



The Front Line Report

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Mission: Ethiopia

They never dreamed that their lives could be so happy

Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal: Success Stories

Dreams that YOU made come true

As the sun made its appearance on the eastern horizon, it brought with it a promise of perfect weather for a day in which a miracle was about to happen.

The day began with traditional wedding preparations; the girls were getting ready for their big day. All the girls from the SAFE homes were involved in coordinating the celebration. Some girls did the hair and make-up of the brides and their wedding parties, others decorated the park where the ceremony would take place, and others prepared the food for the reception.



Pat and Sue Bradley share the happy wedding day with their daughters, Yeshi (left) and Yodit (right).

The weddings were celebrated outdoors in a beautiful park. A canopy created by trees made for a whimsical setting.

It was an emotional moment when the cars pulled up and the beautiful brides got out. To see them in their flowing wedding gowns brought us and many others to tears. I have never seen anyone smile so brightly as these beautiful daughters of ours. They proceeded to the altar through a carefully orchestrated procession of family and friends.

After the ceremonial music was

played, the minister spoke. Finally, the moment that everyone had been waiting for arrived. We all rose and held our breaths as the brides and grooms exchanged their vows. When the minister said "You may now kiss the bride," everyone broke out into a loud cheer and applause.

A lovely reception followed the ceremony. The girls from our SAFE homes did a great job preparing a feast for everyone.

What a special day it was for all of us! To see our daughters so happy, marrying good men and starting the



Hayal, radiant and happy on her wedding day.



Hayal and her husband, Shibeshi.



Yodit and her husband, Solomon.



Yeshi and her husband, Ashenafi.



Photographers take photos of the happy couples in the beautiful park where they were wed.

Three of our beautiful daughters, Yeshi, Yodit and Hayal, have begun new, happy chapters in their lives.

next season of life, was a miracle and a message of hope for the dozens of girls in our SAFE homes and the thousands of girls who are still trapped in the red light district.

This was truly a day for celebration—a day that would never have happened without YOU.



There once was a time when dreaming about the future was too painful to even think about. Then you came to the rescue! Without your faithful generosity and prayers, these three girls, Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal, would still be trapped in a life of utter misery. It is possible that they may not even be alive today, were it not for your kindness.

Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal are three of the first four girls whom you helped rescue from a degrading life of sex slavery. With each new



Betty Griebhiwot (center), ICA's Ethiopia country director , shares a proud and happy moment with Yeshi (left) and Yodit (right).

dawn, they began the chore of simply trying to survive. To hope for anything better was an impossible dream. Their only hope was to make it through one more day.

Then, the impossible not only became possible, but REAL! It was all because of YOU! Your generosity opened a door for them that they never knew existed. That door opened to a bright future, a new life for them and for more than 145 girls whom you have helped us rescue from sex trafficking.

Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal were rescued and entered our first SAFE home in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They received counseling, vocational training and attended school during the evenings.

After three years, the girls were ready for "graduation". In December 2010, they moved into their own homes to begin new lives and Phase Two of ICA's SAFE program.

In January 2011, Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal also began working for ICA in our office in Addis Ababa, as full-time employees. They had other

options, but chose to work for ICA, which was not their highest paid offer. In addition to working in our office, the girls are actively involved in rescuing other girls from the red light district.

On January 28, 2012, the girls realized another dream. Yodit, Yeshi, and Hayal, were married! We were honored to witness the joyous events and wish them well as they began new chapters in their lives. Now, they are starting their very own families.

Thanks to you, they not only



Sue and Pat Bradley at the wedding reception of Hayal and ????



Sue Bradley with Yodit (left) and Yeshi (right) at Hayal's wedding.



A toast to the happy couples and bright futures.



Everyone enjoyed the food prepared by the girls from ICA's SAFE home.

have good educations and jobs, they also have hope. They are now blessed with many good resources to pass onto their own children to ensure bright futures for them as well.

You have changed the lives of these three women in more ways than you can imagine. The gift of hope is a powerful tool. God bless you for making the dreams of Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal come true. If you could only have seen the joy in their eyes on their wedding days, it would have touched your hearts.

Thank you for helping Yodit, Yeshi and Hayal, and for caring for the thousands of others whom you help every month through our SAFE, FOOD, HOME and HEALTH campaigns. Your generosity is priceless!

God bless you,

Pat and Sue Bradley



The wedding parties begin the dancing.

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