

September 29, 2013

Dear Irobs and all Saaho Speakers all over the world

I send you my heartfelt greetings in God our Merciful and Loving Creator and Father. I am Abba Abraham Hailu from Ethiopia in Irob Region, Northern Ethiopia. For the moment I am in South Africa for studies until the end of October this year. Then I am going back home.

My first Language is Saaho and I am trying my best to animate Saaho Language Studies since 2008.

I would like to thank all of you especially those who have given their money, knowledge, time, energy and valuable advices to me and to those who are working with me throughout the last five years in order to upgrade the scientific study of the Language. My special thanks to Irobs in USA, Canada, Australia and Scandinavian Countries. I do not forget how much financial and moral support you have given us four years ago as we were starting scientific study of the Language and Saaho Radio. Today without you we would not be on this quite a successful stage. Thank God we did it together and now we are proud of the job together.

At the same time there are still unfinished commitments: the issue of writing and publishing the dictionary and grammar for the language. I cannot tell you how difficult and demanding undertaking it is when you have to do it as a part time job. Now writing the dictionary is almost over and is about to be presented for publication in 2014. The grammar, however, will probably be published the year after.

I am still in touch and in consultation with some of you but I lost contacts with most of you because of the inaccessibility of my work places. I apologize to those with whom I did not manage to keep up my relationship.

Now I must again say as I come closer to finishing the dictionary, I am in need of more of your support, especially technical and financial.

1. Technically, within these three months we have to come to consensus conventionally about the names of the dictionary and the grammar book. As we did about the Alphabets and the name of the language five years ago we have to come to a common understanding. So to say
  - A. What shall we call "Saaho Language" in Saaho?
  - B. What shall we call the Dictionary in Saaho Language?
  - C. What shall we call Grammar in Saaho Language?
2. According to the Berhan inna Selam Printing press official calculation in Addis Ababa, the cost of printing one copy of the Dictionary is 10 Dollars. I have a plan of publishing 10,000 copies. The dictionary has 1300 pages. The total cost of 10,000 copies is 100,000 Dollars. I am kindly asking each and every one of you to sponsor the cost of even a single

copy of the dictionary or book. I am so happy that yesterday (September 28, 2013) one of you has already promised to sponsor the printing of 50 copies.

Dear brothers, fathers and sisters, I would like to invite you on a short teleconference to discuss the above two agendas in two weeks' time on **Saturday, October the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013** in the afternoon at **5:00 PM Pretoria Time** or **11 AM EST (DC Time)**.

**The Details of the Teleconference:** Conference Dial-in Number: **+1 661-673-8605**

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With loads of thanks in Advance:

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