



## Christmas newsletter

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Hope for Horn of Africa Ministries



### How To Win A War: Part I

**T**he King was deeply disturbed. It wasn't that he was caught flat footed. He was well informed of the ugly rebellion broiling up in His choicest province. While it didn't catch Him by surprise, it did break His heart! After all, He had given them everything they needed for a wonderful life, asking only for their loyalty in return. That's what made their betrayal so grievous.

It also placed Him in a severe dilemma. Oh, He had plenty of resources to deal with this. He could easily take them out; but that was His problem. He didn't want them to be His enemies, but trusted subjects, and even friends of the highest order. In fact, if the truth be known, it was His fixed desire to

prepare them for much higher things—even coregency!

That explains why, instead of giving up, the **King** put all His chips on the table! He chose not to be right, but to make right. When He announced His costly new strategy, those surrounding His throne were stunned!



*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive*

*adoption as sons....and if a son, then an heir through God. Galatians 4*

*Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility....So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...*

*Ephesians 2*

*Therefore, ... we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Romans 5*

### How To Win A War: Part II

**W**hen 42 year old **Abiy Ahmed** suddenly became Prime Minister of **Ethiopia** in **April**, he immediately initiated unthinkable reforms—freeing thousands of political prisoners, including his opposition leader, lifting the state of emergency, un-

blocking web sites and TV channels in a nation ranked last in freedom of the press 8 years in a row! By **June** he had accepted a border ruling giving disputed territory (very near our **HOUSE OF HOPE**) to **Eritrea**. No wonder the world was in awe when in **July** he



stood beside Eritrean President **Isaias Afwerki** together declaring an end to a **20 year war!**

### HOUSE OF HOPE UPDATE



**Negest** and **Shoan** established a **House of Hope** in **Adwa** so that orphans from the streets could not just be given a bed, clothing and food, but also plenty of love in an environment where Kingdom values and teachings can fill their lives. This month,



**Yeman** graduates with training to be a electrician! Pray for the right new position, where he can be blessed and be a blessing influencing many in the years to come.

### Pray for the HORN OF AFRICA

We believe God is moving in this entire region. Satan has had his way long enough! Pray that restrictions outlawing Evangelism will be removed and leaders will repent! **Isaias** —raised as a Lutheran believer in Tigray with **Negest**—was radicalized in China. Eritrea has been ranked in the top TEN persecuting believers, with **Isaias** cited by the **UN** as a cruel and defiant dictator, committing crimes against humanity. **Abiy's** mother is a devout Christian, and he has enemies who recently attacked him, killing two of his supporters.



## Pray for Negest and Shoan's HOME!

For years, **Negest** and **Shoan** were concerned about their roof shingles, which had been improperly attached. When severe late summer storms hit Phoenix, the penetrating rain caused serious damage that destroyed their kitchen and laundry room. She is forced to wash clothes elsewhere, and cook on a camp stove out side.



What makes this particularly difficult is she is also caring for Shoan in his dis-

ability, and can never leave him alone.

Compounding the problems was the attitude of her insurance company, which is still refusing to reimburse them for the full cost of repairs. Both the Board and other individuals have been helping, and after two months waiting, a Christian contractor recently installed new plywood and shingles (pictured), but she is still awaiting



her insurance for her bare walls kitchen. Shoan is eating and speaking a little, but still bed-ridden. We covet your prayers to our great and powerful heavenly Father!

## Our Children are GROWING UP!

While we spotlighted **Yeman** on the front page, we are in a happy season of watching many of our "kids" maturing into contributing adults! **Braham** graduated in May from college and is working retail while seeking an accounting position her field (her dream is in a children's ministry). Meanwhile she sings in the choir at our Adwa Church!



Two are attending university in Mekele: **Elen** is in her third year for her Civil Engineering degree in Mekele (her dream is to build churches), while **Marg** began is in photo journalism. Soon we will have several MORE heading to college, which requires EXTRA expenses. We are committed to these precious souls as we launch them into a productive and blessed life!



## The Work is Vast

**House of Hope** is only one of the many ministries of **Hope for Horn of Africa**. Check the website to see the extend of God's call on our lives. The work is vast in Ethiopia; there is much to be done by our volunteers and supported staff there. At the same time, Muslims with vast petrol wealth are building schools, hospitals and mosques all over this nation to capture its youth. We desire to work quickly since there will soon come a time when no man will be able to work. The unreached people groups are within our reach—if you get

involved. Our missionaries need our assistance in prayer and funds. **Shoan** and **Negest** have dedicated their lives for these endeavors, and we have a Board filled with pastors, solid Business men and woman, missionaries to give timely counsel and oversee the work. Several of us are expecting to travel in Africa at our own expense in 2019. We wish you a blessed Christmas!



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