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“... *the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved..’*”

Romans 10:12b-13

In my adopted country, failure to have a guard on duty is considered an open invitation to robbers. All of our station guards are Christians, except for Garsho. He has a sweet spirit and has shown great concern for Sooti, who died of cancer in November. She was the only believer in her family, and Garsho would bring her father to talk with me about her suffering and her medication. I would try to share with them about the hope we have in Christ of living with Him in peace and joy forever.



Garsho

When Sooti died, I assure Garsho that her ghost will never come back to haunt her family because she is content where she is now, with the Lord Jesus. Garsho replied, “We know that. The Gospel has been preached among the Banna people from the time I was born. We have seen that when believers die their ghosts never come back to haunt their families.” I asked him, “If you know these things, why have you not believed in Jesus?” He said, “I don’t want to believe just on a whim and then fall away when something unexpected comes up. First I need to know all about the faith, and then I can believe.” I said, “You will never know it all. I have been reading the Bible every day for more than 50 years, and I still don’t know it all. But why don’t you come to church so that you can be taught?” He promised to do so. He said, “I can read. I have finished 4th grade. I said, “That is good if you can read the Bible; it is different from every other book because it is God’s Word. I will pray for you. You pray and ask God to guide you.” Please, will you pray with me that God will bring Garsho (and Sooti’s family) to genuine faith in Jesus Christ, and that they will become salt and light to all those around them?

God sent good rains in December, so most people got at least a partial harvest of corn – praise God!



We finished the consultant check of Luke in the Banna language on December 18th. Donna and I traveled to Addis Ababa the following week to attend our SIM Spiritual Life Conference. Before the conference, God enabled me to finish the consultant check of the book of Ruth in the Kafa language. The Kafa team is getting Genesis ready for me to check next. Please ask God to give me wisdom to ask the right questions.

We were blessed by author Philip Yancey and his wife Janet as they shared at our Spiritual Life Conference about Prayer. Please pray that we will make conversation with God a priority in our busy lives.



Monkeys where our conference was held



SIM Kids at Spiritual Life Conference

Thanking God for you,

Carolyn

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My nephew Matthew, who does such a good job of maintaining my website, is engaged to lovely Mariya. That is their picture at the top of my letter. I am so grateful that I got to know Mariya this past summer. Please pray for God’s blessing on them as they continue to seek His direction in all things.

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