Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Christians around the world engage in 40 days of reflection on our sinful nature and our need for a Saviour, Jesus, whose sinless death on the cross has paid the price for our sins and for the sins of every human being. Now Lent is almost over and we are nearing the time when we will rejoice with one another saying, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The familiar words of the song "Jesus Loves Me" remind us that Jesus died for us and for our salvation because He loves us. And we know this because "the Bible tells us so."

We are so blessed to have a multitude of English translations of the Bible. These clearly tell us of God great love for us shown us most clearly in Christ's suffering death, and resurrection in the language we can best understand.

But if a language community doesn't have a translation of the Bible in their heart language, how will they come to faith in Jesus. Paul makes it clear in Romans 10:17, "Faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ."

What will lead them to know their sins and their need for a Saviour? What will lead them to Calvary, to the Good Friday good news that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin? What will bring them that joy-filled new life that Jesus offers them through His death-defeating Easter resurrection from the dead?

Won't you please help Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada translate the Scriptures into more and more languages? We ask you to...

- 1. Consider the possibility that our Lord is calling you to serve Him in Bible Translation ministry and encourage others in your church family to do the same.
- 2. Subscribe to LBTC's bi-monthly Prayer Calendar and our missionaries' Prayer Letters and pray fervently and urgently for the particular needs outlined there and for Bible Translation ministry in general.
- 3. Support LBTC's ministry with a financial contribution a one-time gift or consider a monthly donation through your credit card or through Canada Helps.
- 4. Give extra consideration to the five special projects highlighted in the enclosed brochure. These are additional opportunities spread God's Word to more people in Cameroon.

There are two additional items that I want to share with you all. First, there were two vacancies on the LBTC Board of Directors this spring. The Lord moved two people to allow their names to stand for those positions – Glenn Kahle (second term) and Daniel Lantz (first full term). Join me in thanking God for their willingness to serve Him in this way.

Second, the 2021 Annual Meeting of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada will be held on Friday, May 14 at 11am (eastern). This will be a brief meeting held online once again this year. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Mohr at <u>pastor.r.mohr@lbtc.ca</u> or

May the Lord Jesus walk with you through this Holy Week and Easter season, comforting you with His presence and pouring out His grace and mercy upon you as He leads you once again to His cross and His empty tomb.

