

January 18, 2003

**" Commit your way to the LORD.  
Trust also in Him, and He will do it." *Psalm 37:5 (NASV)***

Praise God with me:

1. for all that He accomplished through Dr. Rice, including literacy primers in over 150 languages, before taking him home on December 26th;
2. that Literacy Evangelism International, an organization Dr. Rice founded, has promised to send someone to lead the Aari primer construction workshop in southwest Ethiopia March 2-16;
3. for Geoffrey Hunt's help in analyzing Bana tone. The cassette tape I sent him was of poor quality, so I hope to make a better recording when I am in Alduba (southwest Ethiopia) in February;
4. for the publication of the Christmas account from Matthew and Luke in the Bana language in time for Christmas;
5. for enabling me to finish writing rules into CARLA from the revised Bana draft of Mark so that we can get a better draft of Bana Scripture from the Aari;
6. for caring for Mother's needs when I am absent as well as when I am with her.

Please pray with me:

1. for safe, on-schedule travel Feb. 2-3 from home to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Feb. 5th on to Alduba; Feb. 28th back to Jinka (venue for Aari primer construction workshop); March 15th or 19th back to Addis Ababa; March 21-22 back to Longview, Washington. Please pray that there won't be hassles over my baggage, which I will probably lock despite suggestions to the contrary;
2. for God's enabling as David, Getu, Ayke & I translate materials for the Bana primer construction workshop to be held in September. I am working on a CARLA draft of Matthew's Gospel, and we will revise some of that as well if there is time. Pray especially that by the end of my 3 weeks with these men, we will have a consistent spelling system in operation.
3. for God's hand on the Aari primer construction workshop, so that we produce the most effective primer possible for teaching people to read AND making clear to them the Good News about Jesus Christ.
4. for the church leaders to receive a clear vision for implementing an Aari literacy program that will truly make disciples who apply God's Word to their own lives and reach out to others. Pray for the one of God's choice to head up this program.
5. for continued progress in the effort to get e-mail communication between Alduba, Ethiopia and Longview, Washington;
6. for Mother's health and well-being while I am away, and that all her needs be met.

Thank you for partnering with me by your prayers as well as your gifts and encouragement in so many ways. I used extra gifts given at Christmas to purchase a digital camera so hope to send some photos to those with e-mail. If I don't have your e-mail address, please send it to me so I can include you. Please don't send me e-mail between Jan. 31 & March 23; I won't have access to it in Ethiopia, & my mailbox will fill up with "ads" in a few days.

Privileged to serve Him with you,

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