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"They will look up to heaven and down at the earth, but wherever they look, there will be trouble and anguish and dark despair. ... Nevertheless the time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. ... For a child is born to us ..."
Isaiah 8:21c - 9:1a,6a

The mourning over the death of Ethiopia's Prime Minister and the accompanying concern for the future have prompted me to think more about the fragility of life and peace. Isaiah goes on to say that this Child who is to be born will rule with justice and peace forever. The Child has come. He has conquered the darkness. He has given us Life. How grateful I am for the passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies who is making this happen! (Is. 9:7)

Praise God for a healthy baby born to Kafa translator Matewos and family. They named him Kindness. He has three older sisters, Grace, Mercy, and Love.



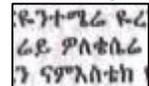
Kindness & Mom

Praise God also for good progress on the checking of the Kafa Old Testament translation. Since July we have completed the checking of 2 Chronicles, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets. This brings us to 60% of the Old Testament.



Ayke & Getu

Please continue to pray for wisdom concerning orthography (writing system) and typesetting for the Banna New Testament. I have heard that there is some disagreement regarding whether to use Latin script (like our English alphabet) or Saaba script (traditional Ethiopian characters as shown at right below). Praise God for bringing Banna translators Ayke and Getu to work with me September 17-21. We got the Banna New Testament into as final a form as possible in view of the orthography questions and even had time to (barely) begin working on Genesis. I long to see this project completed and the Banna Scriptures in the hands of the Banna people.



Kafa translator Gezahegn and family invited me to celebrated Ethiopian New Year's Day with them on September 11th. We praised God together for bringing them through the dark despair of the previous year, when they lost their only son and Gezahegn's wife also came very close to death. He has brought them into a time of joy, with good health and a beautiful baby girl, now 4 months old.



Gezahegn & wife & Kafa friends

Prayer Requests:

- Continued good progress in checking the Kafa Old Testament translation
- Wisdom concerning when to send the Banna New Testament for typesetting
- Health, strength, and God's anointing for both translation teams
- Continued peace in Ethiopia, and that many more will come to know the Lord Jesus personally

I thank God for each of you who partners with us. God works in answer to your prayers, and He provides for us and the ministry through your gifts. May He bless you with His immeasurable riches.

Blessed to be His,

Carolyn Ford