



"Shining shoes and now shining for Jesus!"

Youth Impact:

Andualem was a young street boy who was contacted by the YFC's street evangelism ministry in Hawassa town by the end 2022. When he was found, his heart was open and he wanted to know more about Jesus.



Ethiopia

Grant Awarded \$25,150

Project Title & Date:

YFC Ministry Flourishing in Eight Language Groups, 2022

Project Overview:

Ethiopia has the highest youth population with over 81 language-speaking groups and cultures. Mobilizing the existing churches to equip emerging youth to minister with culturally appropriate Biblical gospel messages is extremely urgent and crucial. YFC will mentor, coach and disciple local leaders in respective language groups to ensure YFC ministry centers are established and are flourishing.

Figures:

- 7 YFC centers were established.
- For all the 7 YFC centers a board was established and trained.
- All 7 centers started implementing youth focused programs.
- We also conducted conferences in every center.
- We also supported 6 creative initiatives

(Due to tribal conflicts happening in the Northern and Western part of Ethiopia, traveling to these regional areas were difficult)

Young people are often targets for harassment and theft, and without the protection and guidance of an adult, they navigate a perilous existence. The lack of legal and social protections exacerbates their plight, leaving them without much of a future. The Hawassa YFC coordinator started to meet with him, teaching him more about how to walk a christian life and be a follower of Jesus.

After meeting for some months, seeing Andualem's devotion and wanting to change his life, the group rented a house and bought him some shoe shining equipment to earn some money. In Ethiopia, many young boys work as shoe shiners to support their families amidst widespread poverty. These children often start working at an early age, some as young as seven or eight, sacrificing their education and childhood to earn a meager income. Education is a significant casualty in the lives of these young shoe shiners. However, Andualem's story is different! He started to go to school and support himself by working as shoe shiner. Later he joined the YFC coffee house and worked after class to earn an income.



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