



Dear Praying Partners,

In our last letter, we told you that we have scheduled our next furlough. Since that time, our departure date has been looming on the horizon of our calendars! In one sense, it is an exciting date! We are definitely looking forward to returning to Canada to reconnect with our families, friends, and YOU our project partners! On the other hand, it serves as an unforgiving deadline before which we need to complete a lot of work if we are going to end our second term on field well.

Furlough in T-minus three months...

We are officially in countdown mode, and as is the case with many countdowns, we have a checklist of things to do before “liftoff”. Here is a point-form rundown of what we are up against in the next three months.

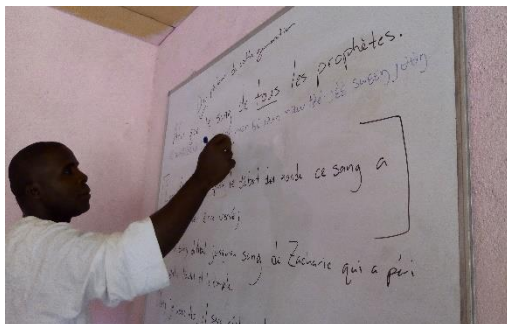
- **Feb 5-9:** Revisers training. We have texts that are ready for community feedback. Martin Weber and Rev. Touka Daniel will travel to Galim to train ~12 Nizaa speakers in how to revise translated texts.
- **Late February:** Nizaa Cultural festival. The Nizaa language centre is hosting a Nizaa Artisans’ Market complete with war shields, traditionally forged hoes, musical instrument, and the like. We are also hoping that Dr. Chris Gassler will be able to come again to work with Nizaa musicians at this time.



Mid-March: two-weeks of a Joint Learning Session for Tobias and Gideon in Yaounde. We attend two of these per year so that our kids get to build relationships with other missionary kids and get to experience a more traditional classroom learning environment.



- **March or April:** The Bible House dedication in Ngaoundere. LBTC has been helping our host church to develop a building that will be consecrated for language project work. We would like to participate in the dedication if possible!



In the “cracks” we will be working to finish our team checking of Luke’s Gospel, working with revisers on revising Luke and a few epistles, getting a few texts ready for a discourse analysis workshop this summer, packing bags, saying goodbyes, etc.

Please pray for all of the work we have to do before leaving, especially the work of training revisers and testing our drafts with them; that God will use these steps to further refine the translation we are working to produce. (February)

Thanksgiving for a house!

While we are working on wrapping up our work on this end of the world, we are also working on getting ready for our upcoming furlough. In early January, God answered our prayers by providing a house for our family to live in while we are in Canada. It is a foreclosure property in Innisfail, Alberta, that we bought at a good price from a bank. Over the next few months, Mike's parents and brother will be working to get it all ready for our arrival in late-April.



Please join us in thanking God for his provision of a house and pray for our transition back to Canada; that God will give us a safe and uneventful trip and enable us to acclimatize back to life in Canada without great difficulty. (April)

Scheduling visits for 2019-2020

Another thing that we have been spending more time working on is getting ready for telling you all the story of what God has been doing through our combined efforts among Nizaa speakers. The LBTC offices in Kitchener are looking for churches and people in the following communities to help us organize speaking events during the visiting phase of our furlough (Sept-April):

- Thunder Bay, ON
- Vancouver Island, BC
- Winnipeg & Roblin, MB
- Regina, SK
- Ottawa, ON & Montreal, QC
- Southern Ontario (April 2020)

If you would like to help LBTC by hosting events in any of these centres, please contact Rev. Ron Mohr at 1 (866) 518-7071 or at pastor.r.mohr@lbtc.ca.

We also hope to visit many of our friends and partners in (and near?) Alberta during the visiting phase of our furlough. If you would like to organize a visit from us, please contact Mike at mkuhn@lbtc.ca.

Please pray already for our furlough; that God will make it possible for us to reconnect with as many of you as possible, and that He will use our time together to strengthen the connection between the Canadian church and the Nizaa translation project. (March)

Christmas in Galim - by Jessie Branson

I've had so many unique and thrilling experiences here, but one really neat occurrence that happened around Christmas time was a service of baptism and confirmation.

It was really different, because around 15 babies were baptized at the same time - it was quite the event. Directly after the baptisms (which were celebrated loudly and exuberantly) there was a mass confirmation as



well... it was so cool to see so many people professing their faith at the same time. However, by far the most exciting moment of the day was when a local Nizaa man, Yaya, was baptized. His life is a testimony to God's greatness, and it was really wonderful to view the way God has been working through Yaya, and also the role the Kuhns' work has been able to play in sharing



the gospel with people like him!

Psalm 150:1 "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"