

Dear Friends,

Our family is having a series of illnesses. We are a bit run-down lately. Since Eliana was born, we've only been home for two week stretches and then out for meetings and shopping and other business items. We are struggling to find time for language learning, while also having to learn some of the new entry things we did not learn because we had no bridge couple, and the man who bridged us was wonderful but VERY overloaded. We have had paperwork galore to do or redo. With all of this, we all got colds. Just when we were beginning to get well, we got flu. I, Ruth, have had only about 4 hrs sleep each of the last four nights. God has been gracious, and I have not been snappish as I usually am when exhausted. I feel a great deal of peace in my Spirit but also a great deal of misery in my body. Joshua had to go (late) to a meeting without me, so I've been home alone with the girls yesterday and today. I think he will come home today though he will miss another day if he does so. He has been ill and has laryngitis, so it's hard to talk with him. Please pray for us. Alitzah seems mostly to have missed the flu. Hannah just got over an ear infection (we suspect), and is still suffering a cold. Eliana is a bit congested, but not like I am. Thank you. Pray for health and rest and for us to be able to catch up on all these business items and to have open ears and minds for language-learning. We love you all.

Ruth for the Barrons