



Carolyn with grandniece Annika

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*"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*  
Philippians 4:19 NLT

At this point in my life, the needs seem overwhelming; but God's glorious riches are greater by far. I am so thankful for His provision for all my needs through 41 years of ministry with SIM. Over the past several weeks I have been blessed by visits with family, friends, and supporters. In the churches where I share, I am encouraged to meet people who are truly seeking a closer walk with our Lord and a deeper involvement in His kingdom work. Thank you to all who have offered hospitality, encouragement, and practical support. You are very much a part of the team.



Friend Ruth who went with me to California & friends Zoe, Edith & Andy

Banna translators Getu and Ayke were delighted with the proof of Banna Matthew typeset in Latin script. They said, "This is perfect. We don't want to change anything. Send the rest of the New Testament immediately!" That was in late August. A few days ago, I requested an update from Bruce and Betty Adams, who are doing the typesetting. They replied, "Due to 'crashes' of our two typesetting programs, the typesetting of the Banna New Testament has been delayed. Now that the programs are up and running, Matthew has been typeset and Mark is nearing completion. Pray that the typesetting will forge ahead without further problems."



Mat & Gus with daughter "Praise"

Kafa translator Mat (Mattewos - No one can pronounce their real names so I am giving them nicknames.) continues to study for his Master's in Biblical Translation by distance education. He finds the courses valuable but labor-intensive. Praise God that Fekadu, a Kafa Christian who has been helping us in other ways, is now also helping with revision of Kafa Psalms.

Gus (Gezahegn) has lost a lot of weight since being diagnosed with liver cancer. Sometime in October he attended an all-night prayer meeting, where someone prayed for him. Since then, he has been able to eat well (but is still very thin) and sleep well.

He told me he can even lie on his right side, which he had not done in 3 months. Praise God for this encouragement, and please continue to pray for healing. Gus will have another CT scan at the end of November.

The Ethiopian Consulate in Los Angeles granted me a 6-month business visa instead of the 2 years I had asked for. They said a change in policy prevents the issuing of business visas for more than 6 months. Please pray with me that God will make clear how I should proceed. I expect to return to Ethiopia, leaving from here December 15<sup>th</sup> as planned. I would rather not have to make another trip to the USA next May to get a new visa. I know God has a plan – the best plan – and I want to follow that. I need His clear direction.

Prayer Requests:

- For Betty Adams as she typesets the Banna New Testament in two scripts, and that the programs will work well with no more "crashes".
- That God will provide two literate Banna people to proofread the New Testament with me when the typesetting is completed. We may bring them to Addis where other business doesn't take priority.
- For Mat as he studies full time, cares for his family of 6, and continues work on the Kafa Old Testament.
- For God's healing for Gus and His provision for the whole family. (Special thanks to those who have given to help with the cost of his medical care.)
- For God's direction and provision regarding my visa situation.
- For me to persevere with a thankful heart in my walk with God and in the ministries He has given me. This requires sensitivity to the needs of those in my sphere of influence and a caring heart that gently but boldly reaches out to help them reach up.

Thank you for your part in all of this by your prayers, support, and encouragement.

I wish you a holiday season filled with gratitude for the riches God has given us in Christ Jesus, without whom we would still be outsiders, without God and without hope (Ephesians 2:11-13).

Rejoicing in the Giver,

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