



Touching Athens and the World for Christ

Early Bird Project Ethiopia

School Children Deworming
Hope for Girls and
Hygiene Education

October 20-28, 2023



Just the Facts . . .

Date: Friday, October 20,
Travel by Church Bus to DFW airport
Fly into Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Saturday, October 28,
Arrive home by same transportation

Cost: Air Fare only
Estimated ticket price—\$1,000
FBCA Mission Budget will pay all in-country costs
(See Jim or Juan for details)

Requirements for Participation . . .

- 1st Step:** Tell Jim or Juan you are interested as soon as possible, even if you are uncertain.
- 2nd Step:** Print and complete a Short-Term Mission Application or return hardcopy version to the Mission Office. (Forms available from the Mission Office.)
- 3rd Step:** Give a photocopy of the name/photo page of your Passport, asap
- 4th Step:** Attend and participate in trip training meetings and work days.
- 5th Step:** Remember that our Spiritual preparation is the most important thing we can do. Pray each day for our mission.



Ministry Description . . .

Jim Palmer is a former career IMB Missionary and is the Strategic Coordinator for "The Ethiopia Aid Mission" network.

In 2012, he led this group of cooperating churches, including FBCA, into a new program that has tremendously benefitted the children of Ethiopia. Jim named it, "The Early Bird Project."

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that at least 400 million children worldwide suffer from intestinal worms. A common problem associated with world hunger is intestinal worms. They prevent a person's body from absorbing nutrients. In fact, these parasites daily hijack up to 25% percent of the nutrients consumed by already malnourished children.

To put the problem into perspective, intestinal worms pirate about 50,000 tons of food each and every day. And in countries where children may get only one meal a day, it's a serious problem to have $\frac{1}{4}$ of the nutrients from that meal blocked from growing a strong, healthy child.

The children of the Bantu, Tolee region of Ethiopia suffer the effects of intestinal parasites. Results include malnutrition, exhaustion, decreased physical development, decreased mental development, lower literacy, and low earnings as adults. Children with parasitic worms are more vulnerable to illness and can miss up to 35% of school days. Something can be done immediately! One pill, twice a year will eradicate intestinal worms at a cost of less than 50 cents for each child.

Our Ministry will include:

- **Traveling from school to school in the rural Tolee District to administer essential medicine to each child**
- **Teach lessons on Health and Sanitation at each school**
- **Help distribute Hope For Girls menstruation kits**
- **Work with local pastors and evangelists to share Gospel testimonies and Christian material in each village**

I invite you to give yourself away for the Kingdom of God. If you have questions, please speak to Jim or Juan.

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