



*Saving and Enriching Lives in Ethiopia*

**Ross' Piece** *The end of the Financial Year will soon be upon us. Please consider reducing your tax bill by donating to WellWishers to help bring clean water to our beneficiaries in Ethiopia. Over 50% of people still do not have this basic human right.*

If you would like your donations to be deductible for the 2010/11 Financial Year, they **must** be with me no later than 24th June. Donations received after that will be deductible in Financial Year 2011/12. Receipts will be sent out late July/early August.

*In this issue are stories from two villagers on how their new water well has changed their lives. Very sobering - and very exciting to read the ultimate benefits of your support.*

We've just returned from Wales for the event of the year. No, not the royal wedding, but the birth of our first grandchild - the beautiful Elin.

*Please note that Membership Fees for 2010/11 are due on 1 July. Members can vote at the AGM, elect trustees, plus receive the Annual Report. From over 1,500 supporters, current membership is just 93. Be in it - it's your organisation. The cost is only \$1.20, payable by 2 x 60 ¢ stamps (form below)*

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Donor Offers \$60,000**

Our Friend will again match donations in 2011/12, \$1 for \$1 up to \$60,000. Donate generously now.



**\$2.00 & over donations are Tax Deductible**

**Gift Cards in Lieu of Unwanted Presents**

*Use them for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost is only \$60 and gives an average family clean water for the rest of their lives.*

Order via Website or contact Ross



**TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**Wells Progress**

Construction has started on many of this year's 115 wells. Overall completion is due late December.



**Bequests**

We are privileged that 5 supporters have made **WellWishers** a beneficiary of their estate. If you are interested in considering this, please contact Ross for further details.

**Thank You Belinda**



for the banking and other administration work whilst Ross was away.

**RELAX IN QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND and KNOW YOU'RE HELPING ETHIOPIANS OBTAIN CLEAN WATER**

**WellWishers announces the 4TH ANNUAL RAFFLE!**

**The prize? A Trip for 2 to QUEENSTOWN. 6 nights in Queenstown; 7 days Car Hire from Christchurch (See flyer for more info)**

**A significant prize! Help SELL enthusiastically, so we make enough for ONE well.**

**ORDER generously for yourself & for your friends, knowing you're making a difference.**

**\$2 Per Ticket or \$5 for 3 Tickets. Each book contains 15 tickets.**

**Contact Ross to receive tickets [available 1st July].**

**In Memory of Your Mum and/or Dad [or other family member]**

*Many supporters in various states over the past year have fully funded wells in memory of loved ones. The individualised plaques attached to these wells serve as a permanent reminder of each family's love.*

Had to sneak one picture in



**Thought Provoker:** "The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones that do". [Steve Jobs - Apple Inc.]

**Please become a Member of WellWishers.** Complete this form and return it to the address below with the Annual Membership Fee for 2011/12 of \$1.20 [payable with 2 x 60¢ stamps]. Please add your email address, if you have one.

Application for Membership of WellWishers Trust: NAME: .....

POSTAL ADDRESS: ..... P/CODE: .....

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Safe water brings all-round impact**

Mereseit G/Medhin is a 36 years old married woman living in Handego village, 93 km north of Mekelle, the Tigrayan capital. She is a mother of eight children of whom six are students at different levels

She recalls her life before the construction of the well, saying (in her own translated words), *“I used to travel more than 3 hours to collect unsafe water from a river that was at the same time consumed by our animals”* W/ro Mereseit and the community in general had used the river as a primary source of water for drinking for generations until *WellWishers* funded the construction of a Hand Dug Well.



**Mereseit G/Medhin fetching water**

She said that the availability of the well has had beneficial impact on her and her family’s life. She said, *“This time, I fetch clean water travelling no longer than 10 minutes of walk from my home and focus on taking care of my family and involved in other activities such as soil and water conservation activities of the village.”*

She also added that the well in her village has positively impacted on the health status of her family. *“Before, it was common to frequently observe various intestinal infections, especially our children were very much vulnerable. But since the construction of this well, our health is protected from such infections.”*

**Access to water benefits children**

Agona is a village located in Saesie Taseda Emba Woreda. Like in most villages in the area, a large portion of the community used to travel long distances down to a river and this situation was directly affecting women and children who took responsibility of most household tasks.

Yenes Tekley, 18, is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student living in Agona. She lives with her family including her three sisters and three brothers. She said she used to spend around 2 hours of long tedious travel daily, to collect water from the river resulting in her not regularly attending class.

The present situation is different from the past thanks to the *WellWishers* funded Water Supply Development Project intervention in that area. She said (in her own words), *“Since this well has been constructed, we are getting quality water without walking long distances and hence regularly attending class. The availability of the well has greatly helped me to attend my educational properly.”*



**Yenes after fetching water**



**Children of the village going to school**

Yenes added that the well has also benefited her younger brothers and sisters in allowing them to attend school. She also thanked those who particularly helped the women and children, in solving the community’s major problem.

**Please note** that Donations are to be in favour of *“WellWishers”* and posted to the address at the bottom of this Newsletter. Over 95% of funds raised go to the actual Wells projects. There are no pastoral activities related to this project. **All donations over \$2.00 within Australia, are Tax Deductible.**

**DONATIONS:** \$6,000 provides 1 Well - The Friend’s 1:1 donation (up to limit of \$60,000) gives 2 wells, helping up to 900 people

Please tick Square **ONLY** if an interim receipt is required (you will automatically receive one in the month following your donation)

Enclosed is my Donation of \$ ..... (Cheque/MO attached - in favour of *WellWishers*)

**Address** (incl. postcode) .....

**OR:** Debit my Visa or MasterCard - **Please CIRCLE your card type** (automatic periodical donations can be arranged)

Name on Card: ..... Signature: .....

Card Number: ..... Expiry Date: ...../..... CCV .....(last 3 numbers on back of Card)

**OR:** You Can Donate Online (Secure Site): [www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/wellwishers)

Name for Receipt Purposes **if different** to bank account or card name: .....