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*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:8*

I am thinking about the blessing my niece Christina was to me and others this past month in Ethiopia. Besides caring for the Smiths' children, she saw many aspects of Ethiopian culture, witnessed to an Orthodox tour guide who hoped to earn his way into heaven by good works, and learned to play 2 Ethiopian stringed instruments. She also played her violin at our international church in Addis Ababa, and for security personnel in Frankfurt, Germany! The Aari and Banna people call their mother's sisters "mother". I introduced Christina to everyone as "my child, my sister's daughter". **Please pray for her as she seeks God's will for completion of her education and for her future ministry.**



Josiah asked Christina to play her violin when they met.

A letter from former Aari translator Fikadu told me that he and Duba are not on the new translation team after all. They have been appointed as pastor-evangelists for the 20 churches in their district. **Pray that they will be as faithful in this ministry as they were in the translation work.** They will not receive a wage, so please **ask God to provide for their needs and encourage them with His presence.** **For the newly-appointed translators Degu and Leon, please continue to pray:**

- 1) for God's anointing and enabling as they translate;
- 2) for an effective literacy effort resulting in 100% literacy among the Aari;
- 3) that the Aari will take God's Word seriously and study it as their daily bread.



Praise God that Donna, Getu, Ayke and I were able to complete the revision of Luke and 1 Corinthians in the Banna language. We also prepared 74 (out of 451) "loops" of the script for the Jesus video in Banna. I'll continue working on that in Longview and send them drafts by email. I also brought home a copy of Getu and Ayke's revision of the CARLA draft of 2 Corinthians so that I can make notes on that for our next time together.

Over the past few years, various spelling systems have been introduced in Ethiopia. Kobus, who took over the Aari translation and literacy work, has agreed with the church leaders to use one of the newer ones. We will be offering various options to the Banna church leaders soon. If they want a different spelling system we'd rather change now than after the New Testament is published. **Please pray that God will give wisdom to all who are involved in making the decision.**

May we all put forth the effort to think about the things that are praiseworthy, and to praise the One who is worthy of all praise.

Praising Him for you,

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