



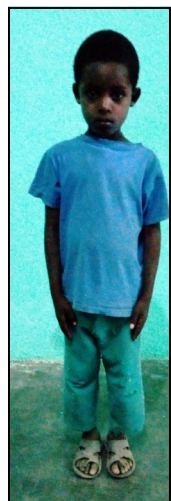
New Children!

Our **HOUSE OF HOPE** just received from the government **15 precious at risk children**, coming from various backgrounds. We are now renting a new, larger facility, and hiring many new staff to care and love each one! But our task is much more than providing food, clothing, education and medicine. The truth is, each one comes with unknown problems and challenges. We don't know all the hurts, betrayals and lies they have already faced in their young lives. We do know that even now **the invisible enemy** is seeking to rob them of God's glorious destiny. Will you

join us in welcoming them? If you wish more information about sponsoring, contact our **new coordinator Nora (Poki) Carr** at ...



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Our President has called **Covid-19** an invisible enemy, but as terrible as this virus is, it is nothing compared to **THE INVISIBLE ENEMY** we are facing every day. Many read the Bible thinking God and humans are the main characters of the story, and invisible spiritual beings as weird background characters. But a deeper dive into the biblical portrayal brings some surprises! There we find that **everything we see in the visible, physical realm is caused, provoked, or at least influenced by something in the invisible, spiritual realm.**

We have been taught a **materialistic worldview** where everything can be explained by our **five senses**. In fact, if a question can't be answered with a **number** or **formula**, or put into a **test tube** and analyzed under a **microscope**, it isn't considered worth thinking about. But this **worldview** can't answer **ultimate** questions such as who you are, or why you are here. It doesn't explain things like why teenage terrorists blow themselves up, or why one out of 75 men in America are in jail.

The Bible reveals there are **parallel invisible realities**. When we read the Bible, we tend to focus on our rebellion against God; but Scripture reveals a parallel spiritual rebellion. As a result, territories, nations, people groups are now subjected to forces of darkness (Deut. 4, Eph. 6, Daniel 10), a hierarchy of terror seeking to team with earthly partners to bring total destruction!

But our Triune God also rules with His "staff-team." Invisible agents with delegated authority, honoring their creator, are portrayed as invited by God to participate in making decisions and carrying them out. This crew goes by many titles, as Psalm 89:5-7 demonstrates: *"The heavens will praise Your wonders, Yahweh; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones. Who among the sons of God is like Yahweh, A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him? Yahweh God of hosts, who is like You...?"*

Do you realize that Church was birthed by the Holy Spirit to mirror God's heavenly staff-team! Is the church boring? Well, if it gets away from Christ's agenda, yes. But really, there is nothing more exciting than being part of the church! Sometimes we act as if Simon Peter called a meeting of the apostles and said to them, *"Now we are here today to* (continued on other side)

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talk about whether or not we ought to start a Church." They discuss that for a while, and then James makes a motion, John seconds it, and they vote 10 to 2 to start a Church in Jerusalem.

It didn't happen that way! "Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven" (Acts 2). God started the Church—teaming up with us to attack the enemy's gatehouse (Matthew 16) and free the captives! The Bible teaches that the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus was actually his victory over the human and spiritual power structures who killed him (1 Cor 2:6-8; 15:22-27). Paul envisions the day when the rebels of the divine council, the powers and authorities, are dethroned and a recreated heaven and earth comes under the direct rule of Christ and his Church. This is why 1 Peter 1:12 tells us that the angels are looking at us, the church, astonished at authority God has placed in our hands. He has given us the keys of the kingdom, to move in Christ's authority, releasing the captives, and making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20).



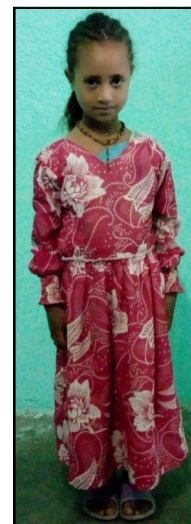
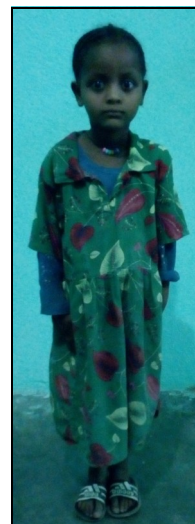
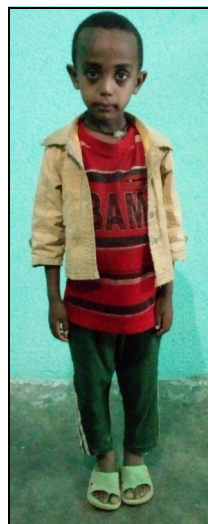
Right now, we are seeking prayer partners, sponsors, to join us in gathering around each child, with the Keys of the Kingdom to cancel the plots and plans of the Gates of Hell. As we do that, the angels will cry "Awesome!" while the demons will be served notice that their days are short.

You see, we are in the driver's seat...exercising Christ's Authority in spiritual warfare. The church should be demanding its territory back from our invisible adversary. He's like a squatter who is illegally occupying ground, already paid for in blood. Jesus Christ has issued Satan an eviction notice. It's time for him to get off the property. Jesus has sent the church to deliver the notice and evict the squatter. Jesus provided all the legal authority we need to overcome Satan. Our job is to exercise that authority...use those keys...shut his door, and put his furniture on the street.

We can't do it alone. Satan likes to keep us separated, divided. If he can get us feeling weak and alone...if he can make us think that no one else has our problems, if he can make us ashamed and on the defensive, he wins. But the truth is, we have been given great authority in Jesus, and we are powerful united under Him, teamed up with His Spirit, angels and the hosts of heaven. Paul calls it the manifold wisdom of God (Eph 3:12).



The law provides for a provision called a restraining order. It forbids a dangerous person from getting too close to you. The **cross of Jesus Christ** is our **restraining order** against our invisible enemy. We invite you to exercise with us the authority we have in Christ, and proclaim freedom over these children. We want to get him off their backs! We guarantee you, there is nothing more exciting that to see a child "delivered from the dominion of darkness and transferred in the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Col 1:13)!



EVANGELISTS

We have supported impoverished but faithful evangelists, including **Hagos** (pictured @ James) and his dear family. He pastors a small church which reaches out to share Jesus to his community, using oral storytelling to the illiterate. Recently we asked him to serve on our local House of Hope Board in Adwa, overseeing the staff, and also blessings our at-risk children there. Pray for him during these difficult times!



PRAYER FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA

Multiple dangers face this region, including political unrest,

locust swarms, and the Covid-19 shutdown. Our September MINISTRY TRIP with to **Negest, Doru, Smytty** and **James** planning special **Student and Pastor Workshops** in several cities had to be POST-PONED. Ask the LORD for His protection and provision, and spiritual deliverance!

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