

## How much do you know about Ethiopia?

- Quiz - questions on data projector
- Get two team captains, and representatives from each side...
- which side won?

## Visit to Mari's house

- Explain immersion experience
  - show some pictures, and "build" the house from chairs at the front of church...
  - **what do you see - the poverty or the transformation?**
  - talk about the various experiences each person in the household had, the things they did...
  - and tell of difference SHG has made - Injera business, regular food, education, stability to help others....

## Puzzle

- Just before reading do the puzzle/jigsaw:
  - get two or three people to come and do it together...
  - planner
  - resource gatherer
  - builder!
- Emphasise the team-work aspect...

## Connecting Widow's story and Meseret's story

- Discussion questions
  - 1. **How do you think the widow feels at the beginning of the story in 2 Kings?**
  - 2. **What problems is the widow facing? Make a list.** (Eg she's poor, she's a woman - looked down upon and with no livelihood, she's a widow with no husband to support her, she owes money and can't pay, she fears for her sons.)
  - 3. **What things does the widow have? Make another list.** (Eg she has her sons, a house, her neighbours, Elisha's advice, the jar of oil, faith.)
  - 4. **How did Elisha help the widow?** (Eg he advised her to draw on the help of her neighbours - asking for jars; he showed her to look creatively at what she had and what she could do; he showed her how to help herself.)
  - 5. **How is this story similar to Meseret's story?** (Eg Meseret was poor and was looked down on for being a woman; she worried for the future of her children; Meseret has been working with her neighbours in the self-help group; she has learnt how to help herself and her family.)

## A Widow's Tale

- Story of the trip - but to illustrate a point!
- Just a travelogue? **NO!**
- Poor country - **every** town along the road...
- Visiting a SHG:
  - describe visit to SHG on first day in Boditi...
  - for whom has being part of this group made the most difference?
  - someone like the widow in 2 Kings, someone like Meseret...
  - grinding spices... how? A little capital to buy the raw materials and the grinding stones, a little training to run her business...
  - where did it come from? Her SHG
  - how did the SHG do it.... by being gathered together, from the very poorest, by the facilitator
  - by sharing problems and talking through potential solutions
  - by saving 1 birr/week - the price of a cup of coffee...
  - (explain how the saving works)
- Other results - woman with the picture of her son now graduated on her wall...
- Goats - IGA
- Marketplace - poverty? Enterprise?
  - go through rest of photos up to group shot at the end...
- Then cut back to rural SHG with their cow:
  - facilitator who died of malaria... facilitator "who made us human"... Adama self-sustaining... Adama/Boditi well on way to...
  - your support can pay for the training and facilitation for a group - which will impact 20 people, plus their families - 100+ people!
  - £10/month will pay for the bulk of the costs for one group - 500 people across Scotland signing up to this amount will pay for the training and facilitation of 500 groups, affecting 50,000 people, in Ethiopia...
  - and this is not taking away their ability to help themselves, but empowering them to do so...
- *Into offering and prayer*