



## Saving and Enriching lives in Ethiopia

**Ross' Piece** Well, it's almost Christmas again, it seems to come quicker each year! It's the time of giving and receiving. This year why not think about giving a **WellWishers Gift Certificate** instead of presents, to friends and relations – your choice of value. Email me the details and we'll post them to you with your wording.

Another thought ..... use your Christmas functions (home or work) or that dinner party you're planning to hold, as a fundraiser. It'll still be cheaper for your guests than going to a restaurant! You could strategically place a **WellWishing** bucket near the entry or by the drinks' table.

We've introduced a Christmas card this year enabling you to fund a whole family to obtain a hand dug well. See below for further details.

And please - don't forget to visit our new website at [www.wellwishersethiopia.com](http://www.wellwishersethiopia.com) Constructive comments are more than welcome.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### The Gift Certificates

This useful gift keeps on giving and is for all occasions. Contact Ross for your supplies.

#### The Process

The final instalment (Monitoring & Maintenance) is on the back of this page. We hope you found this series informative.

#### Construction Status

Wells to be provided from **2006/07 raised funds**, is 29 – 4 more than 05/06. About 16,000 villagers will benefit & it brings the number of wells funded since this programme began 5 yrs ago to about 100. Let us all keep making a difference.

#### Memorandum of Understanding

This was recently executed with AngliCORD enabling ongoing Tax Dedutibility for donation made up to 30 June 2008.

#### Photos

For more of the magical scenery and our 2006 visit go to:-



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wellwishers>

#### Donor offers \$55,000

Our Friend has agreed to further extend the most generous support in matching all donations in 2007/08 on a \$1 for \$1 basis, up to a maximum of \$55,000. Let's take advantage of this offer!

**Donations over \$2.00 TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

#### Spreading the Word

To broaden our donor base, when mentioning this worthy cause to others, suggest they go on the mailing list.

Please pass this Newsletter to friends who may be interested and ask them to contact me.

## ETHIOPIA

### A travel experience with passion and purpose

If you want to be inspired and become part of the solution to poverty and injustice, then you may be one of 16 people we are looking for to join the Global Connections Program to Ethiopia.

**Graham Romanes: Honorary Consul General for Ethiopia in Australia**, along with local Ethiopian development workers and academics, share their experience of Ethiopia over the past 20 years of war, famine and the challenges of development.

This unique 3 week **learning program** visits rural projects and aims to expose you to development, social justice and change issues through the Ethiopian context. On your return we ask that you use your knowledge to be involved with social justice issues in Australia.

Join us on a journey of a lifetime as we connect with others and together experience the inside story of a people who have survived famine and war with dignity and culture intact. For more information on details, dates and costs for the **February/March 2008** program contact:

#### Centre for Social Response

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Or check out the website on: [www.socialresponse.org.au](http://www.socialresponse.org.au)

I will be joining this unique, life-changing trip in February. Having done a similar trip [to India] several years ago, I can only encourage anyone who wants to view the world as one community to go along and reap the benefits. My life was enriched by my journey.

It is an eye-opening trip that will include visiting some villages with wells funded by our programme. What great stories you'll have for your friends and family. Don't miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful country with its wonderful people. The standard of accommodation and transport will pleasantly surprise you, even if the roads don't.

This trip will only happen if the organisers get some more starters. So .....what are you waiting for?

### "This Christmas I'm Putting A Drop In The WellWishers Bucket For You"



**\$55 is enough to fund a part of a well for the average sized village family of 5. We're designing a card that you can give as gifts to friends & family this Christmas. It doubles as a Christmas Card.**

Place Orders to **WellWishers** by Monday 3 December so we can print & return them to you in time for Christmas

## MEMBERSHIP of WellWishers

Please become a Member of **WellWishers** - Just complete this form & return it to the address below, together with the annual membership fee of **One Dollar [\$1.00 - postage stamps are acceptable]**. To successfully democratise this Trust, I urge you to become a member. Response to date has been poor.

Name: ..... Postcode: .....

# MONITORING & MAINTENANCE

REST, our Ethiopian implementation authority, is responsible for day-to-day implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project. A division exists within REST to specifically carrying out these activities, as per the following procedures:

## 1. Monitoring

**Through progress reports:** Staff generate semi-annual progress impact and financial reports. The formats and procedures are developed and pre-tested with all actors before being made operational.

**Through Field Visits:** REST's office staff make quarterly field visits to access reports coming from the operational departments. All information is then checked, consolidated and circulated.

**Centralised Tracking Inputs to Monitor Progress:** Financial tracking is linked with specific programme activities, enabling areas to be pinpointed requiring special attention.

**Performance Monitoring by Project Participants:** Staff at Baito (Council) level access and record done, what's gone well, what hasn't and why. This methods assists to motivate people, maintain group cohesiveness and improve performance. Assessments occur daily, periodically at week's end and at the completion of the work.

## 2. Evaluation

**Internal (On-going) Evaluation:** Examines a project's continued relevance or the overall effectiveness of the intervention strategies adopted.

**Formal (Impact) Evaluation:** Measures the project's impact by assessing changes brought about by the project. They cover planning, gathering or recording baseline data, and managing & implementation.

**Community Based Evaluation:** District (woreda) & people's councils (tabia baito) regularly facilitate an evaluation process with the majority of the community members. It evaluates progress and plans for future interventions. Valuable information is consistently generated from these sessions.

**Terminal Evaluation:** Every 2 or 3 years, the donor (in collaboration with REST, concerned agencies and communities) will conduct terminal evaluation on the impact of the rural water supply and sanitation programme. The next such evaluation is due in the next few months.

## 3. Sustainability and Phase-out Strategy of the Project

**Technical Sustainability:** Community based projects are sustainable only if they are designed with appropriate technology and are maintained by the owners themselves. They are developed on community needs and on appropriateness of technologies adopted by the people. Community capacity building is imperative to ensure sustainability.

**Sustainability in management:** Villagers decide on the water fee (collected and held by them) for the caretaker's salary and for operation & maintenance supplies. This confirms the economical sustainability.

**Social Sustainability:** The commitment & participation of the communities in all phases of the project, is very significant. Such participation has led to a sense of ownership of the completed product.

**Gender Sensitivity:** The project also focuses on reducing the burden of women & girls. The reduction in women's workloads have a social value in better health, time saving, and diversification of income sources. The WATSAN committee chosen and trained has at least 50% women with the Treasurer usually a woman.



**Phase-out strategy of the project:** With completed wells handed over, the WATSAN committee is trained and 3 months spare parts are provided to the committees. REST revisits each village 3 months after completion, to ensure maintenance & bookkeeping is implemented as originally planned, and providing additional teaching if it is not.

If you prefer a hard copy of this Newsletter by post rather than email I would be happy to provide this. It may make it easier to pass on to friends and family. Let me know and I will attend to it. Also, back-copies of all Newsletters are available upon request.

**Please note that all donations are now to be in favour of "WellWishers" but posted to the address at the bottom of this Newsletter. This ensures we take advantage of the before mentioned \$1:\$1 extra donation. 90% of funds raised go to the actual Wells projects. There are no pastoral activities related to this project. Please advise in whose name you wish the tax receipt to be in. All donations over \$2.00 within Australia, are Tax Deductible.**

**DONATIONS:** \$6,000 provides 1 WELL - the Friend's \$1:\$1 donation makes it 2 WELLS, benefiting 1,000 to 2,000 people.

**O** - Please tick Circle **only** if interim receipt is required [you will automatically receive one later from AnglicORD]

I enclose donation of \$ ..... [cheque/MO attached in favour of "WellWishers"]

Address [incl. postcode] .....

Please Debit my Visa, MasterCard or Bankcard [automatic periodical payments available] Circle your card type

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

Card Number ..... Expiry Date ...../.....

Name to be included on Official Receipt .....

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