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Why the 2021 Ethiopian Famine  
Could be Far Worse than 1984-85!

No one wants to see a return to the tragic pictures of the 1984-85 famine, when 400,000 people died. But on July 7th, the EU crisis-management commissioner Janez Lenarčič, estimated, "that 900,000 are experiencing famine, and another 1 million are just one step away." It is very likely that this famine will be far deadlier than the last one! One reason is because when in 1984-85 the Tigray People were



fighting the Communist government of Ethiopia, hungry families could march to safety in neighboring Sudan. Marching the population of Tigray into Sudan is impossible today. Although some 60,000 Tigrayans have managed to flee to Sudan getting to the UN Refugee Camps, that route is now effectively sealed. When Ethiopian troops were defeated in battle weeks ago, and forced to flee Tigray, they instituted a blockade to starve the region to death instead. A vital bridge that was being used by UN and USAid to truck in food from Sudan in



the west was also just destroyed.

"This is not a ceasefire, it's a siege and starvation is being used as a weapon of war," said Lenarčič. He added that: "The siege has seen Ethiopia close Tigray's borders, ban flights, destroy road and rail infrastructure, cut telecommunications, and prevent the entry of international aid workers." The Commissioner added that atrocities, such as systematic rape and extra-judicial killings, were also being seen in the conflict, in what "may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity."

THIRTY NEW SPONSORS!



We are so thankful to the LORD for the many of you who have stepped up your commitment to become a sponsor for one of our 150 AT-RISK KIDS! Special thanks to Epiphany

Lutheran Church in Chandler, AZ, where 20 new sponsors came forward on a single weekend!

OUR FIRST SHIPMENT ARRIVES SAFE!

In May, responding to this crisis, our Board committed to rescue 150 AT-RISK KIDS who had lost their parents to death or worse! We determined to trust the Lord for this tremendous long-term expense. Immediately, however, we were also confronted with extra difficulties, like just getting any money into the country, then finding the food needed, and finally trucking 3 months of supplies to our kids. Because of the wide respect so many have for our partners, the Lutheran Church, when we posted the Mekane Yesus (House of Jesus) name on our truck, it was allowed rare passage thru war zones. Late May it arrived unmolested with food and supplies for HOUSE OF HOPE in Adwa!



Due to your prayers, all was accomplished while the civil war was raging! Today, all of these things would be impossible. That's because though the shooting has paused, the current siege has made everything far more difficult.



However, right now our local staff have found guardians for each child, making sure they are fed, clothed and kept warm.



Each receives whatever medical help we can give, bringing each regularly to Gospel meetings where they can be encouraged with love, compassion, vibrant singing and the sure promises of God!

Our hearts break as we survey a devastated land. We can't possibly meet all the needs that face us, but we are determined to provide for the remnant that God has entrusted to our care. We frankly don't know how we will resupply our kids in August. Pray that we will be able to visit the children in Sudan in September. It is all in God's good hands.



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## A WISE INVESTMENT!



In **Mark 4**, Jesus teaches that the **SEED** is the **Word of God** and there are four types of soil. The first is ground hard and **unreceptive**. The seed is wasted, it is *"for the birds."* and does not receive the message. The second soil is **shallow**. These people initially receive the message with great joy, but when troubles come, they toss

it aside seeking a false hope of an easier life. The third soil is **thorn-infested**. This person gladly receives the Gospel, but their true commitment is to a life of comfort, not service. There is no real fruit in their life. The fourth soil is **good**. This soil portrays those who receive the seed of God's Word and bear fruit, some thirty-fold, some sixty-fold, and some a hundredfold—that's **10,000 percent** fruitfulness!

Imagine I had a stock tip that was guaranteed to yield a minimum of **3,000** percent return but could possibly yield a **10,000** percent return. Most people are happy with a 10% return and a 100% is through the roof. How much would you be willing to invest in a stock that has a guaranteed minimum return of 3,000%? Even a fool would invest every-thing in such a promising enterprise.

Jesus didn't tell this parable to discourage us, but to instruct us! We are never to be shocked that most who are offered the WORD reject it! Life is too short and the potential yields are too great to spend our lives chasing fruitless people. **That's why HFHOA is so strategic today!** We are putting the GOSPEL SEED into GOOD SOIL! The Bibles informs us where to find good soil. It is among the **poor (James 2:5)**, the **young (Matt. 18:3)** the **seekers (Matt. 7:7)**, the **sinners (Luke 5:32)**, the **un-educated, powerless and insignificant " (1 Cor. 1:27-29)**. Right now, Christianity is growing explosively in Africa, Latin America, and Asia among people away from the centers of the power and of wealth.

In **Mark 4:26-29**, Jesus gives us a second parable to explain to us the organic nature of His Kingdom . A man casts out seed, goes to bed at night, discovering in the morning that the soil produced the growth **"all by itself."** The point is that this man who sows seed doesn't even know how it happens. I feel qualified for that role: clueless and sleeping on the job. Throughout the Bible we are told that only God can cause growth. Paul said, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow."* (1 Cor. 3:6, 7). It's not our responsibility to make the Kingdom of God happen, merely to scatter the Gospel seed in Good Soil, and faithfully water it! Thank you for joining us fully expecting a **10,000 percent** return for the LORD. Nurturing AT-RISK KIDS in Christ is a fantastic investment! Dr James Hoefer, Chair of the Board

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."*

Robert Louis Stevenson

## Sponsors Corner



Nora "Poki" Carr has been working over-time to make contact with all of our new sponsors. This is because her normal duties as a Missionary with FRIENDSHIPS has taken her to a short-term assignment just outside **Gaza** providing Syrians injured in the fighting there a refuge where Israel is allowing medical and humanitarian help! If you wish to contact her, e-mail [childrenstrumpet@outlook.com](mailto:childrenstrumpet@outlook.com). We need more sponsors! **Check out our web site.**

## THE COMMISSION!

I asked the Lord to help my neighbor, to comfort the sick and carry the gospel to distant lands, but He said to me, **"If you love Me, be My hands."**

I asked the Lord to go to the dying and the orphan in the street, to visit the prisoner, but He said to me, **"If you love Me, be My feet."**

I asked the Lord to look to the poor and watch over each babe that cries, to see each man's need, but He said to me, **"If you love Me, be My eyes."**

I said to the Lord, "I want to serve You but I don't know where to start." "To love is the answer", He said to me. **"If you love Me, be My heart."**



This COMMISSION is at the heart of the ministry of our Vice-Chair, **Doru Neamtu** who this summer is in small towns in his native **Romania**, as well as **Bulgaria, Moldavia, and Ukraine**, sharing the Gospel where it has been lost for generations. He requests prayer for his team that they might **"depopulate hell and populate the Kingdom of God."**

Our entire Board likewise lives this COMMISSION, and needs your prayers as we make decisions on **August 2nd**. We are dealing with much larger needs than before. We are hoping to minister in Sudan or Ethiopia in September.

We also ask for your help in getting the word out. Board Members are willing to visit your church or small group to make a presentation.

