

# Ethiopia: Mission Trip

May 2023

## LOVING AND LEADING OTHERS GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

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## **Loving and Leading Others Inc. (LaLO)**

LaLO is a grassroots, faith-based non-profit organization based in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and also existing throughout other regions in East Africa. It was established in 2017, Fresno, CA. Over the last ten years, we have served hundreds of HIV+ women and orphan children. We have provided Bibles for spiritual growth and health care for their physical needs. Our long-term goal is to train and educate these women in skills that will allow them to be self-sufficient and to support them in networking with possible employers.

### **Our Vision:**

A community where women and children no longer view themselves as victims of their past, poverty, social identity, and mental/physical abuse, but flourishing in God's TRUTH.

### **Our Mission is Threefold:**

- To empower and educate Ethiopian women and children through that which would lead to permanent employment.
- Help women develop a solid loving relationship with God.
- Support women as they step out into their community as women of influence.

# Why Our Heart is for Women & Children of Ethiopia

## Facts About Ethiopia

- Population: **122,184,891**
- Ethiopia is the country with the second highest population in Africa, and with almost 1,5 % of the world population.
- **Ethiopia has the most orphans in the world**
- 40% of the population are youth.



## Child Marriage

- [40%](#) of girls married before the age of eighteen.
- [14%](#) are married before their 15th birthday.
- Ethiopia has the 14th highest prevalence of child marriage in the world and has the fourth highest absolute number of women married or in a union before the age of eighteen.

## What Drives Child Marriage in Ethiopia?

### Level of Education

A low value placed on girls' education. The risk of being abducted or raped during long journey of school.

[68%](#) of Ethiopian girls with no education are married before the age of eighteen.

### Poverty

Child brides in Ethiopia are more likely to reside in poor households and in rural areas. [58%](#) of girls living in the poorest households are married.

### Gender Norms

Girls are seen primarily as wives and mothers. They are labeled as “impure” or “too old” if they do not marry at an early age.

### Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting (FGM/C)

[65%](#) of women aged 15-65 years have experienced FGM. Some Ethiopian girls who do not undergo FGM/C are told they will be unable to find a husband, and some parents fear that if they do not engage in FGM/C they will be socially sanctioned by the community.

### Civil-War

Internal displacement.  
Girls left without a father & community, or guidance.  
Girls forced to marry for survival.



## Your Gifts at Work – Evangelism



## **Community Development, Outreach-and Evangelism**

I am Elsa Asrat and am delighted to introduce myself. I am honored to serve as the founder and CEO of Loving and Leading Others Inc. The Lord has prompted and prepared me to lead a short-term mission trip to Ethiopia in May 2023. There will be three godly women whose hearts are on fire for Jesus with me. Our goal is to facilitate the spread of the gospel through a five-day discipleship and leadership training for site staff, Christ-centered individuals, local entrepreneurs, and organization leaders on this trip. The purpose of this leadership training is to break the cycle of poverty and provide resources to orphans and women with HIV.

In addition, we would meet with women in our program and new recruits to have a time of fellowship and unfold biblical truth through storytelling, which enhances the quality of their lives and creates a positive and lasting impact. In this way, women would gain a clear understanding of their self-worth and their faith would grow.

By giving generously, we will express God's love and compassion to women with **HIV+, orphans, elders, and widows.**

**This includes the following:**

- Bible distributing for women.
- Infant care for Orphan
- Feeding the poor
- Missionary kits for elderly
- Feed lunch and give school supplies to impoverished school.
- Distribute shoes for HIV +women.
- Sewing Academy celebration

**Thank you for your prayers and partnership.**

## **Group Mission Trip Budget & Contact Information**

**Expressing God's Love and Compassion Among Orphans and Widows.**

**Loving and Leading Others Inc.**

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**Financial Need:**

**Missionary care and food donation to local ministries**

- Bible and missionary care distribution – HIV + Women
- Loving and praying for local orphanages
- Serving lunch and distributing school kits at impoverished elementary school – Don Bosco Elementary School
- Food and shoes distribution for women and children – Rescue Generation International
- Missionary kits for Elderly community – Mekedonia Human Association

- 3-day trainings for **Women of Joy**
  - Food for 50ppl x3/day
  - Graduation material
- Meeting Space
- A 5-day leadership training for ministry partners
  - Food + accommodation+ meeting space
  - Material and supplies need for training.
    - T-shirts \$10x50, ombrelle \$5x50
  - Translator

**Transportations** (consider flights, travel to and from airports, and on-location transportation)

- Airfare .
- Visa to Ethiopia
- Vaccination
- Vehicle rental + driver + gas /4weeks
- Luggage and travel assistant fees -

**Lodging and Food**

- Babogaya SIM
- Blue Nile Guest house
- Victoria Guesthouse for 4 p x100/night
- Food

**Insurance**

**Site Staff**

5 people that assist with our needs before and upon arrival.

1. Eden Brhanu
2. Aster Aklilu
3. Weyneshet Kasu
4. Adane Teka
5. Mehiret Kurabachew

**Miscellaneous \$500**

Elsa - Lay the groundwork for next mission trip = 2 weeks' worth salary

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## Location and Places We Are Serving in Ethiopia

### 1. Orphanages

#### a. Loving and Leading Others

Individual Orphan Homes

#### b. Covenant Development Association

[covenantministriesethiopia.org](http://covenantministriesethiopia.org)

#### c. Rescue Generation International

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#### d. Hope for Youth Ethiopia

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### 2. Don Bosco Elementary School

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### 3. The Macedonians Humanitarian Association (MHA)

The elderly community

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Ayat Condominiums, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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❖ Details available upon request

## Lodging and Accommodations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**1. SIM, Babogaya**

Babogaya, Bishoftu, Ethiopia  
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**2. Victoria Guesthouse Apartments**

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**3. Baptist Mission of Ethiopia**

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