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*"Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.'" John 14:23 (NIV)*

I have receive the translation of Exodus from the Kafa team and am now prepared to do the consultant check with them. I also have their translation of Deuteronomy to work on. I finished the consultant check of Mark with the Banna team in August, and we are working on the consultant check of John. John is probably my favorite book – simple words, deep truths that become more precious each time we dig into them. I shared with the Banna team how as a young girl I had rejoiced to discover the promise of John 14:23 quoted above. It is my prayer that more of the Banna believers will experience the truth of this promise. We have also completed the reconciling of parallel passages in the Gospels. Praise God, and thank you for praying!

The reading from the Gospel of Mark in Banna at the beginning of each Sunday worship service is generating good discussion. I am excited to see some of the people really engaging with the Scriptures in their heart language. Some of our church leaders have been invited to a "Scripture in Use" workshop September 20-24, and we are praying that they will attend and catch a vision for helping their people become knowledgable in the Word.



Donna at a church celebration



Got milk? Neighbor Jack (right) with friend Leah

Getu, Ayke and I plan to go to Addis Ababa in late October to learn a computer program called Paratext, which we want to use in preparing the Banna Scriptures for publication. Donna took the training last June and found it very helpful. Since she plans to retire in the middle of next year, the rest of us need to be able to work with that program as well. After the training, the men will return to Alduba while I spend a few weeks with the Kafa team. Please pray that we will be able to complete the consultant check of Exodus. If there is time we will also begin the check of Deuteronomy.

While in Addis, I hope to obtain a different kind of visa that can be renewed in Ethiopia. The visa I have now expires in July 2011, and I will need to return to the USA to get a new one. Even though I would very much like to see all of you, it seems to me better stewardship of finances, time, and energy if I am able to stay until at least August 2012. Please pray for the Lord's direction and provision in this matter.

We have not had enough rain for people to plant a second crop of corn, but the Banna people are still hopeful. Meanwhile we have had an abundance of fresh fruit available (bananas, mango, papaya), and we praise God for His blessing.

I also praise Him for you who partner with me by your prayers and support. I know that many of you are giving sacrificially to enable me to continue in ministry. May God bless you abundantly and make me a faithful steward of all He has entrusted to me.



Ayke (right) was honored for his example and hard work contributing to local community development. Getu is holding the radio he received in appreciation for his efforts.

Rejoicing in Him,

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