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*"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD." Psalm 89:15 (NIV)*

The Review Committee continues to meet with us regularly and has completed the review of John's Gospel and Romans – praise God! Please continue to pray for good progress toward a translation that is clear and natural as well as accurate.



During times when Donna was working with Getu and Ayke, I prepared questions for the consultant check of Kafa Judges, 1 Chronicles, and Ezra. To you this may seem like a dry list of completed work. It is in fact a list of blessings for me. Even the book of Judges, which describes so much disobedience on the part of God's people, was encouraging to me. I thought a lot about Samson – chosen and empowered by God, yet seeming to lack moral character. But he is listed in Hebrews 11:32 as a man of faith. I infer that God is more concerned about our faith - our relationship with Himself - than He is about our keeping all the rules. (I am reminded, too, that Jesus said "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:16). Brother Lawrence lived in grateful awareness of



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God's presence, worshiping Him as he lovingly carried out his daily responsibilities. Please pray that I will do the same.

Thank you so much for praying for rain here. God is graciously providing and the corn is growing. We need rain for at least another month in order for people to have a harvest. Note the dead leaves on the mango trees in the picture to the left. We lost several fruit trees during the drought.

Due to changes in the public school curriculum, we are reconsidering how we should write the Banna language. We posted some verses from the Banna New Testament on the church walls, using the English alphabet instead of the Amharic syllabery. The young people were delighted. We may need to print the New Testament in both scripts as the older people do not know the English alphabet. Please pray for wisdom in these important decisions. Only Hebrews and Revelation remain to be revised and consultant-checked. Praise God!



I leave Addis Ababa July 4<sup>th</sup> and arrive in southern Washington the evening of July 13<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to thank you in person for your partnership. Here is my schedule. Please let me know if you would like to add to it:

- July 17<sup>th</sup> First Church of God, Longview, WA
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Clover Valley Community Church, Woodland, WA
- July 31<sup>st</sup> United Evangelical Free Church, Seattle, WA
- Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Bethel Community Church, Washougal, WA
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Evangelical Free Church, La Center, WA
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Faith Community Church, Fillmore, CA (morning)
- Sovereign Grace Bible Church, Redondo Beach, CA (evening)
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Peoples Church, Fresno, CA (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School)

Gratefully,

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