



Christmas Newsletter

Hope for Horn of Africa Ministries

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Prayer Goal: Sponsors for 12 At-Risk Kids

12 New Children!

Early in November, 2022 peace between two of the factions in the Civil War was negotiated in South Africa. While the full implementation is yet to be obtained, NOW is the time to prepare our return to this ravaged area, bringing food, medicines and Gospel hope after two years of unbelievable hardship. Since this is *"the bloodiest and most costly conflict of the new millennium,"* there are tens of thousands of new widows, orphans and many scarred and maimed.

While we can't help everyone, we have committed ourselves to many in Adwa, Tigray, where our HOUSE OF HOPE has helped children for decades. Most of those we have committed to rescue have no sponsor yet. Would you pray with us that 12 more would be claimed now?



Frezer Male 3 yrs



Siharm Female 6 yrs old



Saba Female 11 yrs



Eyob Male 13 yrs old

We've placed more names on our **website**. Anyone who wishes can choose a boy or girl there, or simply write us a note, or e-mail childrenstrumpet@outlook.com



Back in 1891, Robert Louis Stevenson, author of such classics as *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hide & Treasure Island*, gave a rather odd gift to the daughter of a friend of his. This friend **Henry Ide**, once joked that **Christmas** was not the happiest day of year in his household. His 14-year-old daughter, **Annie**, had been born on Christmas, and she always complained that she got cheated out of a separate birthday party. So **Robert Louis Stevenson** came up with the idea of giving away his birthday. He drew up a legal document transferring all the *"rights and privileges"* of his birthday, which fell on November 13th, to **Miss Annie H. Ide**. From that day forward, Annie celebrated her birthday on November 13th.

But **Robert Louis Stevenson** was not the first to transfer all his *"rights and privileges"* to someone else—that's what Christmas is about. On this Holy Night of His birth you and I are also invited to be born anew! Jesus became mortal that we might experience immortality! Jesus became a servant that we might become Sons and Daughters of God—**HERE** or in far off in **HORN OF AFRICA!**

As John put it: *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (Jn. 1.14). That is something to celebrate! **Dr James Hoefler, Chair**



Sudanese Refugee Camps

October 2022

"You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt." Exodus 21:22

I didn't intend to travel alone to the **United Nations Tigrayan Camps**, but at the last minute leaders from sister ministries cancelled, and I had to rely on her own contacts and the Holy Spirit to bring Gospel hope and much needed help during October in Sudan. I returned exhausted, but thankful for being able to supply orphans and the elderly the help they so desperately needed. Evangelical believers make up less than 1% of Tigrayans, and they face persecution even in the camps, so I was anxious to give their congregations special encouragement. As if things were not difficult

enough, the United Nations, citing lack of resources, cut provisions in half, while unexpected flooding and fires destroyed many habitations these refugees were able construct. **Negest Hagos, President**



Annual Dinner our Best Public Event



A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended our HOPE FOR HORN OF AFRICA annual DINNER Nov. 18, 2022. **Teame Haddis** (who flew in from Los Angeles), **Negest** (who just returned from ministering in Sudanese Refugee Camps), **Pastor Doru** (who has been ministering in Vietnam and Mexico this past month), along with **Poki Carr** (our Sponsor Coordinator who flew in from Louisiana to be with us) **Joanne & Royal**, all spoke with powerful

anointing as we shared the remarkable opportunities we have to be Christ's hands and voice. Special thanks to **Sheila, Paul, and Larry** for making this such an effective event for a room full of hungry guests! Some 40-50 supporters joined hands as we interceded for God's guidance and anointing on His work.



SUMMARY of TWO YEARS of CIVIL WAR

- Over 500,000 civilians killed
- Over 120,000 gang rape survivors
- Over 20,000 new orphans
- Over 33,000 starving children



- Over 80,000 malnourished children
- Over 65,000 refugees who escaped to UN Camps in Sudan
- Over 2.2 million internally displaced persons living in tents and on streets
- 5.5 million in immediate need of food
- Over 50,000 in concentration camps
- Over 70% of health care system down
- Over 88% of schools destroyed
- Over 500,000 have lost their business and home
- Over 20,000 trucks and cars stolen
- Over 300 banks looted and closed

This does not include vital factories and universities being vandalized, airports, hydropower, wind farms, research laboratories, farms, telephone systems being sabotaged, people left without water plumbing, internet, electricity or medical supplies!

PRAY FOR PEACE

On November 4, the major belligerents from **Tigray** (250,000 strong) and **Ethiopia** (400,000) meeting in South Africa under the auspices of the **African Union**, agreed to an Armistice. Tigrayans agreed because the two year blockage had brought them to ruinous starvation. However, a competing tribal group who want to steal Tigrayan territory (**Amhara**) and the nation of **Eritrea** (250,000) who

institutions free access to roads to bring food and medical supplies have been made, progress at this time is small. Eritreans are still looting whatever they can find. They bring hundreds of camels (the vehicles were stolen or destroyed long ago) and take whatever they want.

Today the HORN OF AFRICA is in a very vulnerable place. The Eritreans live under a despicable dictatorship, compelling untrained 14-year-olds to 55-year-olds, who try to hid in caves, to join the fight. In Ethiopia, the largest tribal group, **Oromo**, is also rebelling against the central government. **Sudan** endures daily protests against the military oligarchy. **Somalia** is still recovering from it's own ruinous civil war.



wish to destabilize and gain control of the entire area, continue the war.

Eritrean military units control much of **Adwa** (where our **HOUSE OF HOPE** is located) causing an unspecified number of civilian casualties. While promises of restoring electricity and internet, along with allowing humanitarian

We know that while the problems (competing tribal groups, terrible poverty, pharisaic religious doctrines—Orthodox & Muslim), are complex, all the answers come from the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads His lambs into paths of righteousness, compassion and peace. That's why HFHOA is not ashamed to speak the name of Jesus there, no matter the cost. Recently hundreds of Orthodox priests were given a Bible for the first time. Pray for the HORN OF AFRICA.



Negest was able to disperse over \$30,000 of blankets (it's cold), food, medical supplies, and children's clothing while in Sudan in October. She found many elderly (like man above) who had to support grandchildren when children were murdered, in concentration camps, or in the army. These she ministered to and assisted also. Pray for the LORD to bring peace and rescue them.