



Ayke & Donna

March 13, 2011

"This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself ...But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. ...They will help you carry the load ..." Exodus 18:18b, 21a, 22c (NLT)

I praise God for the capable, honest people who help me carry the burden of bringing God's Word to the Banna and Kafa peoples in their heart language. Getu, Ayke, and I have completed the consultant check of 1-2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Donna is working to finish the exegetical check with them of the entire New Testament before she leaves in June. Please pray for God's enabling for all of us.

The Review Committee has been meeting with us regularly and has completed the review of Luke's Gospel – praise God! Please pray for continued good progress.



Reviewers

Due to illness, I stayed in Addis Ababa a month instead of the two weeks I had planned. God worked it for good. We completed the consultant check of Numbers and Joshua as well as Leviticus in the Kafa language. Praise Him! An additional blessing was the privilege of sharing my testimony with the SIM employees during their chapel hour one Friday.

Thank you for praying for my grandniece Faith, born 8 weeks early. She had to return to hospital earlier this month because of a virus. She is home again now and doing well. Praise God for His care for her and for Laurel, born to niece Christina and James on February 2nd. I now have 4 new grandnieces to see when I come home.



Calf with Its Mother

We had good rain on March 5th and 6th, but only a few drops since. The hymn "Showers of Blessing" takes on a whole new meaning here, especially the part that says "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead"! There is no grass for the cattle to eat, and the people have to walk far and dig in the sand to find water for their livestock. SIM capped a spring here in Alduba where families can get water for drinking & washing. The line at the capped spring gets longer and longer as people come from farther and farther away. There is also the need to plant and harvest a crop. Please join us once again in praying for rain.

I am booked to leave Addis Ababa July 4th and arrive in southern Washington the evening of July 13th. I am working on scheduling visits to churches. I expect to be in California for two weeks in September. My return flight to Ethiopia leaves October 4th. I look forward to reconnecting in person with as many of you as possible. I value your friendship as well as your partnership in ministry.

Gratefully,

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March 14th: We got a good hard rain this evening – praise God! Please pray for continued rain so the people can plant and harvest a good crop of corn.