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"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

Despite all the distractions of the Christmas season, the Lord enabled me to complete the CARLA draft of Luke's Gospel in the Banna language. I was so pleased to send it by email to colleague Donna Clawson on December 29th, only to learn the following week that she had not received it. I sent it again, and she did receive it. Praise God for the possibility of email contact, and please pray that He will cause it to really work!

Mother continues in generally good health, for which we are both grateful. She is still the prettiest lady I know. This photo was taken on Christmas Day.

I leave for Ethiopia February 8th. I appreciate, as always, prayer for Mother's needs to be met while I am away.

Two days after arriving in Addis Ababa, I will travel to Alduba to work with the Banna team from Feb. 12th to March 5th. I am eager to learn how the literacy effort is doing, and to see if David has resolved the issues that were keeping him from effective ministry (see my October 2nd letter).

Lord willing, I will also meet with the Aari church leaders. Please continue to pray that we will work out a plan to share the responsibility for a literacy effort among the Aari. I am reluctant to proceed further without their active participation.



On March 5th, Aari translators Duba, Fikadu and I will fly back to Addis Ababa. We hope to finish the translation of Joshua and Judges. Pray for wisdom in deciding which book to work on next.

As you celebrate Easter on March 27th, I will board a plane for my return home (almost midnight in Addis Ababa, but about 11 a.m. in the western U.S.A.). Please pray that I will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in talking with people I meet along the way.

Donna, Fikadu, Getu, Duba, Ayke

The Banna and Aari team members (photo above) enjoyed sharing devotions each morning last September - a small foretaste of the joy we'll have in heaven worshipping God with our brothers and sisters from every tribe and language and people and nation. Thank you for your part in the ministry.

Gratefully,

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