

H O R L I N G S'

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

October, 2020

O Greetings to you from our house!

M *At last* we can report that the Ajamin Hausa Bible is off to the printers! *Thank you, thank you* for all your prayers

E for this project! Even though the colors are not exactly correct, from the picture here you can get an idea of how beautiful this book will be.

L This is *Genesis 1:1-5*.

In this tradition, names of God are always printed in red. This, together with the decorative cartouches, the “holy script” and traditional names for the sections of the Book, such as “Torah, Prophets, Psalms and Injil (for New Testament)” will make it acceptable for our target audience. In addition, because this looks like a “holy book”, those reading it will not immediately be suspected of reading “apostate” material.



N One more interesting tidbit: People all over the world who follow the religion of our target audience believe that Christians have hidden the true Old Testament. But in West Africa they believe that when *at last* we bring it back it will have a red edge. So this Bible will have a red edge.

E Please *pray* that this will book be printed properly—no mirror images or other problems. Please *pray* for the shipping details, for importation procedures and for effective distribution. This will be made more difficult because of the nature of the book as well as the desperate economic circumstances of a large majority of the population. Most copies will have to be purchased by others and given away.

S The Lord continues to call many to himself, especially in the context of economic collapse and political and religious unrest. Give *thanks* for that! Continue to *pray* for those who disciple new MBB's, praying especially that MBB's will learn to live in the security of the Lord's love, and not just learn a new set of rules to govern their lives. *Pray* for spiritual protection.

Some years ago we visited a remote village in the north; they had never seen a white person and the women and children were so afraid that their first reaction was to run away. In this place there were three new believers, but no one to disciple; they feel quite abandoned. This month we heard the sad news that one has gone back to become a witch doctor; one has been paid by other religious leaders to become a M preacher. One has remained faithful to the extent that he can without support. *Pray* that the Lord will send

evangelists to such places and that they will be able to go with the new Ajami Bible!

In April we asked you to *pray* for little B. Please continue to do that. Not only is he still deaf, but also his step mother continues to treat him very badly in spite of the efforts of the discipler and others around him to help her learn to show him love. *Pray* that the Lord will touch her heart. *Pray* that there will be an open door for him to receive some education in sign language, etc. and **at last** he will be able to learn to know the unconditional love of the Saviour.

After we left Nigeria, a mission friend and colleague took up some of the work of looking after MBB's in addition to her other work in Jos. However, she has now moved back to Canada. *Thank* the Lord for her faithful Service and the many lives she has blessed, but especially as regarding these special people in our lives. *Pray* for those who will take over her role. Please *pray* for the MBB's as they adjust to this new reality—*pray* that they will do more to support each other in dependence on the Lord.

We trust that you are doing well in this season of COVID restrictions and uncertainties. We *thank* the Lord for good health and for a great community here, as well as the grace to remain *thankful* even though we cannot travel to visit our children who live far away. We are very grateful that we are able to visit Sara and her family in a park at the border, colder weather notwithstanding. This week we look forward to Bryan and Erika's family coming to share these park visits!

Please continue to *pray* that the Lord will prepare hearts to read and receive his love, and that together all of our lives will be transformed so that when Christ comes **at last** we will bring joy to his heart.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the Gospel,
Andy and Linda

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