



Reaching children around the world by training teachers

Fifty5five, Inc.

Fall 2017

2017 Trip Update

ETHIOPIA

In June we were invited to Ethiopia where we served at the Child Development Training & Research Center in Sendafa for the fourth time. It is such a fruitful location as we are training the trainers and teachers come from all over Ethiopia to learn. This year, we were presented with a new twist, as they asked us to grade them. The training Fifty5five provides was offered to the teachers as an actual course. It was such a blessing to see the students apply their new skills as they hosted an after-school program.

We also partnered with Strong Hearts in Kore, located in an area of Addis Ababa near the city dump; it is one of their most impoverished neighborhoods. It also has the sad distinction of having the highest population of people with HIV/AIDS



and leprosy in Ethiopia. Strong Hearts offers education, hospice and daycare and we worked with their nannies, teachers, children's ministry directors,

missionaries and pastors. We also had a chance to visit the daycare center, where they care for children of prostitutes and parent(s) with AIDS. They are reaching out to the spiritual and physical needs of these little ones.

We revisited You Go Church in Addis Ababa and had the opportunity to split up into different classes and observe the teachers in action. After Sunday School, we presented a refresher course to the teachers and brought some new material to share. The Senior Pastor popped in to observe the training. The young man we've been working with who brought the training into his church was offered the position of Children's Ministry Director.

We've been building up a local team to take over the training throughout Ethiopia. We've trained them twice, they've taught with us twice and, next year, they will train and we will watch. Our goal is to provide a sustainable model.





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Thank you to our partner churches for the use of their facilities and the amazing volunteers: Lakeside Church and Touchstone Christian Fellowship.



2018 TRIPS

Dominican Republic – In June 2018, Fifty5five will team up with the youth group from Touchstone Christian Fellowship and return to La Romana, Dominican Republic. There, the team will provide teacher training in La Romana and multiple Vacation Bible Schools in the bateyes (sugar cane fields).

Ethiopia – In 2018 (date to be determined), we will make our final trip to the Child Development Training and Research Center in Sendafa, Ethiopia. The in-country training team will be observed and prepared to take over the training in all of Ethiopia, and the second in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital. A local team from a previous Fifty5five mission trip will assist us as they prepare to take over future training programs there. This final trip to Ethiopia will complete their training.

South Africa – Our services are requested in Pretoria, South Africa with the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa. This trip may be coupled with the Ethiopia Training.

You may be wondering how we determine where we travel. We are always invited into the countries we visit. The mission is spread by word-of-mouth. Most frequently the requests are from ministries we've partnered with or previous attendees.



OUR MISSION

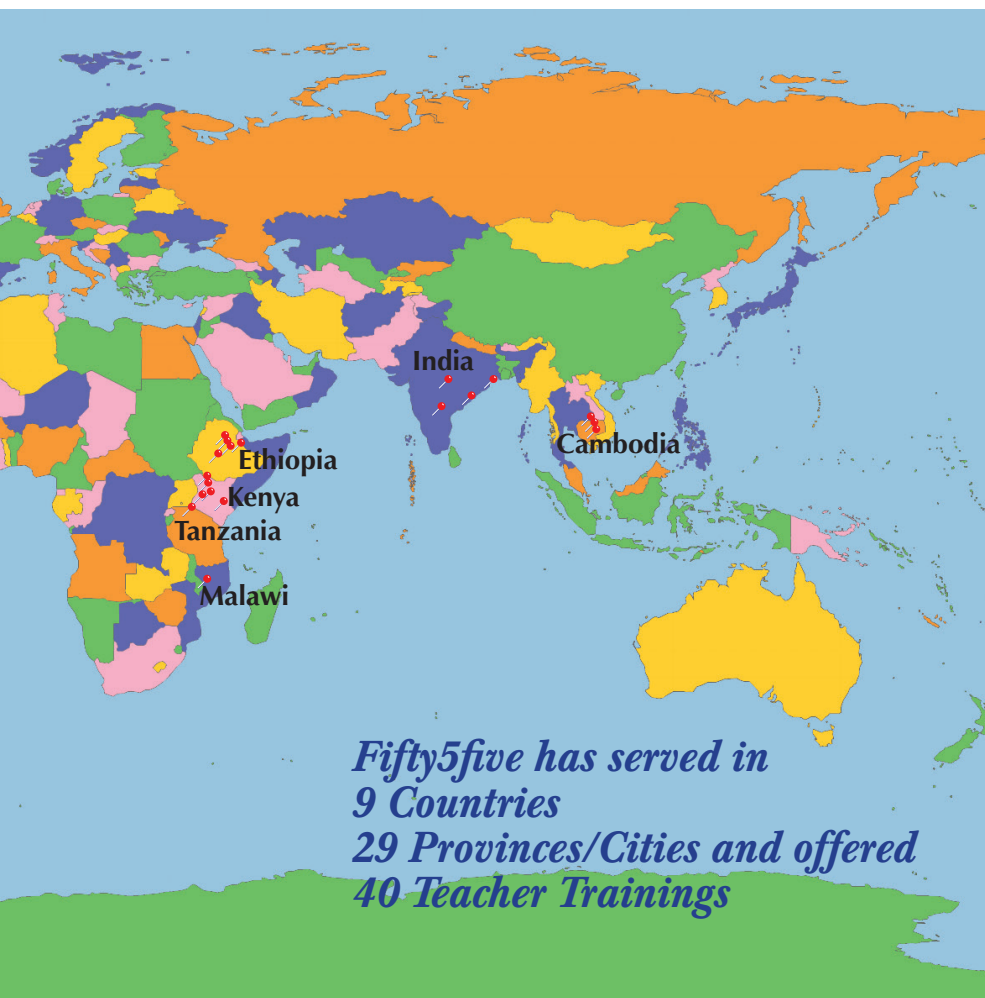
The mission of Fifty5five is to teach Christian adults throughout the world how to present the love of Jesus Christ to children by providing the tools to create and conduct a thriving children's ministry. In many of the world's developing countries children are second class citizens. Providing services to children is a new approach for many of them. Our main objective is to provide children in impoverished nations with an opportunity to clearly hear, understand and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our teams go in and provide workshops on story telling, memory verses, costumes, worship, crafts and discipline. The goal is to train up in-country trainers to continue on the work of training others. We see the training as a foundational piece of our calling – so the work of the Lord can continue long after Fifty5five has left.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Greetings from the ministry field in South India. This is Divine I believe. I was travelling with a team in the forest area for an outreach. All of sudden Linda and Becky Jo came to my mind. Fifty5five has been the best children's ministry we have seen. Most of our children ministers (also pastor's wives) still apply what they learned from you.

~ Johnson, Indian Christian Ministries



Upcoming Events

Bunko

Friday, October 20, 7pm
Touchstone Christian Fellowship

5300 Madison Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95841

Come alone or bring a friend.

*Dinner will be served at 6pm
(Enchilada dinner, \$15) or just
come for Bunco (\$20) at 7.*

Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 2, 11am
Lakeside Church

"The Block" Building

755 Oak Avenue Parkway
Folsom, CA 95630

*Take a break from the holiday
season and enjoy an elegant tea
and finger foods. Plus you can find
delightful gifts from around the
world at our fabulous boutique
(opens at 9:30)*

*Tickets: \$27, adults
\$15, children under 10*



How can you support the work of Fifty5five?

- Use an eScript card when you shop at your local grocery store and select online vendors.
- Sign up and shop with Amazon Smile.
- Assemble crafts.
- Volunteer at a fundraiser.
- Host a fundraiser.
- Attend a fundraiser.
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- Recurring donation.
- One-time donation.

Thank you for your continued support, both financially and prayerfully!

It's easy to join our mailing list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text
FIFTY5FIVE
to **22828** to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.



Volunteers are a vital part of Fifty5five. There are many types of volunteers:

- Do you know a high school student who needs to fill their community service hours before graduation? We have several opportunities to serve at our Bunko events as well as at our Spring and Christmas Teas.
- Craft preparation – whether cutting out craft foam at home or participating in our bagging parties, you, too, can become a part of our missions team.
- Fundraising – you can participate behind the scenes in setting up for a tea, working the fireworks stand, marketing our products, donating quality goods for resale, or collecting and/or redeeming recycling. Plus we're always open for new ideas!

Donations are an important part of Fifty5five's longevity. Our donors give in many ways:

Most of our donors give by mailing in monthly checks, while others have set up automatic payments to be sent through their checking account. Some even have set up recurring payments through their credit card on PayPal.

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