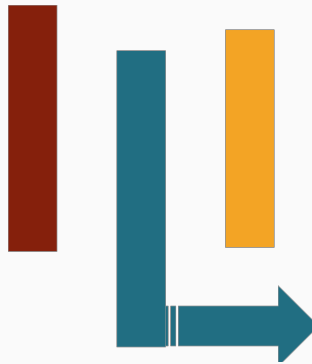


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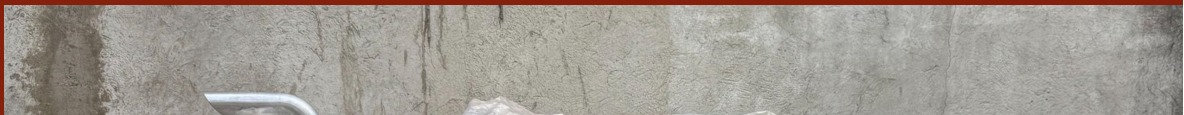
Testimonies of Hope, Healing, and Transformation in Ethiopia

🌸 **Happy Easter** 🌸

He is Risen!

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, I want to take a moment to share the incredible things God has done during my recent mission trip to Ethiopia. Your prayers and support have truly made a lasting impact

A Major Milestone: Powering the Mission





Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to **purchase and install a generator** for our training center! This is a game-changer for the women we serve, allowing them to continue their work **without power interruptions**, especially during the frequent blackouts. Your giving has literally brought light into their lives—thank you!





A Moment to Remember: Graduation Day

— April 12, 2025

The **highlight of the trip** was witnessing **28 women walk in confidence and honor wearing their graduation gowns and capes**. This special day marked the completion of a **nine-month program** where we imparted **discipleship, wisdom, practical skills and character development** to equip these women for success and sustainable transformation.

During the ceremony, I had the privilege of **honoring two remarkable women who shaped my own journey of serving and living for others**:

- **Mary Vanderwal**, who introduced me to the very first group of women back in 2015.
- **My mother**, whose life modeled what it means to give and serve others even when you have little. She taught me firsthand that **the Kingdom of God is an upside-down Kingdom**.

It was an unforgettable moment to watch both **Mary and my mother** present the graduation certificates—**blessing and commissioning** these women into a new chapter of purpose and impact.





What's Next After Graduation?

You may be wondering—what's next for these incredible women? I'm thrilled to share that God is already paving the way:

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- Our **keynote speaker**, the manager of one of the largest microfinance banks in Ethiopia, **offered to provide loans** to the graduates to help launch their own small businesses.
- Another guest and partner from the community has **offered a vacant ground-floor apartment space** that has remained empty for over a year. It will be made available for the women to use once they are ready to establish their business.

Only God could orchestrate such divine connections—provision that meets purpose, right on time.



Testimonies of Miracles and Mercy:

Two stories from the trip deeply moved me:

A mother of a child with autism who could not walk began speaking life and praying over her child daily. Today, that child is **walking**—a miracle that came through **persistent**

faith and refusing to accept the enemy's lies.





Another graduate, **Brute**, who lives with HIV and has no family, saw a child begging on the street and **took him in as her own**. She has raised him with love and purpose. This is what it looks like when someone truly begins to think and live **beyond themselves**-Ture Transformation.

Reunited in Purpose and Spirit.

One of the most touching parts of my trip was **reuniting with the women we've walked alongside since the beginning of our ministry**. We shared stories, tears, laughter, and testimonies of transformation. Many have overcome their past identities and embraced a **new life and identity in Christ**. Some have even gone on to **start their own businesses**, becoming providers and leaders in their communities.





Personal Note: God's Covering in My Absence

While I was away, both of my children became ill, and one was hospitalized overnight. The enemy tried to distract and discourage me—but God raised an **army of prayer warriors**. I am so grateful for everyone who **prayed, fed, and cared for my children and husband** during that time. By God's grace, both children were healed, and we are now joyfully reunited.

Jesus Is Risen!

As we reflect on Easter and the victory of Jesus over death, I want to thank you from the depths of my heart. **None of this would be possible without you.** Your prayers, support, and love are changing lives and building legacies.

With love and gratitude,

Elsa Asrat

Founder, Loving & Leading Others



Important Day Ahead: Annual Fundraising Dinner

Mark your calendars! Our **Annual Fundraising Dinner** will take place on:

 **October 2nd**

October 2nd

6:30 PM

Location TBD



Special Guest Speaker: Mary Vanderwall

The very woman God used to help launch *Loving and Leading Others* will be joining us to share **raw, authentic** and powerful testimonies of how God is moving in Ethiopia.

You don't want to miss this!

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