

**Spring Edition 2010**  
**NHOM International**



**Dr. John & Evelyn Shane  
Invite You To  
Join  
Them On a  
Trip To Rus-  
sia, Ukraine,  
India, Ethiopia  
or Sri Lanka.**

**Come and hug widows, orphans and the elderly with us. Share your love with those who so few care about, you will be blessed.**

**April**

4 Happy Easter  
11 Bonney Lake, WA  
18 Loon Lake, WA  
24-25 Tacoma, WA  
28-30 Ukraine

**May**

1-20 Ukraine & Russia  
23 Orting, WA  
30 Yelm, WA

**June**

6 Coupsville, WA  
13 Pinehurst, ID  
20 Longview, WA  
27 Kettle Falls, WA

**July**

4 Family Camp  
11 Quincy, WA  
18 Benton City, WA  
25 Yoncalla, OR

**August**

1 Lewiston, ID  
8 Rosalia, WA  
15 Hermiston, OR  
22 Camas, WA  
29 Post Falls, ID

**September**

5 South Whidbey, WA  
7-21 Russia  
26 Bonney Lake, WA

**Ethiopia**

If ever there was a land of enchantment and history Ethiopia is it. Hard working people in need of direction and Hope. To the right is a woman making "Injero" a sort of sourdough bread that is a staple at every meal. Women do most of the cooking and carrying supplies and water for their families as seen below.

We visited many areas of Ethiopia and I was impressed by the diligent workers.

We went to one public school where over 3,000 students attend.

Many walked for miles to attend. There were 70 students per class and they were using teaching materials dating back to 1989. Classrooms were packed with students and there was little or no lighting inside the classes. Each desk had 3 to 4 students sitting and where there were not enough desks they sat on slats of wooden benches. Students were there to learn and discipline was part of the agenda of learning. I asked the principal of the school what she needed most and she replied pencils, paper, newer material and she would like a computer to teach her kids with. Not once did she complain about class sizes or being overworked.

Ethiopia is not so much tribal as other African nations. The history of Ethiopia in relation to Israel is well documented in the Bible when the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon in ancient days. It is believed that

the Queen and Solomon had a child together.

The Jewish and Orthodox culture is quite prevalent throughout Ethiopia.

It is believed that the Arc of the Covenant is housed in one of the Orthodox churches as well as many other artifacts from Israel.

I had the privilege of speaking in several schools, universities and churches. I listened to many of the people as they shared their hearts in conversation with me. Through a miracle of God I had the privilege of meeting with President Gobeze of the Amhara Region on two different occasions. He is a man of integrity and wants to help his people be the best they can be.

I met with two assistant Mayor's in two major cities and I was impressed by each of these men. We at NHOM have decided that it is time for us to expand our ministry to include NGO (non-government organization) status to further help in Ethiopia with widows, orphans and the helpless.

We are trying to develop good solid relationships with all those we are coming in contact with. In other words we want to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. This work can not be done alone. We need your prayers and support if we are going to reach these children. It will mean sacrifices on everyone's part but together we can make a difference in the lives of these who are so helpless. We can provide what is needed to get these widows, orphans and helpless an opportunity to know they are loved.



*Pictured above are some of the students we met in a village near Bahar Dar*



*These are some of the orphan girls we have in our NHOM home. They are showing off their new dresses brought from the USA.*



*This was an interesting fellow and his horse we saw at the local market place in Debra Markos, Ethiopia.*





***There are now many new displacement camps set up because of the war. Displacement camps are supposed to be temporary places but there are some that have been in existence for over 20 years and still no governmental involvement to find permanent homes for those who were displaced because of the war.***

prisoned or sent to camps. Miles and miles of total destruction. If you were there for the first time you would not even know that a war had taken place except for the war memorial. Nor would you know that villages were where you are standing. But I



***Some of the Christian kids learning about their faith in a public school religion format taught by teachers we support.***

The war is over and what is done is done and the government gloats over its great victory. So far there is no offers of help or reconciliation to those in the North or East. But the president has seen fit to build Buddhist temples and idols in the predominantly Hindu region and bus loads of Buddhists flaunt their temporary victory in the face of those who are desperate for help.

NHOM is there to help and we will continue to love our neighbors in all of Sri Lanka. It is our purpose to reach out to those who are so needy and can not help themselves. We can not blame government or leaders until we look at ourselves and ask, "How am I loving my neighbor as I love myself?" Or am I guilty of picking and choosing who I will like and who I won't. God clearly states that if we are to fulfill the "Royal Command" we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. He does not say we should only love those who love us. Our neighbors include our enemies, our ex's, those we work with, go to school with and even our families are our neighbors. Our neighbors are Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Atheists and all other religions and non-religious people. Christ died for them all. He loves them all.

He also said we should be like Him. Not that we can become gods but that we should love all that He has created as He loves them. When is the last time you have truly loved your neighbor. Love is not avoidance, you cannot say you love someone and avoid them. Love is an action word. Do your actions tell the world that you truly do "Love your neighbor as you love yourself?"

## **Sri Lanka**

Finally I was able to return to Jaffna after more than 3 years of waiting because of the civil war. I must say I was devastated by what I saw and heard. I met with Pastors and lay people who had suffered terribly because of the war and are suffering now because of the prejudice and aftermath of the war.

Sri Lanka continues to be in terrible turmoil. There is no reconciliation effort that I could see. Government needs to sit down with both sides and begin rebuilding relationships that will build their nation and enhance unity. Now is the moment for them to show the world they are serious about lasting peace.

I was only able to enter a small portion of the war zone outside of Jaffna but what I saw and what I heard were fearful things. Where there once was a thriving community of tens of thousands of people, buildings, homes and shops is now a wasteland. Everything except a few cement buildings were destroyed. From what I could tell there was a slaughter of people.

Over 80,000 were killed in the last year of the war. Close to 200,000 fled the area and those that stayed were either killed, imprisoned or sent to camps. Miles and miles of total destruction. If you were there for the first time you would not even know that a war had taken place except for the war memorial. Nor would you know that villages were where you are standing. But I know. I saw the before and after as did thousands of other survivors.

Another thing I noticed in all the cover up is that not one Hindu idol and not one Buddhist fixture was harmed during the war. However, every Christian church was destroyed. I talked to one Pastor who watched as his church was systematically blown to pieces. He told me that of the 100 plus members who were attending his church, he could not find one who is still alive.

The Vanni region is still closed to all outsiders including past residents. There simply is no way to know what is left. All residents have evacuated the area and only the military is in this region. The city of Jaffna remains almost the same as I remember it but everything around that city has been demolished.

While the war was raging in the North and the West the rest of the country had no idea what was happening because all news was censored. Only stories of heroism on behalf of the Sri Lankan military was given.



***A water tower that was blown up near the junction of the Vanni turnoff.***

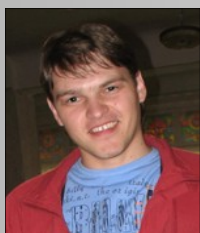


***The Guantanamo Bay of Sri Lanka. A prison camp housing over 4,000 men just outside of Jaffna who were believed to be part of the Tamil Tiger terrorist organization.***





Saratha  
Sri Lanka



Igor & Olga  
Ekaterinberg, Russia



Gladys & Philip  
India



Olga & Natasha  
Perm, Russia



Viktoria  
Ukraine



Molaku  
Ethiopia



### Perm Russia

Natasha and Olga were visiting an orphanage and dispersing clothes to some of the girls. The girls were very happy to receive their new clothes and certainly were grateful for what they received. One of the orphan girls instead of waiting in line for clothing came to our team leaders and said all she wanted was a hug. Children truly want to be loved and cared for. Our teams are a source of love for them all.

Natasha and Olga spend days on end loving, hugging, praying, teaching and ministering to the orphan, widows, handicapped, elderly and other needy children and people. Usually there are no rewards or medals for the work they do but I assure you they are doing work that is most important to God. They are a blessing to NHOM International as well.

### Ekaterinberg, Russia

Igor and Olga have dedicated themselves to the work of visiting widows, orphans and the elderly in the Ekaterinberg region of Russia. A region that is larger than the State of Washington. It is impossible for them to reach all the orphans in this region but they do the best they can do.

Daily they plan their programs, travel on bumpy roads, (many are not paved) in extreme winter conditions and yet they

bring great joy to thousands of orphans each week. Orphans and adults get saved and healed of sicknesses and diseases and hear the Good News of the Power of God.

### NHOM Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the safety of our workers in Sri Lanka. Civil war and terrorists has devastated the area around Jaffna. They desperately need us to intercede for them.
2. Pray for funds for the work that is taking place in building a new church, Bible school and center in Sri Lanka for widows and their children.
3. Pray that God would grant traveling mercies for all of our teams as they encounter some of the vilest of road and trail conditions.
4. As prices continue to escalate at home and overseas pray that God would continue to provide for essentials in the need of our teams, orphanages and the NHOM ministry.
5. Pray that God would continue to give our teams in Russia & Ukraine favor with the orphanages, widows and elderly homes.
6. Pray for our teams in America, Russia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, and India and the hundreds of volunteers in these areas that help in this ministry. They are daily on the front lines of Spiritual warfare. They work tirelessly in some of the most extreme conditions with some of the most unlovely people and they do it with great joy.
7. Pray that God would raise up a leader to assist the Shane's in NHOM's development and future growth.
8. Pray for \$20,000 to build a building for our Angel's of Hope children's home in India.
9. Pray for Pastor Basil and his family that they might find a country where they can worship the Lord in peace and freedom.
10. Pray for our nation that we would return to the Lord with great repentance and for the revival that needs to take place.
11. Pray for the needs to be met for our new orphanage in Ethiopia.
12. Pray for Evelyn's health issues.

### Odessa Ukraine

Each team is a great blessing to NHOM International and to me especially. Viktoria from Odessa is no exception. She has the energy and joy that is infectious and you just want to be working with her. The kids love her so much and the volunteers that work with her are overwhelmed by what gets done through her efforts.

Several years ago her husband Fred was killed while working for NHOM and Viktoria took over the work he was doing and it has blossomed into something beautiful. I am amazed at what gets done through her and her teams efforts.

### Ethiopia

Our new work in Ethiopia also has a new worker named Molaku. He has served as a Pastor and Evangelist and is soon to get married. He has traipsed through the mountains of Ethiopia carrying the Good News of Gospel literally to the ends of the earth.

He was in the initial setup of our orphanage in Bahar Dar region and will be helping us establish NGO (non-government organization) status in Ethiopia. I am very blessed to have him on our team and he is anxious to be used of God in this way.

### Sri Lanka

I want to introduce to you Saratha from Jaffna. She and her husband are two wonderful people. When I interviewed them for the position at NHOM they told me about their plight during the war.

Her husband said that bombs were bursting all around them as they were hiding in a bunker. People were being shot and killed and there was nothing they could do because the soldiers were on a killing frenzy. He said we made a promise to God that if they were allowed to live that they would serve Him any way He chose. We are so blessed to have them on our team as Saratha will be ministering to widows in this war torn region of Sri Lanka.

Madhu, Pasto Jason's wife, was doing this job until recently. Madhu has decided to go back and finish her degree so that she can teach at the Bible College with her husband. We so appreciate Pastor Jason and Madhu as they have held things together through the terrible years of the war.

### Home of Hope Children's Home, India

We are in desperate need for more financial support for this orphanage. This has been a difficult year for NHOM financially and we have had to cut back in some areas of our ministry.

Philip and Gladys depend heavily on the support they receive from NHOM International, as do all our ministries, so we would ask that you would pray about helping with the orphans in this very strategic part of India. This couple have been teaching the children and staff about the principles of God's Word and they are believing by faith that truly God will provide for the monthly needs of this Orphanage.



**Special Needs  
for our Teams**

**Perm, Russia**

\$200 Printer  
\$650 Projector  
\$150 Screen  
\$10,000 Newer Van

**Ekaterinberg, Russia**

\$650.00 Projector  
\$150.00 Screen  
\$10,000 Newer Van

**Odessa, Ukraine**

\$15,000 Van  
\$650 Projector  
\$150 Screen  
\$150 Camera  
\$200 Puppets

**Sri Lanka**

\$70,000 Widow's Center  
1,000 Motorcycle  
\$100 Outback Sunday  
Schools

**India**

\$800.00 Per Month Sup-  
port Money

**Ethiopia**

\$1,500 for motorcycle



*Continue to pray for Pastor Bashir and his family. They have sought asylum through the United Nations because of religious persecution by Muslims in their country of Pakistan. When they were interviewed by the U.N. they were interviewed by a Muslim who denied their claim. They have appealed the U.N.'s decision and want an impartial person to hear their case.*



*Goat's head soup anyone? In my travels I have seen many things for sale to eat. I have seen fried grasshoppers, fried spiders, grubs and many other delicacies. It truly gives one a whole new meaning about praying for your meals before you eat.*



*While traveling in the mountains of Sri Lanka I saw this woman. She is a tea leaf picker who earns the equivalent of \$1.25 per days work on the tea plantation.*



*Picture middle right is a picture of a small church near a tea plantation in the mountains of Sri Lanka outside the city of Kandy. There is a good Gospel work we are involved with that ministers to the Hindus of this area.*

*Picture on bottom left is one of an Orthodox priest in Ethiopia. He is holding an original manuscript of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John that dates back to the year 600.*

*It is believed that the Ark of the Covenant is in an Orthodox church in the city of Auxom. Many known ties between Israel and Ethiopia are well documented even the first convert by Phillip was an Ethio-*

**Travel With Us**

We would love to have you join us on one of our life changing missions trips. To find out more information on trips to Russia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia or India contact us at 253-875-3202 or you can e-mail us at [nhomjohn@yahoo.com](mailto:nhomjohn@yahoo.com). Our trips are usually 2 to 3 weeks in length and costs about \$100 per day plus any Visa's and plane tickets. Reservations should be made at least 3 months in advance and space is limited. We can arrange group trips and would love to host a group from your church. Each trip is unique and involves many ministry opportunities for all.