

Children and Ethiopia's AIDS Pandemic

One million children in Ethiopia have been orphaned by the loss of one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. Each child has a story to tell about living in a family where the parents are HIV positive or have AIDS.

But God loves each of these children. Each is created in God's image and has worth and value in the eyes of God. **Each child needs:**

- help to reach tomorrow
- to know God cares
- a human touch
- someone who expresses God's HEART in action
- HOPE

Many orphans of AIDS are:

- left to care for themselves
- living with grandmothers (who need someone to care for them)
- living in households headed by an older unmarried sibling
- living with an extended family member cared for by the community



FACT

AIDS is the first epidemic of a new disease since the 1400s.

FACT

Nine out of ten children living with AIDS are African.

FACT

By 2010, it is estimated that there will be 25 million orphans of AIDS in the world.

FACT

One of the major challenges in fighting AIDS is caring for orphans of AIDS.

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Helping
Ethiopian Orphans of
AIDS
Reach
Tomorrow



A Partnership between
Illubabor Bethel Synod,
Ethiopian Evangelical Church
Mekane Yesus
and
Shenandoah Presbytery

What is being done now

By 2010, over one-third of Africa's children will be orphaned as a result of AIDS

Sixteen million African children under age 15 live without a mother or both parents.

Churches are at the epicenter of this challenge, seeking to meet it with creativity, love and wisdom. Churches are also at the heart of each community and it is there that the challenge must be met.

In partnership with **The Il-lubabor Bethel Synod** (IBS) of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, **Shenandoah Presbytery's HEART Project** seeks to help support the ministry to orphans of AIDS and their families.

What you can do

You can Help Ethiopian orphans of AIDS Reach Tomorrow by being part of The HEART Project. Churches, sessions, Sunday school classes or other groups, and individuals are invited to support this ministry to orphans of HIV/AIDS.

IBS has indicated it costs approximately \$244 per child per year to provide living, medical, educational and caretaker training. Gifts to the HEART Project of \$244/year are welcomed. However, we are invited to give at least \$300/year or \$25/month to support this important ministry.

***For more information or to arrange for a presentation, contact Bill Cox:
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The HEART Project Application

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Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to support the HEART Project at: \$300/year _____ Other \$ _____

I would like to make a one-time gift of \$ _____ to the HEART Project

Make checks payable to: "Shenandoah Presbytery HEART Project"

Mail to: Shenandoah Presbytery, 1111 N Main St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

