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**"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.  
... And they were shouting with a mighty shout, 'Salvation comes from our God on the throne and from the Lamb!'"**  
*Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT)*

My vision for Bible translation and literacy is inspired by this vision given to St. John. I picture the Aari (above left), the Mursi (above right - neighbors to the Aari), the Banna (below right), and the Gurage in that vast crowd - people who have truly come to know Him, whom to know is eternal life (John 17:3).

Today we begin the Aari tutor-training workshop, in which we hope to teach 25 Aari readers how to use the Aari Bible-content primers for teaching others to read. I arrived in Addis Ababa July 28th and flew here to Jinka July 31st with Gideon and Patrick, who will be leading the workshop. Next weekend we'll move on to the Banna-speaking area and hold 3 more workshops throughout the month of August.

Praise God with us for:

1. my colleague Donna Clawson's return to Ethiopia in early July with full support;
2. safe travel for Gideon and Patrick (from Kenya) and me;
3. that the computer we use for the Banna translation work has been repaired and is back in Alduba;
4. that I was able to bring maps & a good outline for translating Johsua 13-22 with all the place names.
5. Andy Black, Ed Owen and others who helped me get my language programs working again after the hard drive died on my computer July 15th.

Please pray:

1. that each workshop participant will complete the workshop with confidence and motivation to teach someone else to read using the primers;
2. that the leaders of the SIM-related churches will eagerly partner with us in a literacy program;
3. that Duba, Fikadu and I will complete the translation of Joshua and Judges into the Aari language the first week in September;
4. that David, Getu, Ayke and I will make good progress on Banna translation (Luke, Matthew) the second week in September;
5. for Mother's health and well-being while I am away, and my return to the USA September 13-14.

I remain grateful for your partnership.

Joyfully serving Him with you,

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Please also pray for God's protection for our computers and other equipment. We have had several major break-downs in the past few months, and even with the data backed up, it is time-consuming and expensive to get it all working again. Praise God for His provision and forgive me for not adding personal notes due to time pressures.