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Volunteer Name: John Bliss

Country: USA

Country project: Ethiopia

Host: Water Action Kalu

Venues: Ancharo and Lower Harbu

Audience: Irrigation Users and staff of irrigation users

Number of people trained/assisted: 85

Date/duration: 11/28-12/19 (3 weeks)



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- 1. To train Small Scale Irrigation Users SSU on modern and practical irrigation methods and improved production methods**
- 2. To train Extension Staff and Ministry of Agriculture employees on modern and practical irrigation methods and improved production methods.**
- 3. To showcase practical solutions to water harvesting and appropriate technology for the host to promote in their area.**



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2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

Two farmer trainings, one staff training, numerous field visits





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4. Anticipated Impact

- Adoption of certain horticultural practices, such as bed culture, crop rotation, and IPM.
- Better research and outreach among staff including soil analysis and tool procurement.
- Construction of water storage tanks.



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5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- IPM training
- Tool and horticultural development
- Compost facility development
- Permaculture trainings on water catchment and storage techniques



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Ethiopia Farmer to Farmer Program with CRS

Farmer to Farmer is a program of USAID which partners with a handful of NGOs to bring US farmers or agriculture specialists to farming communities worldwide. In the winter of 2015, I traveled to Ethiopia with the NGO **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. In the highlands, north of the capital, is the Kalu district and the regional center, the city of Kombolcha. There, I was introduced to Water Action, a local non profit working on water access, sanitation, and irrigation. Their work is essential and allows the most basic of resources to local communities.



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