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*“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Mago, who works for me a few hours each Saturday, had just baked injera (Ethiopian bread) when Rooro came to ask for something to eat. (Rooro lost most of one leg when he was bitten by a snake some years ago. Now he was doing some gardening for the Banna Church, which owns the property where I live and work.) I worried aloud to Mago, “I have food I can give him today, but will he expect me to feed him every day?” Mago replied, “If you have it today, give it today.” So I added some stew to part of the freshly baked injera, and Rooro received it gratefully. There was still plenty for Donna Clawson and me to eat for our lunch. Thank you for praying for me as I strive to be intentional in my daily life to walk as Jesus did – seeking the good of others above my own comfort. I need to grow in generosity.



Mago baking injera

Alduba has been suffering drought, along with much of the rest of southern Ethiopia. It rained the day Donna and I arrived. Since then the people planted corn for the third time this year. The first two crops failed. We pray for rain constantly so that the corn crop can survive. It has been a week since the last rain.



Alduba Church Children's choir

We also pray for God's Word to take root and bear fruit in the lives of the Banna believers. In October we completed a consultant check of Philippians and were blessed by our time studying that book. Then we began going through the synoptic Gospels to resolve various issues raised by the review committee, a group of Banna Christians who read (edit) our translation and offer advice about the best wording to use. Though a literacy program has been started several times, it has never progressed to the point of producing new readers. The last two literacy efforts were cut short by drought because the people had to take their

cattle further from home to find pasture and water. We realize that their inability to read God's Word for themselves makes them vulnerable to false teaching, spiritual apathy, and allegiance to manmade rules.

Praise God for:

- the good relationship Donna & I have with each other and with translators Getu & Ayke
- the way God spoke to each team member through His Word as we did the consultant check of Philippians
- the good messages from God's Word that are given most every Sunday in the Alduba Church
- the rain God has sent so that the corn planted in October is still growing

Please pray with me for:

- an effective Banna literacy program that will keep going
- health for the Banna translation team and our families (We seem to take turns being sick.)
- God's enabling for me as I consultant-check the Banna Scriptures
- the Kafa team as they continue to work on translating the Old Testament in Addis Ababa without an adviser on site
- adequate rain so the corn can ripen and cattle can find pasture



Getu & 2 station guards at monthly SIM prayer meeting



Ayke, a station guard, & Donna

Thanking God for you,

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