

HOWe THINGS ARE... *Ministry News from Sheryl Nelson*
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All things work together for good... even unjust imprisonment...

Almost all Karama* people (in East Africa) follow another major world religion. Karama who choose to follow Jesus face persecution.

Kebbede is the Karama translation team leader. The team had only just finished translating the book of Genesis when Kebbede was arrested and then imprisoned. The suspicion is that his imprisonment served a political purpose. (...what others meant for evil...) While in prison, Kebbede shared his recently translated copy of Genesis with fellow prisoners. Groups gathered to listen as he read out loud. He also organized a fellowship time with other Christians for prayer, Bible study, and singing. As a result five people accepted Christ as Savior, including Amendi who had been searching for a long time for how she might be saved. Praise God Kebbede is out of prison now. Pray for Karama churches currently closed because of ongoing unrest and for the other members of the team, especially now after they have been distributing the book of Genesis.



I'm grateful to be able to participate in Bible translation. And one day everyone will have Scripture in their own language! We serve an amazing God who uses all sorts of circumstances and people to draw people to Himself and His free gift of salvation.

For prayer:

- Praise for recovery from a nasty infection (e.Coli) last month, that included a two day hospital stay. Praise for health insurance to cover said hospital stay. I met my out of pocket maximum – unfortunately not until the very last month of the year. However I will meet this year's out of pocket maximum earlier. I have abdominal surgery Thursday, Feb 15..
- Pray for successful surgery and recovery. The plan is two nights in the hospital and then return to work six weeks later (April 1). Praise God that we like my surgeon and that they are very confident that this is benign.
- Pray for my colleagues who will be taking on extra work while I'm out.
- Pray also for additional partners to join with my ministry. I'm ALWAYS in need of people who pray. I currently need an additional \$90 per month. Praise God for faithful partners (current partners and past partners) who've supported my ministry for many years!

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