

# Everyday Heroes

By Jenny Lind Conlee

Do you know an Everyday Hero that deserves recognition?  
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Harrison



Shane &amp; Jennifer Bridges



Kaytlynn

## From Tualatin to Ethiopia

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Jennifer Bridges, a powerful and savvy business woman, boarded an airplane to Ethiopia in 2010, accompanying a friend who was adopting a child. She thought she was just going to be lending her support to this special family in her life; their lives were undoubtedly going to change dramatically. But what she didn't know is her life was also about to change.

Bridges returned home with a passion to help this beautiful culture thrive. With the help of her husband, Shane, and their children, Harrison and Kaytlynn, she founded Embrace Compassion in 2011, partnering with other families to help children and families in the Oromia region. The average age of life expectancy in this region is forty years old. There were clear needs and resources that are at our fingertips that we can provide to give these beautiful people a longer, fulfilling life. In the past five years, Embrace Compassion has provided solar power, sewing lessons and machines, medical training, farming training and supplies, school and clothing supplies for children, and most importantly, six pure water wells that serve 5000 people weekly.

All of this is happening because a woman decided to ditch the business world and change a little corner of the world instead. All of her corporate experience is what has given her the tools to lead this non-profit organization that is making a difference.

Harrison (14) and Kaytlynn (17) have both made trips to the village with their mother. They are actively involved in raising money and awareness for the needs in the village. This family works together with a deep understanding that EVERY PERSON can make a difference. Check out [embracecompassion.org](http://embracecompassion.org) to learn more about how you, too, can make a difference in Ethiopia.

You are important. Your life matters.  
There's a difference ONLY YOU can make.



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