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"If ... I announce that a nation ... is to be ... destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ... Now, therefore, say to the people, ... So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.' But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; each of us will follow the stubbornness of his evil heart.' " Jeremiah 18:7-12



SIM staff rejoice in the arrival of the Banna New Testaments

I want to submit to God's plan. After prayerfully trying every way I could think of to get a longer visa, I came to Ethiopia on a 30-day visa, arriving July 8th. Because the 30 days are counted from the time the visa is stamped in my passport, it expired July 25th. On July 24th, I applied for and received a 30-day extension to that visa. Praise God! Praise Him also that the Banna New Testaments did arrive in Addis Ababa in June. I'll be traveling to the Banna area for the dedication, scheduled for August 7-9.



Fekadu, Matt, Teka

Praise God for completion of the consultant check of Song of Solomon with the Kafa translation team. With all the unfamiliar imagery and hidden meanings in the text, this is the most difficult book I have worked on. We learned so much in the process. Now we are checking Jeremiah. The resemblance between the people of Judah in Jeremiah's time and the people of the USA in our time is striking. May we, like Jeremiah, choose to stand for the truth regardless of the cost. For an excellent, Scripture-based message on marriage please go to <http://www.fbsebring.com/listen-online> and listen to the sermon of Sunday morning, July 5th.

Please pray:

- for safe travel to and from the Banna area, that God will be glorified in the dedication activities, and that the Banna New Testaments will be received and read with eagerness;
- for Kurt Michler typesetting the Genesis diglot (Kafa in one column and English in the other);
- for God's enabling to complete the consultant check of Kafa Jeremiah accurately;
- for Kafa Translator Matt and family as they adjust to a new home, new neighborhood, and new school after moving closer to the Kafa Linguistics office where Matt and the team work.

I visited Gus' widow Abby & family in their rented home in July. Praise God that Abby's brother is now living with them. He is working at a cement factory close by. He is a great help to Abby, and the children relate to him well. Challenges abound, but God is meeting their needs in answer to our prayers. Please do continue to pray for the whole family.

I hope to visit churches and individual supporters soon after I return from Ethiopia.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Trusting and following God's plan,

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Abby (center) with sister, brother, and daughters

Special thanks to my nephew Matthew Farnell for updating my website. I will try to keep the "blog" updated with the latest news.