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*“Let the godly sing with joy to the LORD, for it is fitting to praise him. ... For the word of the LORD holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust. He loves whatever is just and good, and his unfailing love fills the earth.”*  
Psalm 33:1,3-5 NLT

The photo above was taken 3 years ago in the Portland Airport as my niece Christina and I waited for our flight to Ethiopia. After her short-term ministry there, Christina told me she felt God was calling her into missions. I commented, “You love children so much, and you are so good with them. It seems like you should have some of your own. Maybe God will give you a husband whom He has also called into missions.” He did just that. James Post and Christina Farnell met at a linguistics course during the summer of 2007. They are now engaged to be married on May 23, 2009, and plan to join Wycliffe Bible Translators. I love the chorus, “I stand, I stand in awe of You,” and I do stand in awe of the God who continues to show His faithfulness to these young people as well as to me.



The reviewers have read all of Matthew’s Gospel in Banna and made their suggestions for revision. Colleague Donna Clawson and I email back and forth as I study the proposed revisions and make suggestions of my own. I also continue to work on introductions to the New Testament books. Translators Getu and Ayke persevere with revising CARLA drafts of Scripture and working on literacy materials. I have sent them my comments on their revised draft of Romans 1-10. The adult literacy effort has not yet resumed, but David, former translation team member, is teaching Banna children to read. Praise God with me for this as it means the church leaders of the future can be grounded in His Word. If you

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You partnered with me to produce the Gurage New Testament which SIM uses in an evangelistic radio program. One listener recently wrote: “My Mother has been paralyzed for a long time now due to not giving her offering to the idol. This idol is a bad one because if it doesn’t get offering from people, it paralyzes them. ... My neighbor is a Christian and always turns your radio program on in our home. Gradually my Mother’s heart has been touched and she even begins to sing the songs. Finally she accepted Christ as her Savior, and now she ... can walk and work.” Praise God!

God has brought a fine Christian couple into my life, realtors with whom I plan to list the house in December. They are very interested in missions and, health permitting, hope to become involved in children’s ministries. Meanwhile I continue to sort and dispose of “things”. Thank you so much for praying for me in this. In January I plan to attend a translation consultant training seminar in Togo, West Africa (the same training I missed last January due to Mother’s illness). In February I’ll take care of some medical matters. I had thought I would return to Ethiopia in March, assuming the house sold before then. Now, though, I hope to stay until after the wedding, so I am aiming for June 2009 as a departure date.

Singing to the LORD with joy,

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