s the freedom of a young mom to decide how her ill child will be treated. It’s the freedom of the middle-aged woman who never learned to read and write who can attend an adult night class. It’s the freedom of the man who thought he would have to be a farmer his whole life, but now can start his own business. It’s the freedom for the teenager who hungers to know more about the one true God.

And yes, it’s the freedom of a girl like Fate who can graduate and go to vocational school to be a nurse or a teacher so her children can play after school and not need to gather wood.

Currently the closest public high school is about eight miles away in a rough urban area. It is not a place that enables students to succeed. Only 50% of the students graduate and of the 50% only 25% are girls. Between the school expenses and the increased risks for a girl traveling to and from school, it is unlikely Fate’s family will send her.

But a high school right in the center of Roggie Village would be different. Ninety-five percent of students who attend HOPE’s existing high schools in Addis, Dessie and Gambella graduate. Fifty percent of their graduates are girls. With the help of donors like you, we can help fill the empty hands of the people of Roggie Village with dignity and freedom.



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## SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded 2004

Current enrollment: 500 students

With high school: 600 students

## INVESTMENTS TO DATE

K-8th grade classrooms

Students basic needs (food, clothing, medical)

Well water for 2100 people

200 goats—now 2600 goats

Adult literacy classes

Community health education

Famine relief

Drip irrigation introduced

2400 farm tools distributed

HOPE Enterprises has been serving the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia since 1971. For more than 40 years they have been dedicated to providing hope to the needy through holistic human development—striving to help individuals in need help themselves out of hopelessness.

In 2004, with the assistance of their long-term partner Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, HOPE expanded their incredible work to a small rural community called Roggie Village. Roggie is a small, predominantly Muslim village in the dry Rift Valley lowlands of Ethiopia.

Together HOPE and MPPC built an elementary school and shortly thereafter drilled a clean water well. In the middle of 2012, a middle school was completed and a Community Health Education program began.

Through investments in education and infrastructure, there has been a dramatic

improvement in the condition of the people. Drought resistant hedges now appear throughout the village; the goats donated by children from MPPC continue to multiply and there is even an occasional cow or donkey in people's yards. The students at Hope's K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade school consistently test the highest in their school district. The community is beginning to thrive.



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## EDUCATION = INSPIRATION



Please join us as we partner with HOPE Enterprises to invest in the lives of the residents of Roggie Village in a way that can sustainably move families up and out of poverty.

An investment of \$350,000 will complete Roggie School and add a Community Center (including a health clinic) and electricity to the Village. The electricity will power the high school's computer and science labs, increase the capacity of Roggie's deep water well by removing the need for diesel fuel, and provide HOPE with increased

income generation capacity. HOPE also expects to earn some money from the health clinic.

With a budget close to \$2 million, HOPE Enterprises serves more than 15,000 beneficiaries a year. Roggie High School will be their 4th high school. In addition, they operate 7 elementary schools (including Roggie school), 2 feeding programs for street people and numerous vocational training programs. Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

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### Phase I (\$140,000-funded):

- Two classrooms
- Biology lab
- Chemistry/physics lab
- Latrines

### Phase II (\$210,000):

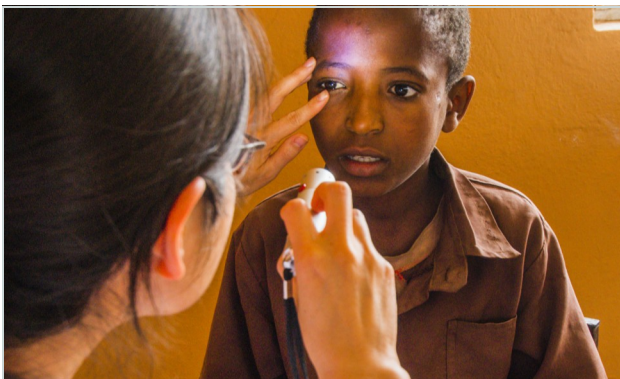
- Computer center
- Community library
- Community training center
- Community health clinic
- Administration buildings
- Electricity

### PHASE III

- Micro enterprise training

### ON GOING

- \$300/year sponsors a child for a year



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