

Good News for Every Language



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Director's Update

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Dear Friends of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada,



Right from the start, I personally thank each one of you, LBTC prayer supporters and financial supporters. Our Cameroonian partners in ministry are continuing to work diligently to translate God's Word and proclaim it far and wide. Your prayers and donations help to ensure that that mission work continues even in these times of closures and restrictions.

What an inspiring adventure my Cameroon trip was this time February 23 – March 10. The main events for this trip were the dedication of the Bible House and the dedication of the Kwanja-Ndung lectionary. And these were certainly the highlights of the trip.



But in addition, because of the Bible House dedication, people from all three of our LBTC projects were in Ngaoundere. This gave me a chance to meet them all in person and discuss the current state of their projects and their hopes and plans for the future. Thank God with me for this rare opportunity to have all of these folks together. I met with each of these people several times over the course of my two weeks there. It was great to get to know them both professionally and personally.

When I returned from Cameroon, the COVID crisis was beginning to ramp up. I got out of Cameroon only a short time (less than a week) before Cameroon closed their borders. Pastor Kuhn and I agreed that he should cancel all his presentations until restrictions have been eased. I did the same. He produced a video of his presentation for churches to use in place of his personal appearance. I have been putting special prayers, announcements, and sermons online since the crisis began.





Throughout most of this time, Webers were trying to decide whether they should evacuate or not. They finally decided with much prayer counsel together with me and others that they would take a US Embassy chartered flight from Yaounde on April 7. They self-isolated in New Hampshire near their son Nathan and the daughter Sarah and their families. They are now in Wisconsin near their son Sammy and his family. Mid-May they will travel to Iowa where they will settle until they can return to Cameroon for a short time to prepare for their retirement from the mission field.

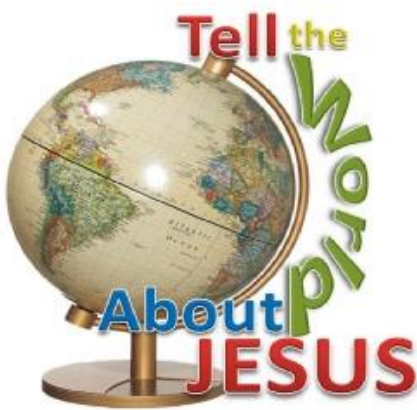


As for the Kuhns' travel plans, these will likely be on hold as well. They have postponed their flights to return to Cameroon until a later time, perhaps September. Pastor Kuhn taught a course on line on the Book of Acts for the Edmonton seminary students in May. If restrictions are lifted here in Canada and not in Cameroon he and I will resume our presentations across the country. Pastor Kuhn will likely spend some time here in Ontario meeting with individual supporters and also with groups if possible.

Esther Hofstede has accepted the position as Kuhn's nanny for the coming year. She has gotten a good start on her fund raising, but that too has ground to a halt because of COVID. When the Kuhns return to Cameroon she is still planning to accompany them. Please offer her your prayers and financial support as you are able.



Both Webers and Kuhns continue to be in regular contact with their co-workers in Cameroon. Jerome and those working with him with the Kwanja language are eager to distribute the lectionaries recently dedicated and reactivate the listening groups and literacy work. Pastor Ousmanou and those who work with him with the Nizaa language continue to translate New Testament passages and support their literacy programs in their community. The Dowayo promoters and literacy workers are all spreading God's Word throughout the Dowayo villages using SD cards and audio devices.



None of us knows what the near nor the distant future holds for us as this COVID pandemic continues. For now, we are planning to continue to keep our operations going, with Tara and me working from our homes. The Kuhns and the Webers will keep in touch electronically with their teams and contacts in Cameroon. We will all continue to give what support we can to our donors here in Canada on-line and over the phone.

Though we don't know what the future holds, what we do know is that our Lord Jesus is with us. In these chaotic times, people need God's Word even more. And they need it in a way that they can best comprehend it – in the language of their hearts. May the Lord continue to bless us as we carry out this ministry. May His Word continue to go forth in all power and in all

comfort, bringing His peace to people now and always. Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly!

At your service, in Christ's service,

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