

# MILLENNIUM ETHIOPIA

## Logline

A country internationally known for famine and poverty becomes an unexpected hope for an African future.

## Synopsis

Ethiopia enters the new millennium on September 11, 2007 nearly eight years after the rest of the world. The celebrations are riotous. Traditional dance meets modern hip-hop, and a country internationally known for famine and poverty becomes an unexpected hope for an African future. It is a new chance for Ethiopia. It is a time for her people abroad to come home.

Desaly Goshu left his birthplace of Ethiopia seventeen years ago. As a young boy, his family immigrated to Israel for the opportunity to live in their holy land. Now for the first time, Desaly is returning to Ethiopia to remember his past and to celebrate the coming of a new era.

## Filmmaker Bio

Ben Mandell is a documentary filmmaker with a focus on multicultural understanding. Ben's first film, *Bits and Pieces* received the Diversity Award at the 9th Annual Media That Matters Film Festival and was an Official Selection at the 63rd Annual Edinburgh International Film Festival. His second film, *Millennium Ethiopia* was released in 2010 and screened at the Addis International Film Festival and the Refuge in Films Festival.

Previously Ben worked as a field producer and shooter for Project Explorer, a non-profit educational travel documentary company, and as a marketing manager for the distributor New Video. In addition to filmmaking, Ben worked as a development consultant in Cambodia, Ethiopia, South Africa and Nicaragua and he received his MBA from Columbia University. For more information please visit [www.vishwho.me](http://www.vishwho.me).

