

Training Disciple Makers and Encouraging the Unity of Churches in the Horn of Africa



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2021 HFHOA Annual Dinner!

We invite PRAYER SUPPORTERS to a **FREE Thank You DINNER** on **December 11, Saturday, at 5pm, at Canaan in the Desert, 9849 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85028**. You will be able



to meet new and old friends of this ministry, hear fresh reports, ask questions, enjoy a delicious meal, and join in corporate prayer. We have a **LIMITED amount of seating** this year, and therefore require reservations!

Please email Sheila (our cherished board member) sheilat2207@gmail.com or call her at **602-740-2265** to **RSVP** now, before you forget!

HOUSE OF HOPE NEWS

All the time I was in the Sudan, seeking to care for other fatherless, motherless children there, my prayers continued to be focused upon our own kids at HOUSE OF HOPE! It is so frustrating not to be able to pick up the phone, and speak to our staff in Adwa. Like me, you may feel powerless, watching politicians



and military leaders destroy communities, businesses and lives. Yet from time to time, we do get messages from some NGO with internet connections, assuring us, without details, that our staff is doing their work, and under extraordinary circumstances, that our kids are safe! While we are powerless, our God is not. While normal procedures are impossible, our prayers are still effective. Soon, we will be able to see and hear just how effective they are, and how much we have to be grateful for!

Negest Hagos, President

Our Sudanese trip was an astounding success! Starting out we couldn't fathom the process of obtaining permission (3 days with five meetings in two cities) to even enter the refugee camps, nor all the specialized help we would require. But providentially, step by step, the critical individuals whom we needed to meet appeared like messengers from God with open arms, from the first day to our last! We were supplied with the ideal partners offering information on how to obtain supplies (we stretched every dollar to obtain the best retail deals), permission, connections, distribution, and even aid in getting out of Khartoum at the last moment!



We found church partners who located by name **the hundreds of kids** in each camp who were **without mother, father, or both!** With help, we purchased and sent a truck-load of food, charcoal, clothing, and shoes to each refugee



camp near to the Ethiopian border. We shared the Good News of the Good Shepherd, using original Scripture brochures, Puppet Plays, Negest's personal testimony, and Doru's powerful preaching! We personally led the distribution efforts (which took days), so these supplies would not be confiscated by Sudanese authorities. At the same time, we encouraged gatherings of evangelical believers.



It wouldn't have happened without your prayers! It required timing, connections, and intelligence we didn't have. It required not only physical but massive emotional and mental effort every day. True gratitude is relational; it requires a response, not just to something, but to **SOMEONE**. Because of you, the Good Shepherd revealed Himself in Sudan!

Pastor James Hoefler, Chair



We are more than overcomers through Christ Jesus our Lord. We did three Covid tests, even “Yellow Fever” tests so we could leave, traveling thousands of miles, through 5 countries waiting in the airports for hours for our connections. We spent weeks with no showers, no toilets, no electricity, no Internet, lots of mosquitoes that carry malaria and other diseases, with lots of bugs, sleeping in the airports, on the floors and in the refugee camp in a hut made out of mud and hay with frogs who were jumping in our bags all night long, with filthy water, in 100° weather with lots of humidity. We traveled the worse roads I ever seen in my life (after 9 hours my back was hurting like crazy), eating with our hands all together from the same plate, while respecting the Ethiopian tradition to be fed with someone else’s hand.

In Sudan’s cities children held babies begging for food. Teenagers, with bare feet and filthy clothes slept covered in flies on the streets. In the camps, the crowds often overwhelmed us as we passed out food, clothes, shoes and Scripture brochures. Five Orthodox priests yelled at us telling people them not to accept our religion, calling headquarters to report us for preaching Jesus, instructing the children to rip up Good Shepherd brochures into pieces (though children still asked for more). Yet in each camp, we also encouraged small bands of believers, training them how to preach and stay strong through persecution, blessing them financially and with food and clothes, etc. One had just had their church building burned down.



As we prepared to leave, we were stuck for days with angry protesters by our hotel burning tires and blocking all the streets, being in danger ourselves of rocks or bullets.

Who wants to be a missionary or a millionaire? Who wants to be the feet, hands, eyes, the ears of Jesus? Who wants to identify himself or herself with all these people and cry with them, and bring hope and encouragement to their lives? I do. Who wants to risk it all and get out of his easy life in order for the kingdom of Jesus to go forward? Who wants to agonize for the lost and each out to the needy people? Don’t miss out the opportunities of God for your life. Stop bringing excuses and obey the calling of God and invest the talent that he entrusted you with, before it’s too late.

Doru Neamtu (written 10/30/2021 after midnight)

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

While we have been rescuing children since the beginning of this work, we never dreamed that the LORD would entrust us with so many unwanted and at risk kids! We currently have names of over 150 children, all under 18 years on our roster, and increasingly you sponsors are stepping up to the plate to claim that precious girl, or boy, as your special child. Normally I would be sending you an updated photo, a personal emailed letter from your child. Right now we are only able to assure you that they are being cared for by our dedicated staff like **Kedija**. Each has a surrogate “parent” who looks after them, where they have a bed, clothing and food. All the funds you send us are being used, or placed



aside to be used as soon as possible. As soon as this **civil war** ceases and the **Internet** is reestablished, each sponsor will have the opportunity to not only pray for their child, but also write and receive messages back from Tigray! A visit to our website will show many more children still needing sponsors.

Sponsor Coordinator Nora (Poki) Carr
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PRAYING FOR PEACE

Our Team left **Sudan** as corrupt military leaders abrogated their two year agreement to give up power to carefully chosen civilians, causing chaos in the streets, and the closure of business, banking and airports. While we found the people kind and honest, some even open to the Gospel, half are in deep poverty, and all yearn for justice and freedom.

In **Ethiopia** last month, we again witnessed the demonic madness of war! Their president, rather than accepting constant battlefield loses and allowing the United Nations to rescue the starving people of Tigray, determined to maintain the blockade, arrest hundreds more Tigrayan civilians in Addis Ababa, toss out remaining UN personnel, and then send ill armed and poorly trained militia as a human wave against fixed positions. Tragically, it only resulted in tens of thousands more casualties! Tigrayan troops are now closing in on the capital, repeating their demand that food and fuel be allowed to flow into their beleaguered state. Pray that peace comes to the HORN OF AFRICA, humanitarian help flow, these fragmented nations be restored, and our children at HOUSE OF HOPE be preserved!

