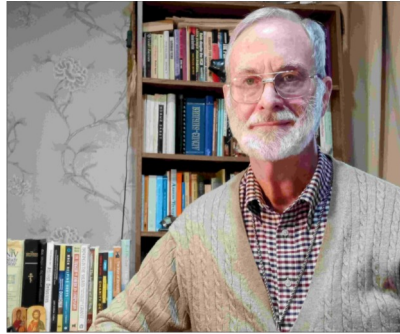## About the author:

Dr. Robert D. Hosken, involved in missions for over 40 years, was raised in a middle class family, a middle child among an older brother and four sisters. His mother's family descends from Edward Doty who came to the New World on the Mayflower in 1620. Edward wasn't one of the Pilgrims originally, he was an indentured servant who belonged to Stephen Hopkins, one of the Pilgrims. So Robert is the descendant of a "white slave." On the way across the ocean, the Pilgrims decided they shouldn't allow slavery in the New World, so they freed all their slaves. Thus began the anti-slavery movement: Edward Doty, a slave, became one of the Pilgrims and signed the Mayflower Compact, the first government document in America. Another descendant of Edward Doty is Roger Sherman, the only person who signed all four founding documents of the United States. One of Sherman's descendants is Civil War General William Tecumsah Sherman, and other Doty's descendants include Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant and Susan B. Anthony, Robert's great-great-aunt. So freedom from slavery and oppression of human rights runs deep in Robert's lineage.

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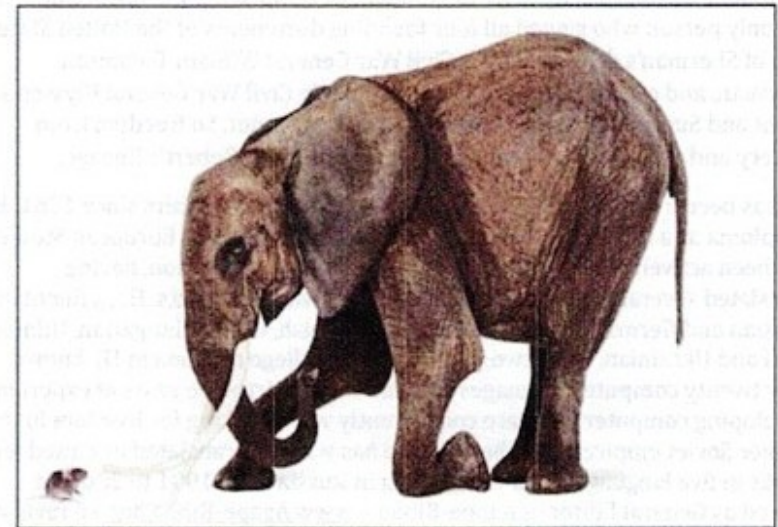
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