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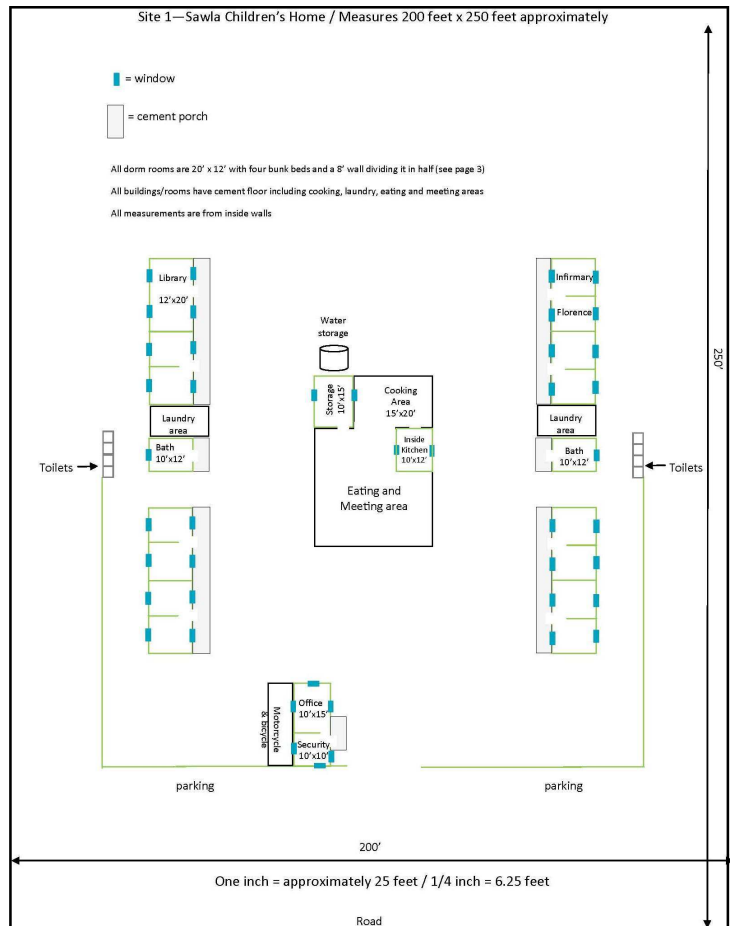
## Were On The Move. By: Ron Phillips

A few months ago we were led to a great five acres parcel of land suitable for the future home of the Sawla Children's Home. (Ghana, W. Africa). The site is about a mile from the present home. It's really a nice parcel of land in a good location; Electricity and a water line are at the site.

Shortly after purchasing the land we were informed by the owner of our present building, our lease would not be renewed when it expires in September 2014. He's retiring, moving back to Sawla and wants the building for his own use. All of a sudden our 'long term plan' to build a new more spacious facility is on the 'fast track'.

The building site has been cleared and many cement blocks have been fabricated. We are in the process of determining the buildings design and site plan, applying for permits and locating construction workers and supervisor. We have asked our director and staff to be involved in this initial concept process. They are just as excited as we are! It's going to be great having some room to spread out. We hope to later have a soccer field, large garden area and perhaps raise a few animals. The 5 acres would mean possible expansion to accommodate additional children.

A new 3 wheel motorcycle/pickup has been purchased to transport



Proposed plans for new Sawla Children's Home.

materials and supplies during the construction of the home.

We are looking forward to our next trip at the beginning of November. With all the new construction and planning, we anticipate with excitement our trip. Along with my wife Diane, Kent and Cindy Lupton, Colleen Herron and Charlee Brewer will make up the team.

We have been blessed with a new laptop computer. It was donated to the home by one of our faithful supporters. We hope to be able to finally have e-mail directly from Sawla. If anyone has a good used digital camera, that they would like to donate, please let us know. It'd be useful for sending photo updates of the new construction.

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**Stu Stiles**  
Chairman of the Board

There are so many moving parts and pieces to His ministry with IAP

**Looking to the IAP Future. By: Stu Stiles**

Wow! What an exciting time at IAP. As we approach our September board meeting, I'm reminded that we serve an incredible God. There are so many moving parts and pieces to His ministry with IAP that I'm thankful that He is the master conductor and He continues to orchestrate the details of the ministry masterfully!

Some of the events in progress include:

- Bill and Colleen Roe headed to live in Ethiopia
- New property opportunity for the Sawla Children's Home in Ghana
- Steve Mean and the Granja providing unprecedented income to the Roblealto Children's Centers in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Ongoing "Vision" trips

scheduled for Ethiopia and Ghana

- New IAP board members being considered
- New projects continuing to be evaluated

In all that is happening we try to continually put into practice the words of Paul in

**I Thess. 5: 16-18: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."**

As we walk through project opportunities presented to IAP we are committed to being intentional and thorough in our evaluation which includes the following screening filter:

**Five Point Project Filter**  
Will the project create Economic Development?

- Jobs Created
- Wealth Created

Will the project provide humanitarian assistance?

Will the project promote the gospel and advance the Kingdom?

Will the project provide "spiritual dividends" for those involved?

Do we have an exit strategy?

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to IAP! We covet your prayers and will continue to seek "God's leading" as we look to the road ahead.

**Blessings!**

**Beautiful in Its Time. (Ecclesiastes 3:11) By: John Leland**



**John Leland**  
Development Director

Four years ago when Kim and I personally committed to the work of IAP, we had little understanding of what the Lord was doing with the conviction He placed on our hearts or for what Kingdom purposes we were called. We only trusted that in His mind's eye the image He was painting was more beautiful than anything we could hope for or imagine.

And it is...

Four years later we are celebrating God's faithfulness as Letta Microfinance is sustainable in Ethiopia, Sawla Children's Home is growing and affecting the lives of entire villages in Northern Ghana and Granja Roblealto is showing the love of Christ to thousands in Costa Rica. Though we don't have hands-on involvement in all these projects, I can't help but praise God that He has included Kim and I in this eternal masterpiece.

The more we press into His Kingdom purposes, the more I am amazed at the revelation of His goodness and faithfulness. He has laid before us an endless array of good things and in His timing we are experiencing more of the promised *abundant life*.

Our first child, Bishop, will be born in early October and I am certain life will become much more *abundant*. I have great expectations of what the Lord will do as we present our son back to Him for His Kingdom purpose.

The Lord moves with an eternal perspective. He creates with wisdom that we can't fully comprehend. Why not press in, more fully, to Him and trust Him with your years ahead? I pray that as IAP and its supporters strive to be the

hands and feet of Christ around the world, we will do so humbly, knowing that we are brush-strokes on the Lord's canvas and He is completing a good work *in its time*. God be praised for all the successes of IAP and the gift of abundant life.



**John and Kim Leland in Ethiopia**

## Sustainability! Praise God!! By: Bill Roe

Most of you know that IAP launched a campaign earlier this year to raise funds, which would bring Letta Micro Finance Institution to full operational sustainability by June 30, 2011. A few weeks ago, IAP received financial reports from Letta MFI showing a profit for the quarter ending June 30, 2011. Letta has reached **SUSTAINABILITY! PRAISE GOD!!**

The goal set by IAP for the Sustainability Campaign was \$150,000. This was an estimate of what was needed for Letta's sustainability based upon financial information IAP had received from Letta. It was an aggressive goal. We truly witnessed God's faithfulness during the campaign as you loyal supporters of IAP/Letta showed your generosity. At the close of the campaign, a total of \$141,750 had been raised, and while this was slightly short of the goal, we found it was more than sufficient to bring Letta to sustainability... another demonstration of God's faithfulness, which we have witnessed time and time again over the ten years of IAP's involvement with Letta and the Kale Heywot Church in Ethiopia.

This opportunity to volunteer with IAP and Letta for the past ten years has been a gift to Colleen and me. Many of you are aware I had a career in banking for over 30 years, with a local Spokane bank. Since I was a child, I have felt a nudging to go to Africa. Prior to committing my life to Christ, about 30 years ago, Colleen remembers me driving the car down Division in Spokane. Our two boys, Dave and Josh, were in the back seat, and I said to Colleen, "If I become a Christian....." And she interrupted, "When you become a Christian." I finished, saying, "I see myself going to Africa." A startled Colleen exclaimed, Africa, that's the last place I want to go! I'm not praying for your salvation anymore!" (Said jokingly). Shortly after that I did commit my life to Christ.

For several years I

investigated opportunities for ministry. However, I was having a hard time seeing how a banker could be used in either short-term or long-term missions. I saw others with medical, dental or construction skills going and being used in missions. Then, about eleven years ago, I increased the intensity of my search for mission opportunities. A friend suggested I meet with Keith Davis and share my story with Keith. Keith and I got together shortly after that. Keith was a great listener and encourager. In fact, he invited me to join him and others traveling in just a few weeks to Ethiopia on a "fact-finding" trip. I wasn't able to make that trip; however, Keith came back from Ethiopia to tell me church leaders in Ethiopia had requested that IAP become involved in supporting a micro-finance project in association with their church. IAP was moving ahead with this idea and was looking for someone to lead the project. Keith said I would be a good fit for this because of my banking experience. It didn't take long for me to agree to take on leadership of the micro-finance project. God had been faithful in connecting me with something that perfectly fit my gifts and talents, and since my retirement from banking five years ago, it has been a joy to be involved with Letta where I can serve the Lord and continue to have a sense of purpose in my life.

Ten years ago IAP sent \$8,000 to the church in Ethiopia, \$5,000 for loans to 43 women (about \$120/loan) and \$3,000 for start-up costs. In late 2004 the project was granted a license by the National Bank of Ethiopia, and the original 43 women gave the new entity the name of Letta Micro Finance Institution. In the Gedeo tribe language, Letta describes an emergence, as a seed germinates and reaches for light. Now, after ten years, Letta is serving approximately 1,200 clients with an average loan size just over \$300. God has certainly blessed this partnership with our Ethiopian brothers and sisters.

Because of the success of both Letta and its clients, the clients' tithes and free will offerings have increased to the Kale Heywot Church. This is a church with a strong focus on evangelism in Ethiopia and surrounding countries. Letta has enabled the church to be more effective in their efforts to spread the Gospel in East Africa.



**Bill and Colleen Roe where their heart is, with the African people.**



**Bill and Colleen with their son, Josh**

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## Prayer and Praises

### ETHIOPIA

**Praise:** Letta Micro Finance Institution showed a profit for the first time in ten years, for the quarter ending June 30, 2011. They are now **SUSTAINABLE!!!!** This has been a period of time when all of those associated with this project have witnessed **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.**

**Prayer:** Bill and Colleen will be leaving on September 15<sup>th</sup> for Ethiopia. They will be working with Letta MFI in developing a shared vision for Letta and IAP as the two organizations move forward after Letta's sustainability. The partnership between Letta and IAP has been blessed in many ways...most importantly, strong relationships have been forged with our Ethiopian brothers and sisters. Please pray for openness to the Holy Spirit as we seek his direction for the two organizations in the future.

### COSTA RICA

**Prayer:** Please pray for Steve and Gay Mean. Steve's father went home to be with the Lord last week. Please pray for wisdom and comfort during this time of grieving.



Steve and Gay Mean



Staff planning the new  
Sawla Children's Home.

### GHANA

**Prayer:** Pray for the team that is preparing to go to Ghana in November. Ron and Diane Phillips, Kent and Cindy Lupton, Charlee Brewer and Colleen Herron will be making the trip.

**Prayer:** Pray for direction as they plan for the new children's home building project to begin. Pray that they will find out all the details and requirements for beginning to build this home. Also pray for funding that will be needed to pay for this project

**Prayer:** Pray for arrangements to be made for 3 of the girls that will be moving on to high school next Fall which will be in another town than the home in located in and they will be needing housing for the school year.