



ANNUAL REPORT

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DEAR ONE LOVE FAMILY,

Since we started One Love in 2015, we have made a concerted effort to stay connected with our partners in Ethiopia. This allows us to make the long journey across the globe several times each year to check in on the school and build upon the vital connections and relationships between our board and donors, and the staff and families at One Love Academy. For each trip, we work to organically grow our short-term mission based on the team God has put together. In October 2017, our team of nurturers was named "Love & Leadership." In January, 2018, we had an all-male team, appropriately named "Man Up." You get the point.

The final team, in December 2018, was "Faith & Family." This truly encapsulated 2018 as it has been a year of trusting that God is with us. He is faithful no matter what. Even when we see something as difficult or impossible, when we lean into him, He always shows up.

Hebrews
11:1

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see."

At the beginning of the year, we had a big idea of hosting an event that would help spread the message about One Love. We have been so blessed by the generous support of family and friends, but many of them were supporting One Love for just that reason, they were our family and friends. Unless they were one of the lucky few who had been to visit the area and school, they were giving through blind faith. Our goal was to bring a clear picture and vision for how One Love is making a difference in the lives of children and families in Ethiopia.

We weren't certain how it would be received by our community, but we were sure of our hope to share more of the heart behind One Love. So a group of incredible volunteers dove head first into planning our first fundraising gala. We were inspired by a banner that hangs in the courtyard of One Love Academy, and the theme of the evening became: "Come and Receive Light, Go Forth and Shine."

The kids that were born in this area of Addis Ababa live under the dark shadow of extreme poverty. Walking through the streets and into the homes in Shiro Meda is hard. It's hard to imagine, hard to see, and hard to believe the conditions in which most of the students are living. However, when you enter the colorful gates of One Love Academy, it feels like an oasis of hope in the midst of brokenness. The students at One Love Academy truly do come and receive light each day, with the hope that one day they will go forth and shine to make their world a better place.

We are sure of our hope for One Love that we will continue to commit to the mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ by providing a school for young children in Ethiopia while concurrently empowering their parents to rise-up in their community.

The students and families at One Love Academy are sure of their hope that their children will be able to receive an education so that they may go on to have a better life. They are sure of the hope that their children will be able to have a meal each day, and drink clean water to nourish their bodies. And just like we have leaned on our faith in God to provide direction and funding for One Love, they have leaned on their faith that God will provide these basic necessities.

So thank you. Thank you to all of you prayer warriors who have prayed for One Love. Thank you to those of you who attended our fundraising gala; thank you to those who purchased auction items, and signed up to be monthly donors. Thanks to those who donated items for the event or made a generous one-time donation. Thanks to those of you who donated through Facebook on Giving Tuesday, donated supplies for one of our trips, or sent a check. Thank you to those of you who gave countless hours volunteering with us or traveled across the world to visit One Love Academy. And thank you to those of you who have been with us since the beginning. You are our angels.

We thank all of you for your generosity in 2018, and pray you will continue to be part of this incredible journey of faith, hope, and (One) Love.

In His Love,
The One Love Team



SAVE THE DATE

If you would like more information on our 2019 event, please connect with Mandy or Megghan.

The tentative date is set for Thursday, September 12, 2019.

2018 DONATION SUMMARY

Your 2018 Donation Summary is attached. Please contact Megghan with any questions.

LET'S BE FRIENDS...

