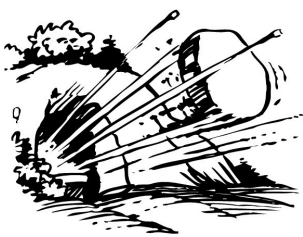


He is RISEN

“At dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.... Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers....” Matthew 28

World elites, for the sake of power and control, divide everyone into winners, and losers, the oppressed, and the oppressors, by race, class, or sex. At the time of Jesus’ Resurrection, women were big losers, with second-rate status. Their legal rights were practically nonexistent. They were treated as property, considered uneducable, regarded as too unreliable to testify in a courtroom.

Yet every Gospel account proclaims women as the first official witnesses of the Resurrection. The ladies, last at the cross, first at the tomb, are given starring roles. Why did Jesus come to sisters before he came to brothers? Are women primary in God’s eyes? Not at all, but Jesus came to destroy divisions. Easter blew them away.



In fact, look a little closer at those accounts. What *kind* of women were they? **Mary Magdalene** was a woman with a scandalous, shameful past. Elites separate everyone into moral, “virtuous” insiders (like them) and the immoral “nasty” outsiders.

But Jesus blows this division between “good” and “bad” people out of the water too. He chooses to reveal himself first to Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses—to outsiders, not insiders.

I think Jesus is saying, “If I was like the founders of other religions, just giving you my teaching, then those who were able to follow it would be accepted and those who were unable would be rejected. But I have not come to merely give you my TEACHING, but chiefly to give you **ME**. I am the **risen** Lord. Since it is **ME**, my work, my death, my resurrection that saves you, and not your own efforts, anyone can be part of my forever FAMILY by trusting in me.”

Jesus reveals Himself to the women before the men, the poor before the rich. Today Christianity is doing very well in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and not terribly well in Europe and even America. Christ moves away from power, away from the influence, away from the people who think they are in charge, away from the people who think they are good. He blows apart the old divisions between somebodies and nobodies, creating a new family that will “reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility” (Eph.2). **Easter is for everyone.** Dr James Hoefler, Chair

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90 KIDS NEED SPONSORS

Sixty of our **HOUSE OF HOPE** children have at least one sponsor, who can pray for



Eyob, 13 year old boy

them by name, sending and receiving emails. It’s easy to join our **Sponsor Team**. Some Un-chosen children are always pictured on our website by name, sex and



Arsema, 5 year old girl

age. Full sponsorships are now a mere \$50 a month (Half—\$25). Many of our sponsors simply bill their credit card automatically each month on our site.

SPONSORS CAN WRITE



Internet services are restored. **Eleni** (who grew up in **HOUSE OF HOPE**) recently finished college and now serves as a valued staff member. She promises to translate sponsor messages for

each child, and help them respond. When you write, be sensitive to cultural differences, avoiding talk of world affairs. Introduce yourself, your family, as well as special Scriptures, encouraging them to love Jesus. Send them a pictures of people, not homes, pets, sunrises, not new cars. Don’t include your last name, address, phone number. Ask them what they like to do, favorite subjects at school, etc. Let them know of your love and prayers. Your NOTE can



be sent to our SPONSOR Coordinator, Poki-Nora Carr (childrenstrumpet@outlook.com).

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THE HORN OF AFRICA IS UNRAVELING



While conflicts in **Ukraine** and **Gaza** retain the greatest media attention, no suffering in the world today is greater than in the Horn of Africa. Though a peace treaty for the warring sides in **Ethiopia** was signed almost two years ago, after 600,000 deaths and 8 million refugees, it has not been implemented. International Aid is still stymied, with “at least 33,000 children in parts of **Tigray**, Ethiopia, at imminent risk of death as conflict increases famine threat “ (today’s *UNICEF*). Rebels in **Yemen** are challenging global shipping in the **Red Sea**. Two fully armed forces are devastating **Sudan**, where a Wagner like paramilitary supported by Russia, is looting, raping, and destroying in the midst of the 8 million inhabitants of **Khartoum**. According to the *Economist*, part of Sudan’s affliction is “the wider world’s utter indifference”. The great powers barely pay attention.

Somalia is facing an all out fight for survival against al-Shabbat militants, while facing a diplomatic crisis with neighboring Ethiopia over the breakaway region of **Somaliland**. The situation in **Eritrea** remains a huge prison camp, with expatriates able to escape sounding the alarm in public demonstrations around the world. We recognize Satan’s attacks on this strategic region, and ask you to join with us in placing the HORN OF AFRICA and every person there into the Father’s hands.



MISSION TRIPS TO ETHIOPIA

Teame Haddis, who grew up in Tigre, and retired as an Engineer, and Teacher in California, is now in Ethiopia, visiting loved ones, church leaders, while overseeing our work there. Encouraging him with an email (teametwo@yahoo.com), praying for him. While a member of our Board, Teame also heads one of our sister ministries, “**Bible for All Ministry BFA-M**” which has placed the Bible into the hands of thousands, including Orthodox priests who normally never have access to one. He is working with international leaders to extend more biblical resources into the Tigrayan language.



Negest continues her plans to lead a team this Fall. While she has been active caring for refugees every year in other parts of the Horn, this will be her first trip back to **HOUSE OF HOPE** since before the war. Please pray as we raise support and develop effective plans for all three areas of our ministry there.

Interest in HFHOA Grows

In February, Negest hosted a table at the BEST PRACTICES MINISTRY conference in Phoenix. Over 3,000 Christian leaders attended, and many dropped by to learn more about our ministry, leaving their names and addresses. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit brings us many new friends who share our calling.



Annual Appreciation Dinner
October 25, Friday, 6pm



Please save this date, and plan to join us for this **FREE** meal, as we share the NEWS of our September Trip.

DONATE YOUR USED VEHICLE

Recently, one of our supporters gave us the clean title to her car, in order to support our AT-RISK children. Our board is arranging the sell. We are new at this, and are looking for help from supporters who might have experience in dealing with such donations. We are asking the LORD for His guidance as this ministry continues to grow.

