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“Whoever claims to live in him [Jesus] must walk as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:6

Jesus cared about people – everyone He met. I want to be intentional in my daily life to walk as He did – loving the unlovely, seeking the good of others above my own comfort. I need your prayers for that because it doesn’t come naturally.

Donna Clawson and I did not get to Alduba in August as we had hoped. The vehicle we had expected from there was delayed until September 15th. Hopefully by the time you get this, we will have fit all of our “stuff” in the flat bed and ridden back to Alduba with the 2 drivers.

The delay was a blessing for me. It gave me time to recover from jetlag and to reconnect with Ethiopian friends in Addis Ababa. One Sunday I visited the church I had attended in the late 1970s and was warmly welcomed by those who remembered me. The former pastor of that church took me to his home where I enjoyed a lovely meal and visit with him and his family. When he first became pastor, few people attended the church. Pastor Mattewos spent many hours in prayer and many hours visiting in homes to build up trust so that he could effectively share the Good News about Jesus. That church has since added several extensions to the original building and has planted many other churches in Addis Ababa and throughout Ethiopia. May God give each of us perseverance in prayer, relationships, and service so that we may enjoy the fruit He will bring in His time for His glory. After the meal, we were served the traditional delicious Ethiopian coffee (top left).

I also enjoyed a holiday celebration with missionary friends Les & Maxine Williams and the young people they minister to. Most of these used to live on the streets. They have come to love the Lord as they are nurtured by people who put their faith into action. Here is the girls’ choir and their drummer.



September 11th was New Years Day, 2002 ... so I figure I am 8 years younger than I thought. September 12th, Deggefu, who had worked with me on the Gurage New Testament, and his family invited me to their home for a New Year feast. He and his wife Yeshe have 3 lovely children and a large extended family. Yeshe’s mother put her trust in the Lord about 4 months ago, and His joy shines in her face. Here I am with Deggefu and his 3-month-old nephew Nathan.

September 14-16, I did my first-ever real-life consultant check with Gezahegn and Matewos on the Kafa translation of the book of Ruth. What a blessing to be getting back into the ministry of the Word!



Praising God for His faithfulness, please continue to pray

- that I will develop greater intimacy with the Lord;
- that I will let Him love others through me, despite the vulnerability that brings;
- for honest, mutually-supportive relationships with colleagues & church leaders;
- for the Banna believers to have a growing hunger for God’s Word in their heart language and motivation to learn to read and write; pray for good progress on the Banna New Testament;
- for the Kafa team as they press on to complete the Kafa Bible;
- for publication, distribution, and use of the Gurage Bible.

Claiming to live in Him,

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When you email me (I love hearing from you!), please send it in plain text rather than HTML format. That way hopefully I will be able to download it. Thanks!

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