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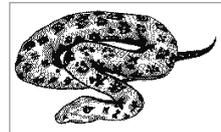


**“How fathomless the depths of God’s resources, wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable His decisions, and how mysterious His methods!”**

*Romans 11:33 (Williams)*

PRAISE GOD! I sent a CARLA draft of the first 8 chapters of 1 Corinthians in Banna by email to Addis Ababa on December 30th, wondering how many weeks it would be until someone could take it to Banna translators David, Getu and Ayke in Alduba (where they live and work). The next day it was sent from Addis Ababa to Alduba by radio-based email - PRAISE GOD! On January 12, I sent a CARLA draft of the remaining chapters of 1 Corinthians in Banna.

I had hoped to visit Ethiopia again this month, especially since the Aari Jesus film was to be shown on Ethiopian Christmas, January 8th. I postponed my visit 1) because Mother was dealing with some health issues that I wanted resolved before I left her, and 2) because I wanted to finish the Aari primers enough to take a sample copy for the church leaders to approve for publishing. This is taking much longer than expected, but I hope to complete the third (last) primer in February. I am now booked to leave for Ethiopia March 11th and return April 29th.



Qari (python) snake primer picture

On January 13th I received this word from Gebre, who arranged for the showing of the Jesus film: “More than 3000 people were gathered to watch the film. It was a very exciting event; everybody was very happy to hear Jesus talking in his own language. About 100 new people received Christ as their personal Savior. I wish you could have been there and watched how the Aari people responded to the film.” PRAISE GOD!

I have several opportunities to share about translation and literacy in churches and a seminary soon. - PRAISE GOD! I also have a new website. Check it out at: <http://missionary.sim.org/ford/index.shtml>.

Please pray for:

1. A new computer that will work well for the Banna translators, and that we can get it to them very soon; theirs died in December, which makes it hard for them to work effectively;
2. Completion of the Aari primer in Publisher, including the needed pictures;
3. Good follow-up of those who received Christ at the showing of the Aari Jesus film;
4. Mother’s health (pictured here with #3 great grandson);
5. God’s anointing as I share about the ministry. Ask God to call some younger people to carry the burden with us for Bible translation and literacy;
6. God’s hand upon my plans for travel and work in March and April.



Trusting Him with you,

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