

## FOTH Testimonial.

Working with Friends of the Hudad in Ethiopia was truly humbling, inspiring and immensely fulfilling. The work that these guys have put in over the last few years to get to the stage we are currently at is inspiring; it has been a privilege to work alongside them and help bring their project to life.

Whilst out there I met some absolutely amazing people from all corners of the world, ate lunch with wild baboons, experienced the endlessly generous hospitality and uncompromisingly high spirits of the local people, and learned to build a wall with whatever rocks we had available!

I heard about the project a few weeks before going and immediately jumped on the opportunity without even thinking. I had no idea what I had let myself in for and within 14 days of saying I would go, I had touched down in Addis Ababa, was whisked up to Lalibela and somehow managed to climb the side of a mountain up to the plateau. From here the true enormity of the task became apparent. The guys from FOTH, myself and the other volunteers, along with heaps of locals pooled our efforts and against the odds built something partially resembling a school. The gratitude, excitement and hope that filled the local children was incredible. I came down the mountain after just two weeks with new friends, new experiences under my belt (which was two holes tighter), and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

If anyone has any desire within them to experience a wildly different culture, stay in one of the most breathtakingly beautiful places and turn their hand to a project that will improve the lives of these amazing people immeasurably then I would urge you to go with them on their next trip. I can guarantee it will be the best decision you make all year.

George Cook; experienced bartender, never built a wall before.