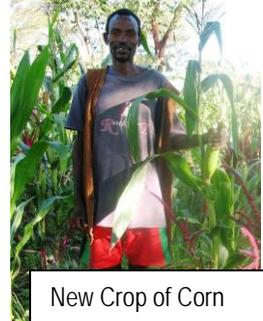


*"God is the One who gives seed to the farmer and bread for food. He will give you all the seed you need and make it grow so there will be a great harvest from your goodness."*  
2 Corinthians 9:10 (New Century Version)

What a precious promise as I begin a new term of ministry in Ethiopia. On my way here, I met two couples in Frankfurt (Baliskys and Winslows) who had ministered with SIM in Ethiopia some years ago. We were all on the same flight to Addis Ababa and arrived with all of our luggage. Praise God!

While in Addis Ababa, I worked with the Kafa translation team to check their translation of 2 Samuel. As always, they had done an excellent job. We realized afterward that we have not yet checked 1 Samuel, so I am preparing questions for that now.

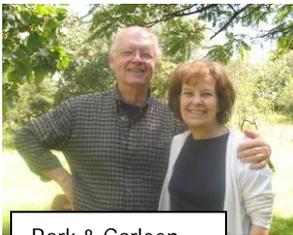
Having heard that the Banna lost their crops because the rains stopped in early June, I bought extra flour in Addis Ababa thinking I would not be able to get it in Alduba. As we traveled south, I saw green fields with crops of corn and sorghum at various stages of growth. When we arrived in Alduba, I found the Banna people eating the first fruits of their new crop of corn! Some weeks after the first crops dried up, the rains started again and have continued until now. Praise God! (And please pray for sun so that the crops can dry enough to be harvested and stored.)



New Crop of Corn

Other items for praise:

- Three different computer experts who helped me get my computer programs working properly;
- Ability to send and receive email, even in Alduba. I still need to limit size and quantity of communications, but most of the time I can access my email. Please forgive me for not trying to access the Internet for other things. What you can do in 2 minutes would take me at least a half hour, and that doesn't seem like good stewardship of my time.



Bark & Carleen

- Reviewers, who have now checked all of the Banna New Testament except Hebrews and Revelation, which are not ready for them yet;
- Graciousness on the part of my colleagues as I transition back into life here. (Being a routine person, I find the change of time, location, language, and culture challenging.)
- Bark and Carleen Fahnstock, SIM retirees who have joined me in Alduba for six months while the Cox family goes to the USA for home assignment.

Prayer Requests:

- God's anointing as we work on the Banna translation of Hebrews and Revelation; we hope to complete these books by the end of the year.
- Godly, honest relationships that are mutually supportive, so that others will know that we are truly disciples of Jesus Christ (John 13:35);
- Effective outreach among the people groups in southwest Ethiopia who have had little exposure to the Good News up to now.



This will probably be my only opportunity to wish you a joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas. May we take time to truly worship the One who gave His only Son in order to bring us into His family, and who graciously provides us with all the abundance that we enjoy.

Abundantly blessed,

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