

Director's Prayer Letter

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Dear Friends of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada,



Every year as the Feast of Pentecost nears, Luther's hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" comes to mind. This year is no exception. But the first words of verse two leapt from the page with special significance this year – Come, holy Light, guide divine. Now cause the Word of life to shine.

In spite of all the dark and troubling things going on in our world today, the Holy Spirit is doing just what these words are praying for. God's Word is shining brightly wherever it is being preached and taught, read and listened to, and in every language it is being translated into. Praise be to our darkness-destroying Saviour!

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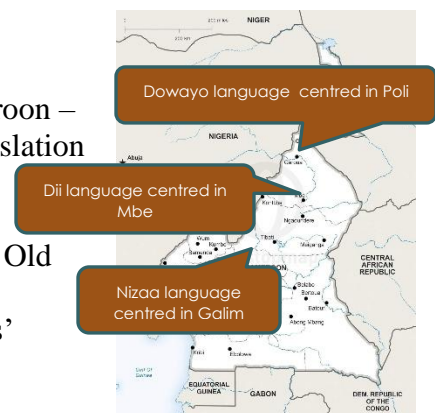
That Word is shining in the people LBTC are supporting as they participate in the iDelta translation and Scripture engagement training program. Sylvain Bokdogo (Dowayo translator) and Pastor Bakari Boukar (DTA director) are finding the first year of the three-year program powerful and inspiring for their work translating and sharing God's Word. Pastor Ousmanou (iDelta graduate 2024 and Nizaa translator) now serves on the iDelta faculty.



Please pray for these two men and for all of the iDelta students and faculty, especially Pastor Ousmanou, that the Holy Spirit would bless them as they implement what they are learning in their ministries. Also pray for Sylvain who is recovering from a stroke which has affected his hands.

Translation Work in Cameroon

LBTC continues to support translation work in three languages in Cameroon – Nizaa, Dowayo, and Dii. In each of these language communities the translation teams face certain obstacles. But where the evil one and the world oppose God's faithful servants, God gives abundant grace and ultimate victory! The Nizaa New Testament is progressing slowly but surely. The Old Testament in Dii and Dowayo is progressing well with much of the Pentateuch, some of the Prophets, and much of Psalms ready for revisors' checking. The Light of Christ continues to shine brightly!



Please pray for the people on these translation teams, that they would be encouraged in their work and not lose heart in the midst of the challenges they face. And give thanks to God for the people who are receiving His translated Word with great joy.

Kayla Falkenholt continuing in Cameroon

God has led Kayla to commit to another year of teaching missionary kids at the Greenhouse School in Yaounde, Cameroon. And LBTC is so glad to support her in this ministry. She is a delight to the students and faculty and a faithful witness to Jesus' power and love to everyone around her. She is finishing this school year by organizing the students to perform a musical based on the Three Men in the Fiery Furnace. She will be in southern Ontario for most of July and is eager to talk to congregations, groups and individuals about LBTC and her teaching ministry.



Please pray for Kayla and the Greenhouse School, that they would finish the school year with great joy and that she would be kept safe in her travels this summer. Pray also for God to keep surrounding her with good friends to encourage her in her faith.

Progress in New Translation Work

LBTC has proposed an MOU for working with the Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church on a Southern Thai Bible translation. There is great interest in this project among several Bible translation organizations in Thailand as well as among the people of the TCLC. This fall there will be an opportunity for more progress in this project when the international Bible Translation Conference is held in Chiang Mai. God will cause His Word of Life to shine brightly!

Please pray for this translation project to continue to move forward so that the people of Southern Thailand may hear the Word in their heart language and come to faith in Jesus.

Discussions about First Nations ministry are happening between the leadership of LCC and LCMS and several mission organizations including LBTC. LBTC is also involved with other Bible translation organizations in investigating what would be the best way to bring God's Word to them in all of its life-giving power. Young and old in these communities are growing in their use of their ancestral languages. Having the Bible in those languages would be a great faith-building and community-building resource. God's Word will bring the Light of Christ!

Please pray for God to give wisdom and discernment to all those involved in these discussions and to bring healing, joy, and new life to the people in these communities through His Word.



Thank you for your continuing prayers for these ministries of LBTC and for your continuing financial support. As God's Word reaches more people in their heart languages, Christ's Light shines more brightly and the great day of His return in glory is hastened.

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