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Banna team September 2005
(Donna, Getu, Ayke, Carolyn)

Praise for Progress:

- 1) I sent the completed script (rough draft) for the Jesus video to the Banna team on November 10th.
- 2) The Banna team sent me a revised draft of Matthew 1-7, which I have returned with my comments.
- 3) The Banna team sent me their first revision of the CARLA draft of Acts 1-4, which I am working on now.
- 4) I continue to work on a CARLA draft of Genesis in Banna.
- 5) A meeting is planned for December 10th to discuss Banna spelling, in hope that we can agree on a spelling system everyone will support.
- 6) After 3 weeks of illness in October, Mother is feeling well again. We enjoyed a lovely meal and visit with the extended family at my oldest niece's home on Thanksgiving. I thank God for my family, and for the time He has given me with Mother.
- 7) I was encouraged to read in 2 Chronicles 30 how Judah's king sent messengers throughout his country and neighboring Israel, inviting people to gather in Jerusalem to worship the LORD. Most people laughed at the message and ridiculed the messengers. Nevertheless, some humbly accepted the invitation. There was great joy in the worship celebration, and God listened to their prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us in worshipping the true God, who gave His Son.



Grandnieces & nephews

Matters for Prayer:

- 1) Donna, Getu and Ayke need God's enabling to synchronize the Banna script with the speech time-frame for the Jesus video. This will require lengthening or shortening the text in some places, without losing the meaning.
- 2) I still need daily wisdom in setting priorities, and clarity of thought for the language work.
- 3) The decision regarding Banna spelling will be crucial. Please pray that God will bring all those He wants to participate in the meeting December 10th. Pray that they will seek His direction and make the best decision possible. Pray that all who have influence will support the system that is chosen so that the books we print will be useful for many years.
- 4) I am booked to leave for Ethiopia February 2nd and return to Longview March 7th. Pray for all the preparations for my travel, that God will accomplish through me and the rest of the team all that He wants to during our time together, and that Mother's needs will be met.
- 5) Please pray for peace in Ethiopia and a satisfactory solution to the disagreements over election results.



Mother

Trusting the Prince of Peace,

Carolyn Ford



Niece Christina with
her youngest niece