

OSTRACIZED AND ALONE

*Easter is a time to remember
Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*This story reminds me
of Jesus' ministry while on earth.*

Wubet, 17, arrived at the gates of Grace Center after walking more than 20 miles from his simple mud home in a rural village. God had given him a dream. In his dream, he saw a woman with a similar growth on her arm and she had gone to the nearest hospital and the doctors removed the growth. Wubet woke up the morning after having this dream and said goodbye to his elderly grandmother who had been raising him and began the long journey, alone. Wubet was accustomed to being alone as he never knew his parents and doesn't know if they are even alive.

Wubet didn't mind the walk though. His passion in life had always been to work in the fields cultivating the land and herding cattle and to run. Wubet loved to run and dreamed of being a distance runner. It had been many years since he had been able to run. He had lived with this growth on his foot for more than five years, almost longer than he could remember. The growth was so massive it was very difficult for him to even walk. Possibly an even greater problem was the repulsive smell that engulfed his surroundings of several feet from any place that he was standing. No one could stand near Wubet. In fact, I watched people vomit as they stood near him. Wubet was like the people we read about in the Bible who suffered with leprosy. No one came near him.



Wubet went to the hospital only to be told, there is no hope. You have cancer. You must amputate your leg. In fact, the doctor told our nurse, "Even if you go to the US, you will be told you have to amputate your leg."

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Wubet was not willing to believe this. This simple boy was ready to walk to another place. We convinced him to stay at Grace Center. We began to pray with him and all the staff members prayed for his complete healing. We didn't know how God was going to accomplish this healing but we were confident He would as we have seen miracles so many times before at Grace Center. Wubet was happy to stay and we were able to find out what he knew about God and Jesus. He had never actually been to church because it was always his job to watch the cattle. He didn't know who God was, but he accepted Him and was ready for a miracle.

The very next day, I was meeting with a Dutch friend who lives in Ethiopia. At the end of our conversation I mentioned Wubet and showed the photo of his foot to her. She said, "Send that to my husband."

I had completely forgotten that her husband was a doctor, a dermatologist actually, at the hospital. I sent her husband the photo. Within 15 minutes, he responded saying he would do the surgery the next business day without amputation.

By 9:00 Monday morning, Wubet had already come back from surgery and the results were truly miraculous.

A week later, I saw my friend again. I thanked her profusely for saving this dear boy. I then mentioned to her the words of the doctor, "Even if you go to the US, you will be told you have to amputate your leg."

My friend said, "Actually that might be true because as of now, my husband is the only doctor in the world that does this surgery without amputating."

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Wubet didn't have cancer. He had a very rare form of elephantiasis. Wubet had three more surgeries to complete the healing. He was so grateful and could always be seen with a smile on his face as seen in the photo above. Now he can fulfill his gift to run and his call to tell others about what God has done for him.

Grace Center is all about seeing the need and helping! Grace Center is 24/7 365 days of the year. During this time, we greatly need your support.

Grace Center:

- **Previously provided 700-800 meals a day but now have begun feeding an extra 500 people a day because of the famine. All the staff at Grace Center, many who have minimal salaries have contributed financially.**
- **Is providing for an estimated 100 families who lost their homes in a very devastating fire in a neighborhood nearby that destroyed 500 homes. Grace Center is providing for the students.**
- Sends over 300 children to various schools including several university students.
- Provides a loving home for 41 abandoned and orphaned children. **We have placed 18 children with loving adoptive families in Ethiopia in the last six months!**
- Provides for nearly 70 children growing up in prison.
- Provides day care, medical care, business programs, counseling, prayer support, and much more.

This all happens because of your wonderful prayers and support! We need to raise \$56,000 to continue this work that God is doing through the Grace Center in Ethiopia.

Thank you so much for saving and transforming lives! Happy Easter! God bless you!



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