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*"This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how." Mark 4:26-27 (NIV)*

April 22nd was graduation day in Alduba: Sixteen people received certificates as qualified teachers of Banna literacy. Praise God! **Now please pray that each of these will teach at least one more. The goal is to double the number of Banna readers every 6 to 8 months, and get them reading God's Word daily in their own language.** Since we have now printed Mark's Gospel and 2 study books on Mark in the Banna language, this can happen. God will make it happen in answer to our prayers.

The week before graduation, Banna translators Getu and Ayke prepared a one-page "newspaper" - writing about the upcoming national elections, health, and the teachers graduating that Friday. They posted it at the clinic, the town tree, and the local store. This should increase community awareness of what we are doing and get them excited about learning to read and write in the Banna language.



Colleague Tabby Cox, Getu and Ayke visited the evangelists and wives who took tutor training last August. Some had started teaching the Banna primers but were moved to new locations in December. Tabby and the men encouraged them to begin again in their new places. **Please pray that they will, and that those who began learning from the primers will find someone to continue teaching them.**

I have not heard from Kobus (who took over the Aari work) or from any of my Aari friends since I left Addis Ababa in late March. I understand that they are still in the planning process. **Thank you for continuing to pray for completion of the Aari Bible and an effective Aari literacy program, and for Duba and Fikadu as they seek God's plan for their next phase of ministry.**

It has been good for me to leave that in God's hands and concentrate on the Banna translation. In April I ran 2 Corinthians through the CARLA program to produce a rough draft in Banna. Banna translators Ayke and Getu planned to work on revising that while Donna (my colleague overseeing the Banna project) was in Addis Ababa the last 2 weeks of May. I completed a CARLA draft of Acts and sent it to the Banna team on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Now I am working on Genesis. **Thank you** for praying for me.



I am thrilled that my niece Christina Farnell plans to join me on my trip to Ethiopia for the month of September. She will care for the children of a newer SIM missionary couple so they can both attend Amharic language school. She is interested in helping missionary families with home-schooling in the future. **Please pray for God's direction, provision and protection for her.**

Leaning on Him,

Carolyn Ford