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*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Quilt Ruth Dillon  
made for my bed



On the morning of December 15<sup>th</sup> Kafa Project Manager Matt and I agreed (via Skype) that I should return to Ethiopia by early June, staying 5 ½ months to complete the consultant check of Song of Solomon and Jeremiah. That afternoon I received word that 6-month business visas are now available only to financial investors. The visa available to me would be for one month, starting from the date of issue. That means I would actually have only 2 ½ or 3 weeks in Ethiopia. At that rate, at least 10 more trips would be required for checking the remaining 3 books of the Kafa Bible. Please pray with me that the Lord will change the visa policy so that I can return for at least 2 or 3 months at a time.

I aimed to be "settled" in my home in Sebring by early February. Soon after I moved into my house here on November 15<sup>th</sup>, I discovered mold in the lower kitchen cabinets. I fought it for a month, but the mold was winning. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the decision was made to move me out of my house, rip out the kitchen cabinets and vinyl flooring, clean up the mold underneath, and put in new drywall, cabinets, and flooring. With much appreciated help, I repacked what I had unpacked and moved to an apartment nearby on January 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to move back into my house on February 4<sup>th</sup>. *Praise God for all who have worked on the remodeling!*

No, I am not settled. It seems like every time I turn around there is another major decision to make, another form to fill out, another phone call required (the kind where you talk to a machine and wait 45 minutes or more to talk with a representative, who tells you that you must call a different number or have more information before your issue can be dealt with). This leaves me feeling exhausted and overwhelmed. So I need to be reminded of the command quoted at the top of the letter.

*Reasons to give thanks:* The Banna New Testaments are to be shipped on about February 15<sup>th</sup> and should arrive in Djibouti on about April 10<sup>th</sup>. Praise God! Please pray for the safe arrival of the New Testaments in Djibouti, that they will be obtained quickly without extra storage charges and cleared easily with reasonable import charges. Pray that they will reach the Banna people in excellent condition and be received and read with eagerness. The dedication is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope I can be there. I'd like all of you to be there. What matters is that God's Spirit will be there working in hearts.



It is such a joy to speak with Matt via Skype, on average once a week. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, all 3 Kafa translators (Matt, Teka, and Fekadu) were there for the Skype call, along with Yakob, an editor who has helped develop the current Kafa orthography used in the schools. We discussed spelling issues, which may seem like a small thing, but these men always encourage me by their unity and commitment to getting God's Word into the heart language of the Kafa people.

They are also preparing a diglot (Kafa in one column and English in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column) of Genesis. Kurt Michler (former team leader now living in Wisconsin) will typeset it for us. This will help us all understand better how to go about preparing the whole Kafa Bible to be printed, and we trust it will encourage Kafa young people to read God's Word in their heart language as they study English.

I have talked with Abby on Skype once. Teka keeps me updated, and she and her family are doing well. Please keep praying that the condo the Lord has for her will become available at the right time.

Joyfully, prayerfully giving thanks,

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Teka took this photo at Matt's house – Abby & family on left, Teka's wife in gold, Fekadu behind me, Matt on right with his 2 youngest

