

EASTER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

HOPE FOR HORN OF AFRICA MINISTRIES



In Luke Chapter 24 we read the story of two men making their way from Jerusalem to a small village of Emmaus about seven miles from Jerusalem. It was on the evening of the third day after the conviction and crucifixion of Jesus. As they make their way along the road and are sad, Jesus joins them, but is unrecognized by them. Seeing their sad

"The Road to Emmaus"

countenances, Jesus inquires as to the reason for their sadness?

One of the men, Cleopas, says, *"are you a stranger to Jerusalem not knowing of the trial and execution of one Jesus?"* "What things" says Jesus. *"The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth Who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before GOD and all the people,"* they reply. They also offer their belief that He was the One who would redeem Israel, adding that they had heard a report that certain women had seen angels who said that Jesus was alive, and indeed the tomb where He laid was empty! At this point Jesus, still not recognized by the men said, *"O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things and entered into His glory."* Then beginning at Moses and the prophets He opened their eyes to the

wonderful truths concerning Himself. As the men were now drawing near their destination, Jesus made as if to go on, but they constrained Him to come in with them and stay the night. He consented and they entered the house to enjoy the evening meal. As He broke bread before, which they had probably witnessed many times, their eyes were opened. As they recognized Him their emotions soared, but He vanished from their sight. Later they would describe the moment saying, *"did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road."* This truth caused them to rise up and return to Jerusalem that very hour.

Can you feel the joy, the elation they felt upon realizing that their Lord was alive? The truth is that He is alive today and will open the hearts to wonderful scriptural truths to any who will break the bread of life with Him!

R. D. Simmons, Secretary of the Board



Celebrating the life of Shoan Zeleke

April 4, 1949 — January 16, 2019

Shoan's life too was totally transformed by an unexpected encounter with Jesus! He was born in **Addis Ababa**, Ethiopia into a family of 16 children! After graduating High School at 17 years of age, Christ made such a difference in his life that he immediately arranged to attend Grace Bible College in

"Five years ago I came to believe in Christ's teaching and my life suddenly changed; I ceased to desire what I had previously desired, and began to desire what I formerly did not want. What had previously seemed to me good seemed evil, and what had seemed evil seemed good. It happened to me as it happens to a man who goes out on some business and on the way suddenly decided that the business is unnecessary and returns home. All that was on his right hand is now on his left, and all that was on his left hand is now on his right."

Russian Novelist Tolstoy, from his testimony, "What I Believe"

Join HFHOA for PRAYER March 24 @ 3pm

The Board of Directors of **HOPE FOR HORN OF AFRICA** invite you to join them at the Sisters of Mary's **VICTORY CHAPEL (9849 N 40th St, Phoenix, AZ 85028)** as we lift up by name our orphans, & team members in Ethiopia, and ask for God's direction in all our coming activities for His Glory! Come early to visit **Garden of Jesus' Sufferings!**

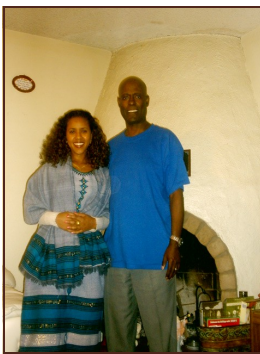


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Jimma. He became an evangelist in churches and on the street. He was so effective, that it was arranged in 1974 for him to get an advanced education in the USA at **Biola University**. While obtaining his BA, he also organized bible study groups with his countrymen, which served as the nucleus for the First Ethiopian Christian Church in **Downey, California**. He also met Susan, who became his wife and mother of 3 wonderful children

After earning a Masters of Divinity degree from **Talbot Seminary**, Shoan's family moved to Kenya conducting a radio ministry both to Ethiopians and Kenyans in two languages.

Upon his return to the USA due to his divorce, he practiced a tent making ministry teaching school, while with others founding Ethiopian Emanuel Evangelical Church in **Anaheim, CA**.



In 1998, Shoan married Aynalem (**Negest**), gaining 3 more children (and eventually 9 grandkids!). Together, at considerable personal sacrifice, they founded "**Hope for Horn of Africa**" ministries, establishing **HOUSE OF HOPE** for orphans, and **CITY OF GOD** to shelter recent converts with Muslim backgrounds. They also trained pastors and evangelists, working towards the unity of the African churches in that region, with some 80 tribes, and many Christian denominations.

As most of you are aware, Shoan suffered a major stroke 6 years ago, which greatly impaired his mobility and communication abilities until his death Jan. 16. However, he had a powerful homecoming both in heaven and here, where hundreds gathered at Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix Jan. 19, to celebrate his life.

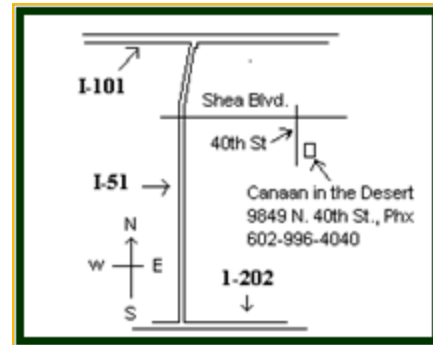
Shoan's pilgrimage is completed, but his witness lives on! Many of us think, "**Who am I? What difference can I make?**" We can't by ourselves do anything, **but we are NOT by ourselves.** The **LIFE OF CHRIST** is inside us, and He is **partnering** with us. Jesus said, "**THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE YEAST...**" If you take **three pounds** of dough and hide a **few ounces of yeast** in it, you would say that that yeast is **hopelessly outnumbered**. BUT that little bit of yeast, like the little mustard seed, has **LIFE** in it! The yeast is not lost in the meal—actually it changes the entire dough, penetrating it with a life and power within itself.

Of course, the yeast has to get out of the **refrigerator** and be **rubbed into the dough**. We invite you to join us in person, or in spirit as we gather together **March 24, 3pm at Canaan in the Desert**, as we seek the direction, the resources, and the power that only comes from a fresh encounter with our Living Lord!



We Depend upon Your PRAYERS

Join us at **CANAAN March 24 @ 3pm**



Last year's time of PRAYER was uplifting and encouraging! We invite you to join us as we WORSHIP and INTERCEDE together for: (1) the release of KINGDOM power in all areas of the Horn of Africa, that as the political peace deescalates tensions, God's peace and joy can flood the nations, and His church be unified! (2) Wisdom to care for our orphans. Unlike hundreds of other "orphanages" in Ethiopia where the Gospel is not even presented, our children are immersed in the love of Jesus, taught the Word of God, and grow into profoundly mature disciples! Constantly we must turn away orphans longing to join us, as we have **NO MORE ROOM!** (3) Building up and sending out those spiritual refugees, rejected by their families when they become followers of Jesus, thru the **CITY OF GOD** ministry. (4) Clear direction to our Board, which meets the next day, to make long term decisions for the good of this ministry. (5) our tentative Ministry Trip this September as Negest leads members of our Board to visit our work there, developing a Ministry School, dealing with government concerns, evangelizing in refugee camps, churches, orphanages and on the street.

Most of all, we need to lift up Negest herself as she deals with her great loss, negotiates additional repairs on her home, and makes all the adjustments necessary because of Shoan's death. We serve the Living Christ, who is still encountering individuals in unexpected ways, and bringing them His Resurrection Power!

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