



“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19

My church in Longview is reading through the Bible in 90 days. I had been concerned about maintaining a healthy diet when I move to Alduba (Banna territory) in Ethiopia, since fresh vegetables are not readily available there. As I read how the Israelites grumbled about their diet of manna (“We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.” Num. 11:5), I felt convicted. The God who provided manna for the Israelites and kept them healthy will surely provide all that I need to be healthy. He has also given me His Word in my heart language so that I can maintain spiritual health. I thank Him for involving me in bringing that Word to others in their heart language.

Praise God with me for these blessings:



- ❖ The marriage of my niece Christina to James Post. The wedding was beautiful and God-honoring. They plan to join Wycliffe Bible Translators after completing their studies.
- ❖ Progress in filling out tax forms and organizing matters for my return to Ethiopia. I am grateful for my nephew Matthew’s willingness to handle the paperwork for me while I am overseas.
- ❖ I have a planned departure date: August 14th!

Banna translators Getu and Ayke will already be in Addis Ababa for a translation workshop when I arrive there on August 15th. Colleague Donna Clawson hopes to join us the following week. Donna and I plan to travel to Alduba together, either with Getu and Ayke or soon after they return there.

Please pray and trust God with me for these needs:

- My ticket to Ethiopia and permission to take several extra pieces of baggage (including a refrigerator the size of a small cooler and 4 small solar panels).
- Completion of all the financial and personal matters that should be taken care of before I depart.
- Grace to rest in the Lord as I adjust to all the changes ahead, and to let Him express His love through me in every situation.
- Progress on the translation of the Scriptures into the Banna language and in our efforts to promote literacy among the Banna people.

How I value your partnership in ministry! Email will be challenging – transmitted by 2-way radio between Alduba and Addis Ababa. This means that no file larger than 50 kb can get through, so please remove me from your group mailing lists and refrain from forwarding to me pictures, jokes, stories, video clips ... I’ll send post (snail mail) from Addis Ababa when I can. Even though it may take a few weeks to reach me, I will treasure any mail you send me. Both my email and my postal address are on the enclosed prayer card. I will be closing my other email accounts by the end of July, so please check your email address book now and keep only the SIM address (carolyn.ford@sim.org). Please check my website (also listed on my prayer card) from time to time as I hope to keep news there current. Above all, please do uphold me in prayer. God hears and answers! Thank you for your faithfulness.



Gloriously rich in Christ Jesus,

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