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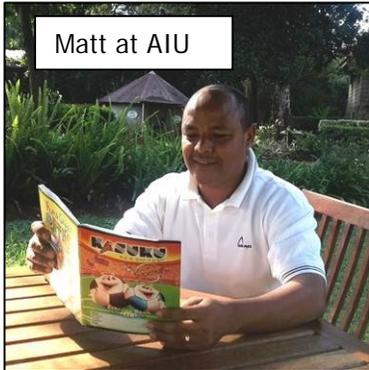


In my home, dinner with friends

USA

"I will ... praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word." Psalm 138:2

Because God has exalted His name and His word above all things, He brought the Banna New Testaments safely to Djibouti March 31st. SIM Support Services informed me in April that they were in the process of paying the customs (about \$1800 US). Since then, there has been no response to my inquiries. I infer that the New Testaments are still at the dry port inside Ethiopia. We will doubtless be charged for storage. Please pray with me that the process will be completed soon. Pray that the New Testaments will reach the Banna people in excellent condition and be received and read with eagerness. The dedication is still planned for August 8th.



Matt at AIU

Praise God that Kafa Translator Matt has now completed his course work for his Master's in Biblical Translation. Please continue to pray for him as he writes his thesis assessing the strengths and weaknesses of two Kafa dialects: the one used for the New Testament, which was published fifteen years ago, and the one used currently in the Kafa area schools. He will also assess the causes hindering the distribution of the Kafa New Testament in the past ten years and give suggestions for measures the translation team and church leaders should take to ensure effective distribution and use of the full Bible when it is published. Please pray for Kurt Michler as he typesets Genesis in diglot form (Kafa in one column and English in one column).

Praise God for enabling me to finish preparing for the consultant check of Kafa Jeremiah through chapter 29. Pray for Teka as he works on back-translating the remaining chapters. He is beginning a distance education course for his Master's and needs God's strength to work full-time on the Kafa Bible, study full-time, minister on weekends, and care for his family.



Teka

Praise God for peaceful elections in Ethiopia on May 24th. I am assured that I can get the available one-month business visa extended for 30 days, and maybe for additional days. It will be expensive (\$60 for the original visa, \$125 for the 30-day extension, \$150 for the additional 15-day extension, and \$175 for the final 10-day extension). Add it all together and it still costs less than a second trip to Ethiopia, so I plan to go sometime in July and stay as long as possible.

I hope to visit churches and individual supporters soon after I return from Ethiopia. On May 19th I wrote in my journal, "I finished reading my journals from last term without finding much I want to share. It was a difficult, stressful term filled with problems, tragedies, and pain. But You were there, Lord, and You carried us through it. Please inspire me with what You want me to share with churches." On May 22nd, He enabled me to list several events and insights I want to share with you. Our God is still amazing after all these years, and so gracious!

I have no new information from Gus' widow Abby. Let's continue to pray for her needs to be met.

Thank you for your continued partnership. May God multiply the returns on your investment!

Because He honors His name and His word,

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