WIN SOULS FOR GOD EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES (WSG)

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1- Working in partnership

Last 18 month a lot of things have happened in Win Souls for God Evangelical Ministries that would not be possible without our partners support. The Advise and financial part that you all have helped us to support the poor community through us, without your support it would not be able to see the positive influence for the children we are working with. We have, for example, been able to give food, education, medical treatment and counseling to our beneficiaries. There is nothing more satisfying us than to see lives transformed through love in action that we together with you are giving to the children. As you all know that, we are working in the high intensity areas of poverty, prostitution and street people. We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all our partners for working together with us. We are hoping that, we together with you, in the future can continue to improve the work and see good results in the lives of the people what we are trying to help.

God Bless you!
Gizachew Ayka
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2- Back ground of the organization

Ethiopia is a landlocked country in the Horn of Africa with a population of nearly 80 million (CSA 2007). It is divided into eleven administrative regions including Addis Ababa (the capital) and Dire Dawa town. Over 80% of the country's population lives in rural areas, predominantly engaged in mixed agriculture (crop production and livestock rearing). Though Ethiopia has repeatedly registered economic growth during the last four years, it still faces major challenges in feeding its growing population. Ensuring food security continues to be the priority development agenda for the coming years

Out of 80 million about 2.5 million people are living in the capital city of Addis Ababa. And hence streetism is very high and it is increasing year to year. The estimated numbers of street people are 100,000. This figure is taken from the study of forum for street children Association in the year 2006. In order to deliver the responsibilities: WSG started to intervene on the critical problems of the affected people in the city. WSG founded by Young Christian in 1997, during their prayer fellowship. The ministry of Justice in Ethiopia registered the organization in January 28, 2000 as an indigenous spiritual ministry.

3- The objective of WSG (Win Souls for God Evangelical Ministries)

To improve: economy, health and social issues of the target people.

To meet the stated objectives of the program, the following projects are the main focus areas of the organization.

- 1. Street people project
 - a. Rest center
 - b. Samaritans Project (Self dependency)
- 2. Prevention of child streetism
 - a. Health Education
 - b. Schooling
 - C. Youth center
- 3. Commercial sex workers
- 4. Gospel

4- Achievement of the project.

I. Street people Project

Young and old People in Ethiopia especially in Addis Ababa are living in the street due to social and conomical problems. The means to live in the street is mainly by bagging, taking some once property force fully, and by other means. People in the street have experienced different habits like, smoking cigarettes, chewing chat, taking drugs and others. And also they are poor in social affairs because they are discriminated by the society, and no one cares about them. They are not behaving as the normal community. Working with such people is very difficult and it needs more time, commitment, patience and resources. Organizing and making in place of all-

important inputs also one of the challenges of the Ministries. Because mostly we meat them at mid night, this is the only available time to get the street people because this is the time of sleeping. At this time we took as an opportunity to begin the relationship with them. After that the project staff gave them an appointment to have a conversation time about all-important issues, after conversation on the street, those who are interested to join the project can start with Rest Center.

a. Rest Center - The center is established for the purpose of delivering a basic lesson on different issues and it is the first stage to teach them before they go to the next step. In the center different activities have been conducted during the project year.

Table 1: -

Activities work on the street people at the Rest Center	Number of beneficiaries in 2009	Number of beneficiaries in 2010	Total hrs	Remark
Counseling	73	54	42 hrs	
Teaching on discipleship	73	54	123hrs	
Alpha course	73	54	120 hrs	
Provision of food	73	54	18,848 meals/years	All who visit the rest center have got meal
Provision of shelter	73	54		
Provision of clothes.	73	54		
Petty trading	24	32		
Reconciliation with families	24	13		
Medical support	51	30		
Health training	73	54	45 hrs	
Film show	73	54	96 hrs	

<u>Note:</u> the street boys and girls have made reconciliation with parents in different areas of the country regions like: **Ormoiya** (Harar, Kuyera, Sululta, Nekemte, Jima)

SNNPR: Sothern Nations, Nationalities and People Region the specific place (Hosanna,)

Amahra Region the specific place (Gonder & Gojam)

Addis Ababa city Administration (The capital of the country)

They are doing well in their localities to live a sustainable life like:

Petty trading: some of the target groups are working on transportation of different materials by their own Donkeys.

Pulse crop trading: some of them are engaged in the trading of pulse crops in their localities.

All of them where attended Bible teaching and Alpha course.

Alpha course is a course given to the street people in the first phase of in to the center. The content of the course is that counseling, spiritual teachings and valuing people, awareness creation on HIV/AIDS, and train on how to socialize with the wider community. Because they were not able to practice socialization with the community during the time of street life. In the project year out 156 planned 127 target groups were attended in the rest center all the project period where the rest of the group could make it. In total more than 1500 were contacted on the street.

After they are taking such support, they tend to think to be self-dependent and then they are started to choose the type of field what they want to engage to be self-dependent. After they select the areas they want to be engaged in, the ministry provides the necessary full support to be self-dependent based on their interest.

b- Samaritans project has implemented the self-dependency project. The modality of self-dependency is different from others in the same project. This project supports 18 boys and 2 girls in year 2009 and additional 11 girls and 9 boys in 2010, total of 40 boys and girls by paying 1000 birr/ month. The boys are managing them selves. The allocated many is spent for food, cloths and house rent. This approach has helped us a lot because the management part is so easy. We are working mainly with street boy and girls that is labor and time demanding. The self-dependency approach resolves such demanding tasks. But the follow up and the monitoring part still handled by the project staff. The boys and girls under self-dependency are working hard in their education and they have got a very good grade in the academic areas.

II. Prevention of child streetism Schooling

a. Schooling

Win Souls for God Evangelical Ministries have been helping about 674 boys and girls in the physical year of 2009 and additional 100 in 2010 total 774 children in two prevention centers. The aim of the ministry is not only helping children, but preventing the children not to go to the street. Most of the target groups had no chance of getting food, education, medical care and clothing from their parents since the parents have low economic source to support their children. In our country parents are bearing a child with no sufficient economic capacity. It is known and clear that when the children are not supported by such projects, they will go out to the street.

The target groups of the project are all students enrolled in the two schools, namely Entoto and Gurara School and in different government schools. The numbers of the direct beneficiaries are 774 students. The target groups are supported by WSG by different benefits packages like: meal support once in a day in the school compound, education material support like, exercise books, pen, pencils, books, and school uniforms including decent cloths. Besides the normal class the project has been providing counseling, socialization personal and environmental sanitation to the students. Had they not been supported by the project the children's may come to the street. The project has a dual function on this project:

- 1. Preventing the children not to come to the street
- 2. The children's are equipped by education. As we all now that education is the key factor to bring some one to the proper and normal life. Therefore supporting the children by education means paving the future life for the boys and girls in the area. As the same time the parents and the community, which are found around the school are valuing the importance of the school and the project support. The project is seeking additional fund from external source to support the rest of the children in the area. There are a lot of children who has no accesses to school in our operational area. The school-aged children's are usually went to the labor work to support parents or come in to the street. Because they don't have a means to

come to school, that is the parents are not able to cover all school expenses and clothing's.

Of all these reasons the opening of the school by the project in the area, encourages the community to send their children to school.

The project conducted series of meetings with the school parents committee; they remained the school to support more children. Because, they said that a number of children's are coming in to the street daily. Therefore to save the lives of the kids, the organizations like you have more accesses and responsibility to do such generation saving activities.

The project also values this idea and we request the partner to scaling up the child support program in order to prevent streetism.

Had the children's not been supported by WSG, they would have gone to the street at the early age. Therefore you can imagine that how difficult it is living in the street at early age of the child because of the shortage of basic human needs. Therefore WSG is found in the right truck to address the basic needs of the poorest of the poor target groups in the operational areas of the ministries.

b. Health Education –

The main objective of this program is to reduce HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the Gulele sub city Kebele 18 and the surrounding areas. The specific target groups are uneducated women, and youth in the community. The major activities to achieve the objective, WSG prepared short term training to the discriminated people because of

HIV/ADIS virus infection, for such people WSG provide free Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) and care and support for those who are infected with the viruses. Through prevention education in the year 2009 WSG reached 6556 youth and women by training and 300 people got VCT service and 30 beneficiaries are organized in to IGA groups. They are started to generate income by making different sellable goods. In 2010 through prevention education within six months WSG reached 725 youth and women by training and 1200 people got VCT service and 20 beneficiaries are organized in to Income Generation Activities (IGA) groups.

III. Commercial sex workers (Deborah Center)

In Ethiopia, prostitution is a very serious problem women's are engaging in it because of low income. When we talk to the girls engaged in prostitution they dislike being prostitute but they are doing it for survival

By the support of WSG a total of 24 girls are out from prostitution in the project year the prostitutes has got 6 children's. The project is supported the children's by all basic needs as the children's every one of us. They are very happy to be with us. The girls are taking vocational and technical trainings in order to lead their sustainable life for the future.

Some the target groups are assist the freedom house beneficiaries by skills they acquired through trainings in 2009. They are hoping to work individually by the coming year; the hope is the result of attitudinal change. Since behavioral change comes in the mind of the target groups, they want to hope for the future life. Had they not been supported by WSG they would have been died before years due to various sexual transmitted diseases and abortion.

For these girls WSG provide a support of housing, food, clothing, and it covers all training costs. Some of the skill trainings are: Tailoring, embroidery, and beauty salon. As a result they are ready to have their own business center.

Out of 24 target groups 7 of them are now out of the project in 2009 and the other 16 are ready to leave the home in the end of the year 2010. They are managing very well all the work and social and other related activities.

5. Gospel

The gospel department has conducted different spiritual conferences, prayer and evangelism.

Every morning WSG staff has been attending bible study and prayer in department level. Every Wednesday, all project staff gathered at head office in the early morning and participates in prayer time. The staff prayed for peace and other issues for the partners, for the nations and for the country, Ethiopia.

The gospel department also coordinates a mountain prayer and all participants had a spiritual revival time.

Including the spiritual activities, the department also supported economically needy people.

Among all activities accomplished by the gospel department, the major once are listed below:

- ✓ 38 people are delivered from evil spirit by the spiritual service.
- ✓ 90 people received Jesus Christ as a personal savior.
- √ 10,301 people are heard the word of God in the year 2009. This is done
 through conference conducted in Chencah and evangelism program in
 different parts of the country
- ✓ 270 people are trained on techniques of evangelism for eight days.

- ✓ 800 watched people Jesus film
- ✓ 354 people are participated in prayer in the project period.
- ✓ 260 people are participating in mountain prayer four times a year.
- ✓ 39 people have got spiritual counseling
- ✓ 150 people have got financial support by the gospel department
- √ 11,000 spiritual magazines and pamphlets are distributed to the wider community.

6. Charismas celebration

2010Christistmas celebration was very especial and historical in different way.

a. School Children Christmas

Nearly 1000 school children where together in the big Ethiopian national meeting hall and celebrated with WSG workers and partners. All the children got school bag and t-shirt as a gift and after all have been given kinds and soft drinks. This meant a lot for children never celebrate Christmas in life time.

b. Street People Christmas:

It was a historical event for WSG and the street people also. More than 10,000 street people attended continuously in 8 days celebration. Every day about 1200 people were coming to the big Ethiopian Exhibition Center in the central part on Addis Ababa (Meskel Square). For most of them it was first time to come to this Center and be honored as special guests. The Eschol Trust from Northern Ireland came with 34 voluntaries and WSG with 100 and additional from the restaurant. In total more than 150 people worked for one week free of charge to serve the honored street people. Launch, spiritual song, drams, life testimonies and preaching where given out to all them by former street people, singers and preachers. All the cost was covered by The Eschol Trust.

7. Chenhca

It is almost 2 year since WSG started official activity in Chencha even if the 1st vision came up 7 years ago. There are several activities going on there. It is planned that Chencha will run its own administration starting from 2011. Currently the following achievements are recorded: -

a. Child Labor prevention

Chencha district is one of the known areas by the child trafficking in Ethiopia. Entoto area in Addis Ababa is the village of the community came from Chencha. To minimize such migration, working on the root of the area is one of the strategies of the organization. The project has seen a good and encouraging result on the child labor migration. Compared to the previous years, the migration of the children to Addis Ababa is reduced. This is the result of the project by conducting trainings, and awareness creation for the community, the government officials zonal and district level, school children and school teachers. The students and the government officials are also train the community at grass root level on child labor exploitation based on the training given by the project workers.

- 566 number of the government workers have taken training on child labor prevention
- 1,425 Number of the community member has taken training on child labor prevention in five Kebele administration
- Totally more than 11,000 people are empowered in child labor prevention movement.

b. Self Help Group (SHG)

The SHG pilot project is established at Chencha district which is known by child trafficking in Ethiopia. The main cause for the child migration to other area from the district is that poverty. In order to survive in life parents are sending their children to free labor to every direction of the country. In order to capacitate the family design some income generation activity is very important. Based on this fact the organization has established self help group approach. This approach is very important because, can avoid dependency or free aid and encourages saving some amount of money weekly and borrowing to start petty trade. The project is only playing the facilitation role and provides a series of training on the approach. The training is delivered by the external consultant and produced three different manuals. Based on the manuals and the training, they are organized in to different groups according to the economic status similarities.

The major criterion for SHG to organize in to one group is affinity. Affinity group: is having similar economic status, the same culture, the same language, the same village and etc... Based on the affinity group, they are started to organize and saving weekly. The SHG group, the leadership is very democratic; the leadership is rotating to all member groups monthly. And the discussion all is minuet and all members have got pass book for saving. The member groups are discussing in different issues about the village development, personal affairs and propose possible solution and they start to act up on the discussed issues. Therefore forming SHG has a dual purpose that is economic, and social interaction. Within six months the project established 25 SHG groups and they are started saving. One SHG group hold 20 people and totally 500 people are organized in this approach. The SHG group running by four project workers.

c. Multipurpose Building

After 14 month hard work Chencha multipurpose building is ready for use. It has 6 major service lines with all facilities.

- Meeting and sport hall
- -Library
- -Café
- -Clinic
- -Guest House
- -office and workshop rooms

All the above are indoor activities additionally the Center has outdoor service like had ball, table tennis, basket ball.

It also has area for horticultural agriculture which will help youth and children to experiment different vegetables and trees like apple.

The Center was inaugurated June 24th 2010 in presence of Gamogofa Zone president, Ethiopian Evangelical Church General Secretary, Lakarmissionen Director, WSG leaders and other officials.

d. Income Generation Activities

WSG have long term plan to generate income locally. Based on this plan apple farm, guesthouse, and animal farm seed project started in Cehncha which is going very good. Soon there will be expansion in these areas.

e. Other Chencha activities

WSG is helping prisoners are Chencha prison based on voluntary work. Prisoners are provided cloths, detergents, and small shower was built in the prison.

WSG also supported local churches in different ways. Like helping them with Church building and spiritual services

8. Entoto Freedom School building

After 2 year planning final WSG bought land in Entoto area and put the symbolic foundation from Entoto freedom school last June 04, 2010. Now all plans are done and materials are coming in to the building area. As soon as the rain stops the building will start. It will be G+3 building with capacity to be used by more than 700 children from Entoto area. Children, partners and all the community is happy to have school in Entoto area and is looking forward to see when it is ready. It is estimated to be ready within 14-18th months if every thing is constant.

9. Successful stories

In the last 18 month many people where helped by WSG but the following numbers are special because all are 100% successful

- 15 boys and girls are joining universities, colleges and preparatory school from street and prevention department. Starting from Sep 2010 with very good results
- 7 girls from Deborah Center started work and their own life.
- 3 former street boys graduated from university. 2 of them with bachelor one a laboratory technician
- 2 girls graduated as clinical nurse one from Deborah Center one from independency project

All of them have been helped by WSG the last year and now they are helping themselves and others. One of them is Michael who we meet when he was 12 years old. Life for him was hard during the time he lived on the street. After meeting with us he moved to boys home and started school. Today he is one of the successful persons. He graduated from Gondar University with 2 bachelors and selected and awarded as one of the academic year best student. He also go government scholarship to continue his masters in one of the big university in Ethiopian and to teach there as part timer. What a wonderful GOD we have he helps people to change people. We are helped to help and change people.

10. Challenges

* Last July we lost one of the girls from Deborah. She left her family when she was 11 years old. When she gets 14 she became trapped in a life of Sexual slavery. We meet her in 2007 since then were at Debora Center and last January she started her life and June 2010 at the age of 23 she died from AIDS. All of us in WSG were very sad and praying for the other who are HIV+ in WSG and Ethiopia.

11. Near Future plan

a. Books

WSG is writing book in Amharic about the last 14 year journey of the general work which will be planned to be published in the coming Christmas. Ethiopian pastor is writing the book and all the WSG leaders are involved in it.

Berthil Akerlund is writing a book which focuses on Gizachew's life and biography. It is planned to be ready before Christmas with title "2nd Chance" "Doing the Impossible" The book will be dedicated for the FEEDOM House Center building and the children of Ethiopian who are suffering from luck of FREEDOM and POVERTY.

b. Buildings

- * Starting and finishing Entoto Freedom School and Center.
- * Finalizing Chencha building and using the full capacity

c. Leaders Education

*Educating the top leaders in higher institutions is one of the urgent plans. As the work is growing specially those who have been in work the last 13 year needs capacity with proper education. It is planned to help some of Maters program and some for Bachelor program.

11. Staff and capacity

a. staff

Today WSG has 95 paid and 35 volunteer works

b. Capacity

Most of the workers are experienced with long year work and the Education level in from Certificate up to Bachelor

c. Guest house

WSG guesthouse in Addis Ababa and Chencha is generating income locally. It is only that these days all the voluntaries are staying there which will give more freedom for them.

12. International Relations.

All international relation is going well. Leaders traveled to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Kenya, Uganda, and Israel in year 2009/2010 for official and friendship meeting, trainings visits.

Partners from various countries have been visiting the work in Ethiopia according to the annual visiting plan in November and March.

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