

ETHIOPIA MISSION 2016

Your support is the confirmation and encouragement we need to engage in this ministry. Together we are God's hands and feet.

In October 2016, the GoodTree community has the privilege of hosting a retreat in Ethiopia for staff of Ellilta Women at Risk (EWAR)...

EWAR is a locally-initiated, non-profit organization that works to transform the lives of women coming out of the commercial sex industry. In the capital of Addis Ababa alone there are over 150,000 women working in prostitution, unable to leave due to a lack of resources and hope. Since 1996, EWAR has supported over 1000 women and their children in their nine-month rehabilitation program that offers Christ-centered counselling, life-skills training, and vocational support. Incredibly, 90% of these women never return to the streets -- praise God! Sadly, despite EWAR's success, the program remains somewhat alienated by local churches due to the stigma of prostitution. As EWAR approaches its 20th anniversary, they have requested a time of rest and spiritual refreshment for the front-line staff, and GoodTree wishes to bless them in their continued work for the Kingdom.

As a team, we feel passionately that God desires to heal the hurts of social injustices, and we are excited about the opportunity to just love and serve as needed. During our time in Ethiopia we plan to encourage the EWAR staff in their current work, and teach the art of resting in God to reduce burnout and promote spiritual living. We hope you will be a part of journey in providing prayer and financial support.

Our prayer requests...

- ~That we might be a blessing to the EWAR staff
- ~For unity within our church, families, friends, team, and EWAR staff
- ~That we respect cultural differences, overcome language barriers, listen for God's instruction, and be filled with wisdom, kindness, love, compassion, and everything necessary to serve EWAR as Jesus would

The financial need...

Hosting this retreat is estimated to be \$20,000 in total -- about \$5000 for the retreat itself and \$3000 per team member for travel/living expenses. Each team member will be responsible for \$1000 per person and the rest will be through fundraisers and donations. Any money raised above this amount will go directly towards the EWAR ministry. If you would like to contribute in this regard, you can make donations payable to:

GoodTree Christian Fellowship
1212 - 1 Street NW Calgary, AB T2M 2S3
(Please mark the donation for Ethiopia Team 2016)
All gifts are tax deductible and a receipt will be given

Thank you for considering to support the ministry of Elliot Women at Risk,

The GoodTree Ethiopia Mission 2016 Team



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"Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." Luke 9:57