"Behold, I am making all things new..." Revelation 21:5

The past month has brought many new and wonderful gifts for the children at Spring of Hope! On September 11th, Ethiopia celebrated the beginning of a New Year. The next day, the children attended their first classes in the new school year.

Several new friendships were formed, too! It's been so exciting to see twelve more children sponsored by loving families! New sponsors bring new hope into a child's life. A special feeling wells up within them when they know they've been chosen. Someone noticed them. Sponsorship communicates worth and value.

These children, and especially their parents, know it often takes a sacrifice on your part--big or small--to support your sponsored child. They might not grasp the literal value of the dollar, but they know it is valuable. So your sacrificial commitment to your sponsored child communicates to them that you see them as worthy of that sacrifice.

Can you imagine how incredibly affirming that is? What a confidence boost! Their self-perception gradually blossoms as they begin to see themselves as you do: A child with great potential. Someone of value. Dearly loved. Chosen.

Thank you for your sacrificial support. Thank you for your prayers. For your words of encouragement. For the hope you give to your sponsored child!

Courtney Hunt
Sponsorship Coordinator
Important Updates from the CarePoint

**Spring of Hope Trip POSTPONED**

We are very sad to announce that this year’s visit to the Spring of Hope CarePoint has been postponed. Our mission team has been looking forward to spending time in encouraging fellowship with the children, families, and staff at Spring of Hope.

However, due to the political and civil unrest throughout Ethiopia at this time, our partners made the wise decision to postpone this visit. New travel dates have not been determined yet, but we are trusting in God’s timing and direction.

Field staff are trying to keep us informed of the situation and have reported that all the families of Spring of Hope remain unharmed.

We look forward to visiting them as soon as possible, bringing with us the wonderful Care Packages and letters from sponsors like you! In the meantime, please join us in praying for the Spring of Hope children and community, and for the country of Ethiopia. Thank you!

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**Almost to 100% Sponsorship!**

We are closer than ever to reaching a 100% sponsorship level! There are only 34 children still waiting to be sponsored.

During this troubling time in their country, a sponsor means so much more to a child. Sponsors provide stability and hope. They reassure a child that they are not alone.

When life seems unsteady and unpredictable, a sponsor is a dependable friend shining a bright light into an otherwise bleak future.

We’d love to see all the children sponsored by the end of the year because 100% sponsorship means 100% smiles! So if you’ve been thinking about telling a friend about Spring of Hope, now is the time!

Direct friends to hope4others.org to learn all about investing in a child’s life!
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Sending Letters to the CarePoint

Children’s HopeChest has requested that sponsors use the online writing tool to send any letters to the children during the rest of the year.

Link: http://spring-of-hope.hopechest.org/write/

CHC now relies on traveling mission teams to deliver handwritten letters. However, due to the unrest in Ethiopia, all remaining 2016 Ethiopia trips have been cancelled. So please use the online writing tool to send letters for the remainder of the year.

ONLINE LETTERS:
- Can include one photo in jpg, png, or bmp file type (up to 1 MB).
- Are emailed directly to the Ethiopia field office.
- Are translated and delivered to your child within 3-4 weeks.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS!

That’s right. It’s time to send Christmas letters to Spring of Hope!

Usually, our community of sponsors gather in San Jose for a festive Write Night to write encouraging letters for the CarePoint children. However, since we’re unable to send handwritten notes at this time, we’ll be sending a special Christmas e-delivery to the CarePoint instead!

HERE’S WHAT TO DO:
1. Visit hope4others.org
2. Click “Write to My Child”
3. Click “**HOLIDAY SPECIAL** Send a Christmas Letter ONLINE”
4. Fill out the form and send your letter by November 10th.


NOTE: This online form is different than the above CHC online writing tool. We promote this form whenever we send letters en masse to the CarePoint. The Sponsorship Coordinator can track the letters that come in and if a child is missing a letter, a volunteer writes a letter to them on the sponsor’s behalf. That way, every child is sure to receive a letter at this special delivery!
If you have any questions about the information within this Fall 2016 Newsletter, please contact Sponsorship Coordinator, Courtney Hunt.

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If you are unable to send letters online, please mail or drop off your handwritten letters to the address below. We will scan and send your letter as a PDF to your sponsored child. Thank you!

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