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***"I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. ...  
I am constantly aware of your unfailing love, ...  
and I will publicly praise the LORD."*** Psalm 26:1,3,12

I am trying to practice consistently these three principles that David gives us in Psalm 26. When problems come, God reminds me that I have committed to trust Him without wavering. Thinking about His unfailing love as I work and interact with people helps me keep a joyful spirit. And there are always a thousand reasons to praise Him publicly and in my heart – they may not seem like huge reasons to others, but that does not matter. Our Father treasures the praises of His children.

Banna translator Getu was just finishing the "camera copy" version of Primer 2 when the computer died. Unable to recover any of it, he had to start over. (Donna had the form with boxes on her computer, and a copy of the text, but it all had to be put together again.) Do you think someone does not want the Banna to read in their heart language? Praise God that, while the forces of darkness may be allowed to cause delays and frustrations, we have the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ. I am trusting that Donna will still take the camera-ready copies of all 3 primers to Addis Ababa with her in mid-May so they can be published.



Getu, Donna & Ayke

Praise God that we now have a "review committee" of 25 who will read the Banna translation and offer suggestions for improvement. Please ask God to give them a vision and burden for getting God's Word into the hands of of the Banna people in their heart language, and for teaching them to read it.



Some of us enjoyed "shofro", a hot drink made from coffee shells, at Bashi's home in the photo at the top left. Here, Bashi hold's the gourd decorated with cowry shells that is reserved for the head of the house to drink from. Big coffee cup – I am grateful the coffee shells don't have much caffeine!

In April I sent the Banna team my comments on their revision of the CARLA draft of 2 Corinthians. In early May, I sent a CARLA draft of John's Gospel to them. Praise God that we are able to send these drafts back and forth by email. Please pray for perseverance, patience and insight for all of us as we work on the various drafts of Scripture.



Praise God for a safe delivery and healthy baby for colleagues Trent and Tabby Cox. Baby Jack was born April 17<sup>th</sup> and is doing well. So is his mom, despite the shortage of sleep that results from frequent nursing.

My colleague, Donna Clawson (see top right picture) is experiencing ongoing health issues. Please pray for her healing.

I praise God for you. Please do not underestimate the value of your partnership. Without it, we could not bring God's Word to the peoples of Ethiopia in their heart language. May we live each day ...

In awareness of His unfailing love,

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