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"Here I am"

Face to face with Sister Laura Girotto, missionary in Ethiopia, moderated by Kimberly Shankman, Dean of Benedictine College

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"What is the worth of life if not to be given?" ~Paul Claudel

An old blue military tent. That is what the Salesian mission in Adwa, in the Horn of Africa, started from. This is where Sister Laura Girotto slept for few month when she started, alone, the mission. Just a few square feet of fabric surrounded by nothing. Now, the mission of Kidane Mehret is a small city. It has become a point of reference for the local population, wearied by wars and precarious sanitary conditions. They can count on expert assistance in dealing with issues like hunger and rediscover their lost dignity through gainful employment and education. And now, thanks to the determination of the Salesian sisters who have been working closely with local authorities, they are also in the process of building a hospital. Sister Laura Girotto will share the story of the love of her life.



