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*"The LORD Almighty has sworn an oath: 'What I have planned will happen. What I have determined to do will be done.'"* Isaiah 14:24 TEV

I was ready to give up on trying to get Banna Genesis revised to include with the Banna New Testament. It seemed like neither the translators nor the reviewers were interested enough to put forth the effort required to make it a good translation. I thought, "If I am the only one who wants it, maybe it isn't practical to keep pushing." That was Thursday. On Friday mornings, our SIM employees meet together for "chapel hour". They have told me I am welcome, so I generally attend. That Friday morning in chapel, one of our employees brought a message on God's commitment to finish what He starts. He quoted Isaiah 14:24, and I was reminded that ultimately it isn't a question of what people want but what God wants. We had started working on Genesis in Banna because we believed God wanted it. If He does, it will still happen. Whether it will be published with the New Testament only He knows.

Meanwhile I have been communicating to many people my desire to publish the Banna New Testament sooner rather than later. We have waited since last April for a decision regarding the script to be used for Banna textbooks. No decision appears to be forthcoming. I am suggesting that we publish a limited number of New Testaments in both of the scripts being considered. This will accommodate older readers who are used to the traditional script, and younger readers who prefer the English alphabet script. I hope that as the New Testament is used, the issues concerning the script can be resolved.



Praise God for the safe arrival of Josiah, born February 25<sup>th</sup>, into the loving family of my nephew David and wife Michelle. He is number nine and will not lack for people to cuddle him.



I had asked you to pray for Kafa translator Mattewos as he prepared to take the English exam needed for acceptance into post-graduate study. A few weeks ago we learned about a university in Nairobi, Kenya, that offers a Master's Degree in Translation. A large part of the program is by distance education. It seems ideal for Mattewos, and they will not require him to take the English exam since he did his Bachelor's Degrees in English. Praise God! We are especially excited that Mattewos needs to be involved in a translation project as part of his course requirement, so his university studies will enhance rather than hinder his work on the Kafa Bible.

### Prayer Requests:

- That God will move Banna translators and reviewers to complete their work on Genesis.
- That God will bring about the typesetting and publishing of the Banna New Testament (and Genesis) at the right time, with the right script(s).
- Health for Kafa translators Gezahegn and Mattewos.
- Continued good progress in checking the Kafa Old Testament translation.
- That God will carry Mattewos through the training for becoming a Bible translation consultant and give him an open door to minister in that capacity.

Thank you so much for wrestling along with me in prayer for the fulfilment of God's plan, and thanks to those of you who are investing in the ministries He has given me. Let's trust Him for much lasting fruit.

Confident in His plan,

Carolyn Ford



Neighbors visit Carolyn