

Extol him who rides on the clouds. His name is the LORD...A FATHER to the fatherless, a DEFENDER of widows...

God sets the lonely in families”

Psalm 68



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DEFENDER OF THE WEAK

Theologians know that God is no respecter of persons. He loves everyone. But when we read scripture, it seems He does have favorites. In our society, the rich and powerful get the most attention. In the Bible, the focus is on the poor and weak. Over 100 verses command us to show special care to widows and children. “*You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child*” (Ex. 22). God describes himself as the *Protector of Widows*. He fiercely keeps His eye on them, hearing their cries, seeking justice. James 1:27 tells us that true religion is not fancy buildings and Christian bumper stickers. It is holiness and caring for the orphan and widow. At **CITY OF GOD**, we honor and care for widows, and partner with them to mentor kids.

God also reveals Himself as the *Father of the Fatherless*.

When biological parents are unwilling or unable, God does not forsake them. Sometimes noisy, messy, silly, kids are seen as a nuisance. They ask a million questions, and would rather run than walk. Some children have been through tremendous trauma which makes them unable to understand social cues or take direction well. Children are costly, difficult and require a ton of sacrifices. But Jesus was never annoyed. When it comes to children, He is patient and kind. He also knows kids are incredibly imaginative and teachable. They are His gift to us! Jesus told us to give them first place in line (Matt. 19). That’s why we spend so much effort on **HOUSE OF HOPE**. In his last sermon (Matt. 25) Jesus taught that those who care for the “*least of these*” care for HIM!



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SPONSOR A CHILD!

After the agreement was signed by two of the warring sides last November, enemy troops left **Adwa**, where our **HOUSE OF HOPE** is located, and internet services were restored. For two years, chaos and violence reigned, resulting in many deaths, some by bullets, more by starvation. Almost a third of the population became refugees. God protected our children during the conflict, and many were reclaimed by



Eyob, a 13 year old boy

surviving family members. Now, slowly, we are getting accurate and precise information. Whenever a child left HOH, a new vulnerable child gladly took their place. Therefore we hope some of our **SPONSORS** accept a new AT-RISK child to replace the one who reconnected with parents.

We are praying for many new **SPONSORS** who can help us provide nutritious food, health care, clothing and bedding, as well as loving care and the message of the Gospel to a large number of children who have no sponsor! Perhaps some of you will be called to sacrificially help us! Go to the website, or email our **SPONSOR COORDINATOR**, Poki-Nora Carr (childrenstrumpet@outlook.com) and we can offer you one of over a hundred children at HOH without a sponsor. **Negest Hagos**



Arsema, a 5 year old girl

THE HORN OF AFRICA IS UNRAVELING



It is difficult to recall when more things were going all wrong! In **Sudan**, a city of five million has two large well supplied armies fighting a bloody civil war. Citizens are dying, starving, or fleeing. The **Eritrean** dictator refuses to remove troops from **Tigray** (Ethiopia) while kidnapping refugees who have fled to both Sudan and Ethiopia, bringing them back for imprisonment and forced labor. Multiple rebellions are happening in **Yemen**, **Somalia** and **Ethiopia** itself. The war in **Tigray** was the deadliest conflict globally last year with over 100,000 recorded deaths (more than the wars in Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Nigeria, Somalia, Mali and Burkina Faso combined.)* Everywhere, children suffer most. Their little bodies require nutritious foods daily. An estimated 30% of children in the Tigray region now face "acute malnutrition" while millions more than are in need of food assistance.

The situation is about to get worse. Samantha Power, head of **US AID**, is suspending deliveries to Ethiopia's northern regions due to the "widespread and coordinated" theft involving tribal, state and federal criminal collusion resulting in "a systemic failure" by her agency.

We thank God that He continues to provide opportunities to support those in **Tigray**. He has entrusted to us. We are grieved beyond measure as many report their personal pain and calamities. We recognize Satan's attacks on this beloved region, and ask you to join with us in placing the HORN OF AFRICA and every precious person into the Father's strong hands.

Dr James Hoefler, Board Chair

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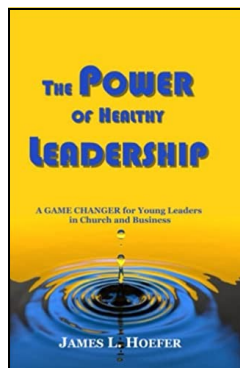
Pray As For Our Newest Board Member Investigates Tigray



At our May meeting, at the recommendation of our President, our Board unanimously voted in **Teame Had-dis** as Director teametwo@yahoo.com. Residing in California, this husband and father, after retiring as an Engineer, went back to work as a Teacher. Born in **Tigray**, he still has a large number of siblings and family members who endured much suffering during the recent war. He is now using those contacts and his mother tongue to travel throughout the region, helping us inquire of the real situation on the ground, including our ministries there. Teame also heads one of 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. His systematic research has been of great value to us already, and we are enriched to have his partnership. Pray for his safe return!



Solomon, Social Worker & Co-Chair of our local **House of Hope** Board, needs your thanks and prayers. Last year church leaders sent him to **Addis Ababa** for training in **TRAUMA** ministry for the displaced and suffering. He is helping our kids process their pain in prayer and ministry. He is also a our key contact keeping us up-to-date with our children's needs in English. Pray as he and Kedija recruit the right HELPER to connect to Poki and allow the full communication we need for our sponsors. Pray also for his heart, as he has suffered a recent serious betrayal. Pray for physical safety and spiritual strength as he constantly travels, full of love for Jesus and all children.



In April, **Pinnacle House Press** released James' new book, full of antidotes of **Negest, Doru** and many others, illustrating **The Power of Healthy Leadership**. Stewardship leaders are both the humblest and most assertive people on the planet. They are self-giving in their love and stubborn in their purpose. Because they function out of their calling, the healthy results ripple outward into your community, church, or workplace. We desperately need to get back to understanding this **HEALTHY** sort of leadership both in the church and in the business world. James has taught this for years in Ethiopia, and now the printed book is being well received. Available at **Amazon \$12.99**