



# EASTER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

HOPE FOR HORN OF AFRICA MINISTRIES

## THE GIFTS OF EASTER



**I**t is usually Christmas that sparks the idea of gift-giving, but we believe Easter is better suited to it.

That's because as soon as Jesus Christ shows up risen from the dead, you see how many times He says receive! *"Receive the Holy Spirit!" "Peace be to you!"* He is giving out all kinds of newness. It culminates with the risen Christ in the last book of the Bible proclaiming, *"Behold, I make all things new!"*

After all, **Jesus** is not a dead teacher the way founders of world religions like **Buddha** or **Muhammad** are. He isn't a religion at all. He is a power! He is alive, risen, having arms outstretched with gifts.

For example, Jesus can give you faith. Faith isn't a commodity you can manufacture. Faith is not something we can spin out of our own soul, the way a spider spins out a web. Each of us is a natural skeptic. *"Faith...is a gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8). All the Easter accounts remind us that even Jesus' closest disciples doubted and deserted Him as He was crucified, and buried.

**T**hink about it! **Mary** had witnessed the miracles-- she had even seen Jesus raise people from the dead! She heard Jesus claim over and over again that He would rise from the dead. Even Jesus' enemies knew of this claim-- that's why they placed a guard over His tomb. Mary had never heard Jesus say anything that hadn't been fulfilled. And yet, as soon as she approaches the empty tomb, seeing the stone off to the side, her response isn't faith: *"It happened! He did it! He is risen!"* No, her response is tearful despair: *"They took it! Everything is lost. Woe is me!"*

**B**ut this Risen Jesus comes with gifts. He approaches **Mary**, imparting faith. He finds **Peter, Thomas**, and the other disciples, one by one. He approaches each one of us, calling us by name, bringing the gift of faith. He finds us in our dark hopelessness, freely forgiving our sin. He brings us His Peace, that passes understanding. He unites us with his Spirit, filling us with power to change.

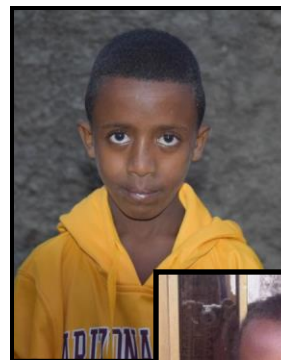
When Jesus finds us full of doubts, deserters who gave up on him, or even enemies who crucified him, he invites us to stand beside Him as brothers and sisters, fellow heirs of the Kingdom of God. The determining factor in your relationship with God is not your past, but Christ's past; not your record, but Christ's record. That's the Good News of Easter!



## Full Approval Granted!

### Celebrate with us!

Working with our President **Negest**, the **FIVE** members of our **House of Hope** committee in **Adwa** finished the long process for us, gaining approval of the social affairs governmental office in Ethiopia for new legal status! Things have changed since we began this ministry to **AT RISK YOUTH** many years ago. Because of the serious threats of trafficking children all over the world, we need to be in partnership with local authorities as we continue this work. Now that this **CERTIFICATE** has been granted, we will be receiving 20 new vulnerable children in groups of 2's & 3's coming weeks! (see picture on reverse)



### WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING ONE OF THESE CHILDREN?

We are trusting our Heavenly Father to care for each of these special children He entrusts to our care (see other side for info).



## OUR NEW PROPERTY!

Now that we have this new government approval, we are seeking free land on which to build our own facilities. However, while we are waiting, we were able to rent a larger property with buildings that will serve our needs for now! Our staff and volunteers have spent long hours cleaning and upgrading this new **HOUSE OF HOPE** for our kids. The location is better also! We are BLESSED!



## We Depend upon Your PRAYERS

Are you praying the wrong prayer? Matthew 16:19 *"And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* Many of us who are praying for our unsaved friends, family, and neighbors are directing our prayers in the wrong way. We are saying, **"Oh God, help them to see."** But they are blind—they cannot see! 2 Cor.4:3-4 explains: *"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* We must first bind the blinder. We're not in a battle of flesh and blood. We are in a battle with Satan himself, and we will never rob his house until we first bind him. Christ gave to each believer the keys of the kingdom of heaven. To whom did you open the door to the kingdom of heaven?

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## SPONSOR A CHILD!

There is a growing need to care for **AT RISK children** in the areas where we work. This January, we will be opening our doors wider than ever before, receiving many new boys and girls into our **HOUSE OF HOPE** in Adwa, Ethiopia! We can't do this alone, and are taking a big step of faith! We are seeking sponsors who would be willing to **pray** for a child, and **support** them with a gift of **\$39** a month! We will send you the **picture, name** and **updates** from our **Sponsor Coordinator**, Nora (Poki) Carr. Our kids love Jesus and are becoming future leaders of the Horn of Africa. Right now we need sponsors for 16 kids. Contact us at **PO Box 22214, Phoenix, AZ 85028**, or e-mail Negest directly at [hopeforhorn@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeforhorn@yahoo.com)

## RECENT BLESSINGS!

Negest will be traveling again this month to see her daughter **Seble** give birth to a baby boy in March! Her son **Naten** welcomed a baby girl into his family at Thanksgiving last year. Also, her youngest son **Michael**, born as she was fleeing for her life with her children from Ethiopia as the Communists killed her husband, will receive his M.D. in Charlotte, North Carolina May 8! We join her in congratulating him as he prepares to serve others in this field of medicine.



**Larry Turner** has agreed to serve as our new **Web Master!** He has already been improving our site. Pray for him as he continues to upgrade, especially as we prepare to gather more prayer partners directly thru the website!