



R.E.L.A.Y. – Voice for Hope Project Improves Lives of Children in Ethiopia!

The R.E.L.A.Y. – Voice for Hope Team, consisting of 10 members completed a two week mission in August 2009 to Northern Ethiopia. The focus of the project was an elementary school in the village of Debreberhan. In a short period of time the team accomplished the following:

- Plastered walls in classrooms of one building
- Cemented floors in classrooms
- Plastered outside of building
- Painted classrooms
- Painted exterior of school building
- Built 8 stall latrine for students
- Painted latrine
- Started school library and donated over 530 books
- Improved soccer field by providing regulation size metal soccer goal posts and nets
- Donated teaching aids, school supplies, sports equipment and soccer uniforms
- Implemented educational activities with students from grades 1 to 7 including crafts, games, sports and outdoor games

The team also left funds with school officials for the following projects to be completed after the team returned home:

- Plastering and painting interior and exterior of final school building
- Installation of windows and doors in the building renovated by the team
- Construction of a water well near the school to provide clean drinking water

The project was very successful and we expect to send another team to Debreberhan in the summer of 2012 to continue work at the school and to assist with the construction of a medical clinic.

Before:



After:

