

# Mark and Krista Haley

Church Planters

Impacting lives and communities in Ethiopia by multiplying and growing Christ followers.



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## **HUNGRY ARE FED**

"For I was hungry, and you fed me." Matthew 25:35

Over these last months you have fed Jesus! Your gifts have made an amazing difference. We have been able to feed the church planters that were facing starvation. Even more amazing is that we have also been able to do two outreaches in two of the churches' communities. Many that are struggling to be able to feed their families got some food; physical and spiritual food. Here are a few words from our partner in Ethiopia that has helped with the distribution of the food.

"In Debrezeit, the local government selected and brought 37 needy community members and the church also selected 10 needy church members. Totally 47 households are supported. 286 total family members received help -900 kg powder and 91 liter food oil was distributed. As we observed and we were told, most of the beneficiaries are living with HIV and they are single mothers. The people are desperately affected due to COVID-19 crisis. The local government officials and the people are so grateful for the support that was rendered by the church."

Thank you for your generosity and being a part of this ministry in Ethiopia! Your continued gifts help us to not only feed pastors/communities but make an impact by sharing about Christ throughout the villages. We currently need monthly partners to help keep the ministry strong. Can you join the work God is doing with a financial partnership?





### **TESTIMONY**

This a crippled woman who lives alone. Before Covid, she earned income by washing clothes for others to support herself. However, due to social distancing with Covid, people don't open their doors for her anymore, so she has no work and has been struggling to meet basic needs for herself. Due to your prayers/partnership, not only was food given to her but the hope of Christ was shared. She is very grateful for the support the church has given.



## GOING BACK

Our time in the US has been short and very sweet! We have been able to attend a wonderful retreat, training and counseling program at Alongside in Michigan. This program took three weeks of our time here in the States and helped prepare us for future ministry in Ethiopia. We have continued to work on the structure and organization of Impact Ethiopia Ministries, Inc. We have been able to find a good CPA that is helping keep our record keeping in line with IRS standards as well as keep us above reproach with our finances. We have also had time to visit with some partners, family and friends, help Caleb return to college and do college visits with Jordan. Now, we are packing our bags and preparing to return to Ethiopia. Many have asked how that works in the middle of a pandemic. Well, we have to have a negative COVID test before entering Ethiopia. Then we will be able to quarantine in our home which at some point might include another test. Our return date is September 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prayers, financial partnership and encouragement through this season!

#### **NEW OPPORTUNITY**

God has opened the door for Krista to be able to use her nursing skills in a new way! She will be working as a school nurse at an international school in Addis. This is a blessing in many ways. First, we are praying this will open the door for her to be able to get her Ethiopian Nursing License which will allow Impact Ethiopia Ministries to do more medical ministry. Second, it will provide an avenue to reach different Ethiopians she will work with that potentially will open up reaching out to new unreached areas where their families reside. Third, it will provide our family with health insurance that we need. This will free more funds for IEM to do ministry. We are excited to see how God will use this opportunity!



# Impact Ethiopia Ministries Board Member Highlight

We would like you to meet our secretary of the board, **Natalie Kahler**. Natalie and her husband have had background in pastoral ministry and teaching. She has also been involved in local politics and has been Mayor of where they live in Brooksville, Florida. In her current work she continues to help bring to life the downtown area of Brooksville. We are blessed to have her on our team as she has been on the board of other nonprofit organizations as well. She helps to keep IEM organized and accountable. We look forward to her continued insight and oversight of this ministry. Thanks Natalie!!!

## **Prayer Corner**

- Safe travels and peaceful quarantine in our home – we return on September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Continued peace in Ethiopia as there has been unrest during our time away.
- Caleb as he continues his studies at Taylor University.
- Jordan as he starts his senior year in Ethiopia and his decision-making process about which college to choose to attend next fall.
- Tyler as he begins his sophomore year at Bingham in Addis Ababa for good friends and academically.
- Krista as she starts her new role as a school nurse in Addis and continues the ladies & health ministries in the villages.
- Open doors for Mark to teach his new curriculum to reach Ethiopian Orthodox people and to train pastors and church planters with the current restrictions
- -Healing & Peace around the world and that all would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior



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