Report On The Trip To Hossaena

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With its Head Office in Addis Ababa, Bethzatha Orphanage Hosaena Satellite Station is run by Ato Elias Sugebo as its Representative and 33 permanent employees of different assignment. It also has a branch office in Mudula where background work is done by and reported to its office in Hosaena. Once they get the information about needy children in their office in Hossaena, a Social Worker and Video Camera man goes to the place to do background check, video tape the condition and decide on the request for adoption.

Acknowledgement

Our sincere appreciation goes to Ato Elias Sugebo the Representative of the Orphanage and its junior staff who were very cooperative and diligently assisting us in our assignment from the beginning to the end.
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Observation

- All the families own a map highlighting Ethiopia and America to know how far and where their children will be taken and this is issued by the Orphanage. They also said they were video taped before giving the children to the Orphanage.
- All we spoke to appreciated the assistance of the Orphanage in taking care of their children who otherwise would have been victims of death.
- Their desperation made the family to think that everybody is able to assist them, therefore, they couldn’t hide their non verbal message of aid expectation from us (Me and Elias)
- Does the Orphanage have age limitations in taking children to the Orphanage? Does it also have restrictions on number of children to accept?

Conclusion:

The over all poverty and desperation of the parents is very clear. None of them are in a position that they can afford to give their children “decent” accommodation, sufficient food, and education. So the existence of such an opportunity for them and their children is a blessing in disguise when we think of the future of the children. Other than this, in addition to what the Orphanage does in relation to humanitarian assistance, feeding the hungry children and paving a way for their future, they are also very well organized in keeping all the information documented for easy future reference is something that needs praise and appreciation.