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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, LBTC Supporters across Canada and Beyond,



In the graphic above you can see the words of the angel to the shepherds outside Bethlehem. I pray that the good tidings he proclaimed then have been ringing in your ears all through this past year. Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour was born! Incomparable and perpetual good tidings of great joy! Praise the Lord!

Those good tidings have certainly been spreading through the mission and ministry of LBTC this year. I thank you for your prayers and support of this work this year. And I ask you to rejoice with me as I share some of that good news with you in this letter.



The Kuhn family has had a busy year. Pastor Mike has had a very busy year. He has continued to work with the Nizaa translation team as they made progress with several New Testament books. He has worked with the Cameroon Lutheran Church's director of translation and literacy in several other translation projects which LBTC supports, including Dowayo and Dii. He represented LBTC at several church events, including the 100th anniversary of Lutheran mission work in Cameroon. He has played a major role in a Cameroon-wide Bible translation research project which promises to help all Bible translation organizations reach more people with God's Word. He is using some of this research for his doctoral dissertation as he works to complete his Doctor of Ministry degree.

Kara has used her wonderful gifts as she organized the Sunday School program at their congregation in Ngaoundere, provided hospitality, ministering to neighbours and community members, encouraging and praying with and for them, running their home in a foreign mission field (always a challenge) caring for her husband and their four children and "team homeschooling" those four along with Kayla Falkenholt their LBTC Missionary Kids Teacher.

Their children have had a great year, enjoying Kayla's and their mom's teaching. The youngest joining the ranks of full-time student this fall. Through bumps and bruises, illnesses (some serious, but most not), and lots of joy and laughter, they have experienced the great joy of being in the Good Shepherd's care as have the whole Kuhn family.



LBTC is so thankful to God for Kayla Falkenholt. She has committed to this second year of serving as the missionary kids teacher with the Kuhn family. While she has experienced some challenges with allergies and other health issues, she has also experienced incredible blessings as she uses the bountiful gifts God has given her to teach, support, and encourage.

Martin and Joan Weber are also back on the scene in Cameroon, serving short terms as adjunct missionaries. Their many years of mission and translation experience are a great asset to several of the translation and Scripture engagement efforts that LBTC is involved with.



2024 will mark LBTC's 50th year of translating and proclaiming the Scriptures in the languages of people's hearts. Here are some of the ways that I hope you will join with me in rejoicing over God's rich blessings throughout the past fifty years and His opening up new ministry opportunities for the future.

Please join me in celebrating our anniversary during two weekend events: In Waterloo, May 16-19 and in Edmonton, September 26-29. We will have the Kuhns and the Webers on hand for these events. We hope to have guests from Cameroon and Thailand, as well as from our sister organization, LBT US. We are planning some special activities during these weekends including a worship celebration, a banquet, and reunions for past missionaries, nannies, volunteers, board members, and staff. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to join us for the festivities.

During the year we will also be celebrating:



- The completion of the audio recording of the Nuer New Testament.
- At least one new translation project in Cameroon.
- New work among Canada's First Nations in co-operation with LAMP
- Progress in LBTC's work in Thailand in co-operation with Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church

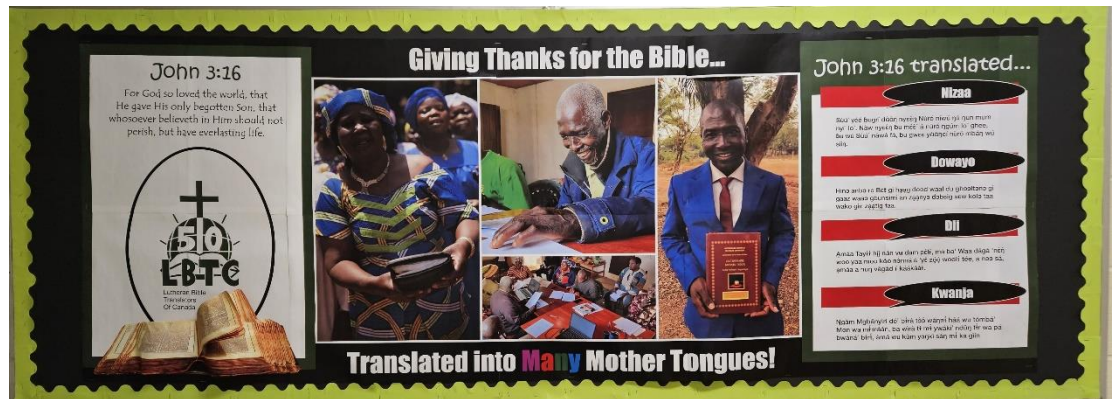


What began with the angel's proclamation is certainly continuing through the work our Lord Jesus is doing through LBTC. Thank you so much for your participation in this work through your prayers and support. And please consider celebrating the proclamation of this Good News of Great Joy with a financial gift this Advent/Christmas season.

The LBTC missionaries, board of directors and staff join me in wishing you a most joy-filled and Christ-filled Christmas.

Peace,

Pastor Ron Mohr
Executive Director



PS Many thanks to Klaudia Groleau and her mother-in-law, Esther Groleau for their work in designing this bulletin board!