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"And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17

I knew that "Epiphany" meant "appearance" or "manifestation", and I knew that in Ethiopia the holiday was called "Timket", which means "baptism". It wasn't until we celebrated the holiday (Well, the Orthodox Church celebrated and I took lots of photos!) on January 19th that I finally connected the two titles. The voice of God from heaven at Jesus baptism was the first really public announcement of Jesus' relationship with His Father, so one could say that was His appearance as the long-awaited Messiah – Good News, not only for the Jews but for all people (Luke 2,10-11).

Praise God for successful completion of the consultant check of Kafa Isaiah.

Kafa translator Matewos has submitted his transcripts for evaluation, the first step toward getting further training to be come a translation consultant. He is currently preparing to take the English exam (TOEFL) needed for acceptance into post-graduate study. Please pray for good concentration and increased confidence. He is very capable, but undertaking graduate study in his third language will be challenging.



Matewos & Gezahegn



Ayke & son in front of my apartment

Banna translators Getu and Ayke are back in their home area. We did complete a revision of Banna Genesis, but as I go through it again I am finding more that needs to be corrected. Communication continues to be a challenge. Please pray for the phones to work and the translators to be available for discussing these things. Once we have Genesis in good order, I plan to push hard for typesetting and publishing. It would be a great encouragement to me to have the Banna Scriptures in hand before my visa expires in September.

Praise God for the safe arrival of Timothy, born to my niece Christina and husband James on December 21st. Here he is with Mom and Dad and big sisters. My oldest nephew David and wife Michelle expect their ninth child in February. I value your prayers for God's protection for all these children and parents, and that they will become the people He created them to be, for His glory.



Prayer Requests:

- Continued good progress in checking the Kafa Old Testament translation
- Wisdom and God's provision for Kafa translator Matewos to train as a translation consultant
- Completion of Genesis so it can be published along with the Banna New Testament
- Wisdom concerning when to send the Banna New Testament and Genesis for typesetting
- Health, strength, and God's anointing for both translation teams

I was blessed by greetings from many of you at Christmas, and I am blessed all year round by your faithful prayers and support. Thank you!

Looking forward to His next Epiphany,

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