



Carolyn & friend Jean

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*"Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."* 2 Cor. 1:9

God carried me as I returned to Ethiopia in mid-December, even moving someone to call me back when I left my purse containing my passport and \$1500 at the airport security check point.

I carried something more valuable than that – an electronic copy of the typeset Banna New Testament in Latin script! Praise God for enabling Betty Adams to complete it. We are currently proofreading this and making some corrections. Lord willing, Banna translators Getu and Ayke will come to Addis Ababa to look at it with me later this month.

Gus (Gezahegn) is currently in his home area visiting his parents and extended family. His wife and children are with him. The doctors have told him that nothing more can be done for him medically; this is certainly a sentence of death.



Gus with 19-month-old daughter Misgana December 19, 2013

Tomorrow SIM Ethiopia staff and missionaries will fast and pray together for Gus. We know God has the power to heal him from liver cancer. He hears our prayers and will do what is best.



Mat (left) at AIU

Kafa translator Mat (Mattewos) is at Africa International University in Kenya for his second resident course. When he returns February 7<sup>th</sup>, we hope to continue the consultant check of Kafa Psalms.

Praise God with me for:

- o Completion of the typeset proofs of the Banna New Testament in Latin script.
- o God's blessing on my time in the US and His undertaking for my return to Ethiopia.
- o Mat, who is thriving in his studies to become a Bible translation consultant.
- o Continued progress in the checking of the Kafa Old Testament.
- o Baby Charlie, born to nephew Matthew and wife Mariya December 20<sup>th</sup>. His brother Titus, 15 months old, still needs our prayers for God's healing from digestive problems that keep his skin in a state of rawness and itching. His sister Faith, 3 years old this month, is doing well.

Please pray for:

- o The proofreading and correcting of the typeset Banna New Testament in Latin script.
- o Betty Adams as she works to typeset the Banna New Testament in Saaba script. Because the two scripts are so different, this is not straight-forward.
- o Mat as he studies, cares for his family of six, and works on the Kafa Old Testament.
- o God's healing and provision for Gus & family.
- o Fekadu as he helps us check the four remaining books of the Kafa Old Testament.
- o God's direction & provision regarding my visa situation. My current visa expires mid-May.

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

Relying on God,

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