

## WHY SHASHEMENE BETALE?

In April 2017, Trinity began looking for a new 'ends of the earth partnership' that focused on partnering with one community to establish a long-term relationship with our brothers and sisters in a Gospelcentered community development.

Through a series of God-ordained conversations, He made it very clear that Trinity was to explore Children's HopeChest in Ethiopia. In December of 2017, Traci Kohls and Kristine Marlatt visited three available CarePoints. They prayed that God would make it very clear which CarePoint Trinity was to serve and learn alongside. Shashemene Betale Mekane Yesus was that CarePoint. Over the next several years, that relationship will deepen as Trinity serves in a joint mission to carry out Matthew 28:19 (CSB), "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

# WHO IS CHILDREN'S HOPE CHEST (CHC)?

Children's HopeChest empowers orphaned and vulnerable children and their communities through relationships that cultivate holistic transformation and sustainability. They are founded on the belief that a comprehensive approach is necessary in order to solve the problems orphaned and vulnerable children face and that the most transformational, holistic, sustainable approach to long-term change occurs when one community partners with another. They seek to bring lasting, positive transformation to those served, and in turn, communities in North America are impacted as well. Visit www.hopechest.org/our-approach/ to learn more about their approach to community development.



## WHAT IS A CAREPOINT?

A CarePoint is a designated placed within a community, managed by the local church and community members, that serves as a ministry base for sponsored children. This CarePoint ministry is executed with a 3-phase development plan:

#### **SURVIVE: Stabilizing Vulnerable Communities**

Beginning March 3, 2018, Shashemene Betale CarePoint will officially launch the *Survive Phase*. During launch weekend, Trinity hopes to sponsor 150 children by supporting physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

- Gospel-centered discipleship
- Relational connecting between Shashemene Betale kids and their families
- Access to supplemental nutrition and basic medical care
- Access to clean water and sanitation

### THRIVE: Equipping Vulnerable Children and Communities for Future Success

As basic support systems are put in place through the Survive Phase, local leaders are empowered to transition into the *Thrive Phase*. As this stage begins, the focus shifts to equipping vulnerable children and communities for future success and sustainability.

- Educational support
- Emergency and preventative medical solutions
- Leadership skills, job skills, and trade training
- Beginning phases of income generating activities

### **SUCCEED: Transitioning to Long-Term Sustainability**

The CarePoint transitions into the **Succeed Phase** by working toward long-term sustainability as the primary goal.

- Income generating activities
- Agriculture projects
- Self-sustainability

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### HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

#### PRAY:

Join Trinity in praying for the Holy Spirit to lead the vision and dreams of Shashemene Betale CarePoint. Pray that the Holy Spirit moves the community of Trinity to respond. Pray that Jesus is glorified through every relationship, every strategy, every investment, and every changed life.

### **SPONSOR:**

After prayer, you can enter into a relationship with a child from Shashemene Betale through sponsorship (available launch weekend—March 3 & 4). The cost to sponsor a child is \$38 per month or \$456 per year. Sponsors can make their contribution in monthly (\$38), quarterly (\$114), or yearly (\$456) increments.

#### GO:

Trinity is currently planning to take one team, each year, to Shashemene Betale CarePoint in Ethiopia.