



Waaday & Carolyn at church

www.carolynford.org
January 2012

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise." Hebrews 10:23 (New Living Translation)

Praise God for enabling us to complete the consultant check of Hebrews and Revelation mid-December as we had hoped. Now we are doing the final checks on the whole Banna New Testament. Checking for consistency in the translation of key terms (like faith, hope, righteousness, Gospel, ...) is taking much more time than I expected. Please pray for wisdom and good progress in this task.

The reviewers have met with us twice and checked our translation of Hebrews and the first three chapters of Revelation. We were especially grateful that Muga, a Banna church leader studying at the Evangelical Theological College in Addis Ababa, took one day to work with us during his Christmas break. As a result, we have found a more natural way to express "hope" in the Banna language. It has taken some time to find and revise all the passages referring to hope. I never realized before how often it is referred to in the New Testament! The hope of the Gospel is the only real hope available to us. All other hope is merely wishful thinking.



Banna Translator Ayke's Three Youngest with Bark



Gathering to watch the Jesus Video in Banna

Most people lost their sorghum crop due to excessive rain, but there was a good crop of corn. Praise God with me for answered prayer concerning the needed rain, and thank you for praying.

The Jesus Video in the Banna language was shown publicly for the first time the evening of January 7th (Ethiopian Christmas). The next day, a young man approached the church elders, ready to put his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who suffered so much to bring us hope. Praise God! Please pray for his spiritual growth.

Special thanks to all of you who sent cards, letters and emails during the Christmas season. I read and appreciate every communication that comes. I feel badly that I am not able to respond as promptly as I would like. With no post office where I live, I must wait until someone comes through who can mail things in Addis Ababa for me. Letters I had written in November & December will be mailed toward the end of January. Some of my email messages seem not to be reaching their destination. Please know that I deeply appreciate each of you, even if you don't hear from me personally.



Christmas dinner with friends in Alduba

With unwavering hope,

Carolyn Ford

SIM USA, PO Box 7900, Charlotte NC 28241-7900