



Carolyn with neighbor & friend Tabby Cox

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*“He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecclesiastes 3:10b*

As I read through the Banna and Kafa translations in preparation for consultant checks, I am often overwhelmed with emotion at the beauty and wonder of God’s dealings with the human race. How is it that He blessed me with this privilege of spending so much time in His Word? The more I study it, the more precious it becomes because I see more and more clearly the lengths He went to in revealing Himself to us, inviting us into relationship with Himself. And I wonder why our hearts are so hard, why we are so easily distracted and attracted by this world’s trinkets and frivolity. I’ve heard that people who do not eat for a long time lose their desire for food, and then they die of starvation. It seems to me that many who claim to be Christians are starving spiritually, having lost their appetite for the things of God. I pray for an outpouring of His Spirit to awaken our hunger.

Thank you for praying for Garsho. He comes to our monthly “day of prayer” meetings, listens to the devotional, and sings the songs of praise. He reads various booklets that Getu and others give him. But he is not yet ready to make a commitment to follow Christ. He says, “I don’t want to be like so many who make a profession of faith and then fall away.” Many do seem to have a hard time hanging in for the long haul. I blame it on lack of spiritual nourishment because they can’t or won’t read God’s Word for themselves, so they rely on one spiritual meal per week to keep them alive. This month we are recording the script of the Jesus video in the Banna language, which is taken from Luke’s Gospel. We pray that God will use it to bring deeper understanding to a non-reading people, and also to motivate them to learn to read.



Feasting

We have started the consultant check of Acts in Banna but will probably not get back to it until sometime in April because I will spend 3 weeks in Addis Ababa doing a consultant check of Kafa Genesis March 22 through April 9. Please pray that our time together will result in an even better translation of this important book.



Banna Translator Getu’s mother with Lily Cox

I’ve been very frustrated by the challenges of communication from Alduba, where I live among the Banna people. There is no post office, so I can only send letters when someone is going to Addis Ababa (about once every 3 months). We have the potential to send and receive email via two-way radio, but for almost the entire month of February the emails we sent were treated as SPAM by our server in the US, so they never reached the intended recipients. Since we didn’t get a notice that they had not arrived, it took us a long time to realize people were not hearing from us. Please know that I value your communications and do my very best to communicate with you. Please pray that God will provide a more reliable system for sending and receiving email. Special thanks to those of you who haven’t given up, and to those who pray even when you don’t hear from me. I value your partnership so much!

With eternity in my heart,

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