

## SPRING NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

## **HOPE FOR HORN OF AFRICA MINISTRIES**

# ANNOUNCING NEW WEB SITE



s HFHOA continues to grow, our WEB SITE keeps becoming more significant! That's why we were so blessed three years ago, when Larry Turner agreed to serve as our Web Master! He found many ways to improve our site, using his

special technical gifts, while also sacrificially donating his time and even his funds so that we could gather more prayer partners



directly thru the website!

Recently, our Board was challenged when Larry indicated that for health reasons, he needed to retire from this responsibility. Two blessings, however, resulted. First, Larry accepted Negest's invitation and was voted to become a Board Member! Secondly, it opened a door for new volunteer **Web Mas-**

ters. We want to introduce you to Karthik and Shruthi, who not only offered to serve in that capacity, but also to further UP-GRADE our site. You can see their work right now, by going to www.hopeforhornofafrica.org

They have simplified the pages, making it easier to get around, while increasing opportunities for those who wish to support our work. They plan to add social network pages (Face Book, Twitter & LinkedIn) soon. This will expand our reach. Eventually (when this terrible war ends) they plan to give sponsors their own pages, providing specific information for each child in HOUSE OF HOPE.

Originally from India, the photo below celebrates the day they became US Citizens. They are the parents of two small children. These past years we have watched them grow in their careers, their faith, and their service in the Kingdom of God!





n 2013, British actor David Suchet was filming the final TV episodes as Agatha Christie's beloved Belgian detective Hercule Poirot (while also starring in a stage play), when he took on the "biggest role in his life." Between those projects he recorded an audio version of the entire bible, from Genesis to Revelation—752,702 words—over two hundred hours!

Suchet, who became a believer in Jesus after reading the book of Romans in a hotel room, called the project the fulfillment of a 27 year old ambition. "I felt totally driven. I did so much research on every part of it that I couldn't wait to get going." Then he donated his wages.

This is another example of what Peter spoke of when he commanded, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others" (I Pet. 4:10). When Shoan and Negest founded HFHOA, they immediately invited others to join their TEAM with their

HFHOA, they immediately invited others to join their TEAM with their spiritual gifts. Our ministry is making a BIG difference simply because of God's grace! But also because so many are praying, so many are serving, so many are using their God-given gifts. Just as each of us have (as the FBI knows) a unique fingerprint, we each have unique gift mixes. One of the devil's greatest lies is that our life doesn't count, that we have nothing to offer Jesus. Suchet offered his talents to God. Whatever God has given to you, manage it well for his glory.



## **OUR FOUNDERS!**

magine receiving a "windfall" check, sufficient to pay off your house mortgage! That was the situation

Shoan and Negest had twenty years ago. But instead, they utilized this unexpected gift as seed money to start **HFHOA!** Today we are remembering Shoan's vibrant life.

He "graduated" to the New Jerusalem just three years

Remembering Shoan Zeleke (@ Negest) April 4, 1949 — January 16, 2019

ago, and how we miss his powerful voice!

Shoan was totally transformed by an unexpected encounter with Jesus at 17 years of age! Born in **Addis Ababa**, Ethiopia into a family of 16 children, after graduating High School he arranged to attend a Bible College, soon becoming a

well-loved evangelist. He was so effective, he received a scholarship in the USA at **Biola** University in California, where he also established Ethiopian-language churches. After earning a Masters of Divinity degree from **Talbot Seminary**, he moved back to Kenya, conducting radio ministries in several languages. 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, to work with orphans, shelter recent converts with Muslim backgrounds and train pastors and evangelists—working towards the unity of the African churches in the Horn of Africa.

### HOUSE OF HOPE NEWS:

Please pray for all our children, but especially **Yemani** (pictured here graduating in 2019 with **Smytty** & **Negest**). After leaving **House of Hope**, his new career was interrupted by the Ethio-



pian/Eritrean invasion of his homeland! Seeing the destruction, rape, pillage and murder all around, he felt compelled (along with other of our graduates) to join the army to protect his people. Recently, however, word has come to us that he was badly wounded. Pray for his healing, and for all suffering from this plague of war!

While we still have no internet/telephone communication because of the CIVIL WAR, **Negest** was able to use a nonconventional system recently to get **\$20,000** to our kids for food, medical supplies and clothing. Wartime prices are HIGH! Pray that these funds are put to the best possible uses.

## **HFHOA ANNUAL DINNER**



We enjoyed a full house at **Canaan in the Desert** on **Dec 11th**, fellowshipping, worshipping, sharing reports, hearing concerns and PRAYING. This



was a FREE THANK
YOU DINNER (along
with the cake above) to
our supporters, and
enjoyed by all! We will
soon schedule this
year's banquet so you
can plan early.

### SPONSOR COORDINATOR

Nora "Poki" Carr is another one who freely uses her incredible gifts to bless HFHOA! She was radically redeemed in 2006, and now serves with us part-time connecting kids with their sponsors. You can contact her at <a href="mailto:children-strumpet@outlook.com">children-strumpet@outlook.com</a>. She also teams with others full-time in



Louisiana, using hospital ships to minister medical and spiritual help around the world. For several summers she has been helping Syrian Refugees.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** We have made it easier to make regular contributions. E-mail Pastor James, **livingchrist@cox.net** for more information.