



# Ministry Spotlight

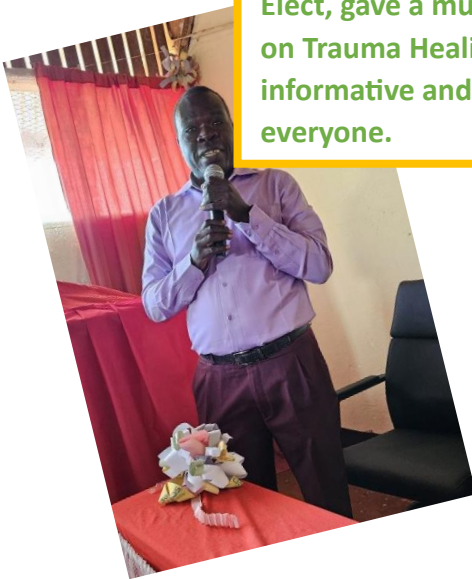
LBTC and the EELC began 2024 together, the EELC looking ahead after a year of celebrating 100 years of Lutheran mission work in Cameroon and LBTC looking ahead to a year of celebrating God's work through His Word translated and proclaimed in the languages of people's hearts.

We met together in a Pastor's Retreat in Belel, a small village in East Central Cameroon, January 7 – 11. Over 260 pastors gathered to be encouraged by four days of fellowship and learning about the use of mother tongue Scriptures and the place of trauma healing in ministry and for themselves.

What follows here are pictures and explanations about this grand event so blessed by the presence of our Triune God. Enjoy!

LBTC funded this event as a thank offering for God's great blessings upon the Bible translation ministry He has given us the opportunity to share in. With each mailing I will highlight one of the translation projects or special events LBTC is currently involved in.

Apollinaire, SIL Cameroon Director-Elect, gave a multipart presentation on Trauma Healing. It was informative and deeply moving for everyone.



Pastor Kuhn and I arrived at the retreat site on Sunday afternoon. The Opening worship service was powerful.



National Bishop Baiguele, Pastor Touka, and Apollinaire formed a panel to discuss and answer questions about the use of mother tongue Scriptures, hymnals, liturgies, and devotions in the life of a congregation and its pastor. Pastor Kuhn was the moderator for this event.





There were several opportunities for language groups to discuss the use of Scripture in their own mother tongues.



There were also several fun events including a movie night, a talent show, and a football (soccer) match between pastors who graduated seminary in odd and even years. (The odd years team won!)



The women of the Belel Parish danced into the retreat setting several times bringing an abundance of edible gifts to show their support for the pastors. At one of these processions I received a beautiful chicken!



I brought greetings from all of you, supporters of LBTC Canada, and presented gifts of LBTC hats to the National Bishop, guests, and all those who helped make this retreat such a joyous and meaningful event.



As the year progresses, please consider the following:

1. Pray for LBTC and for the individuals and projects that are highlighted in mailings, social media, and personal presentations.
2. Participate in one or both of LBTC's Anniversary celebrations – May 16-19 in Kitchener-Waterloo, September 26-29 in Edmonton. There will be a celebration worship service, a grand banquet, the opportunity to greet Bible translation partners from Cameroon, Thailand, and the US, and time to meet and greet current and former LBTC missionaries, board members, and staff.
3. Invite Pastor Kuhn to speak to your congregation or organization about LBTC's work. He and his family will be in Canada for their furlough beginning in May 2024. They have much to share about their recent years in Cameroon and about Bible translation work in general. Contact the LBTC office to make arrangements.
4. Consider a special anniversary gift in thanksgiving to God for His blessings in your own life and in LBTC's ministry. Please contact Pastor Mohr at the LBTC office with any questions or to discuss how best to go about making this special gift.



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