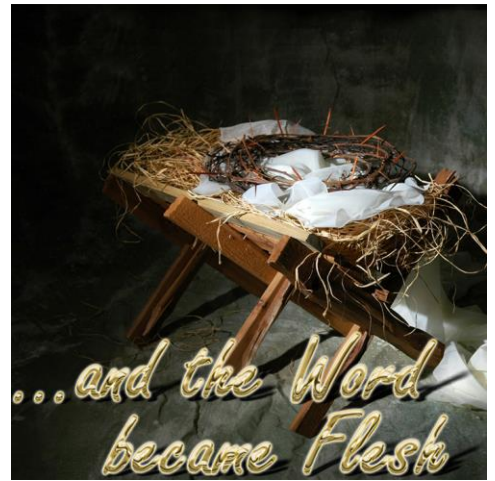


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Dear Friends in Christ,

And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us!
John 1:14



Jesus is the Incarnate Son of God, the Word Made Flesh. In the carol, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, we pray that Jesus, Our Lord, Immanuel, would “come to us and abide with us”. And just prior to those lyrics we pray that He would “be born in us today”. He answers both of those prayers with a resounding, “Yes! I will!”

Since Jesus is born in us, we embody the Word Made Flesh, and have the calling to bring to everyone around us the gospel of salvation through Jesus alone.

LBTC missionary Pastor Mike Kuhn and his wife, Kara, take that calling seriously, and they joyfully embody that Word with their Cameroonian co-workers, neighbours, friends, and ministry partners. And Jesus, the Word made Flesh, is continually drawing Dowayo, Kwanja, and Nizaa people to Himself as they hear this good news of great joy in the languages of their hearts through the translation work of Pastor Kuhn and the language teams he works with.



forward in the translation process.

God has been doing great things through Pastor Kuhn, Pastor Touka (the director of the Cameroon Lutheran Church’s translation work), and the language teams they both work with. The Nizaa translation team recently began working with LBT US translation consultant, Becky Grossman, bringing that work another step



Pastor Touka and Pastor Kuhn led a spiritual retreat



focused on the book of Nehemiah for 20(!) language teams, including 12 inactive teams they hope will become active again in translation and/or Scripture engagement work. This gave Pastor Kuhn the opportunity to meet people from language groups that may develop projects that will need LBTC support.

The Dowayo community is taking more ownership of the language work and is getting the Bible translation work back on track. New translators are being chosen and trained. And there is greater excitement in the community about what God will do through His Word among them.

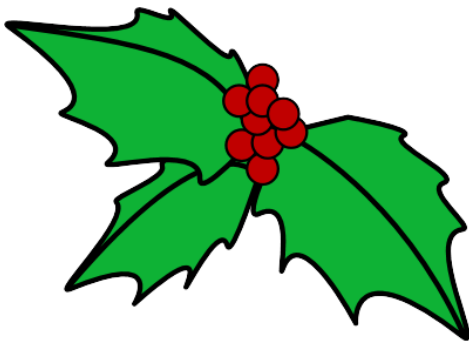


God is expanding the Bible translation ministry opportunities in Cameroon. A more reliable vehicle will soon be needed for Pastor Kuhn to do ministry work in off-road, more remote villages and to meet their family needs as the Kuhn kids grow. More details about a fundraising campaign for this vehicle will be coming soon.

God is also opening doors for LBTC to begin work in other parts of the world. Bishop Simon of South Sudan Lutheran Church requested LBTC to consider doing an audio recording of the New Testament in the Nuer language. Several Sudanese Lutheran pastors from across Canada volunteered to work on this project with LBTC. Recordings have begun with great enthusiasm and joy.



Pastor Opiew, president of Gambella Lutheran Church (Ethiopia) as well as Bishop Simon have requested that LBTC also consider beginning translation work in languages of their people that are crying out for the Bible in their mother tongues. LCC is also talking with LBTC about how Bible translation work can provide a key resource for outreach work in Thailand.



Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, will come to you and abide with you this Christmas. I pray that you will be conscious of His grace and love for you all through the new year. May the Incarnate Word grow in you, strengthening your faith and reminding you of your eternal relationship with your heavenly Father, through His Son, Jesus.

And I pray that one way you will embody the Word Made Flesh will be by supporting LBTC's on-going work and the new opportunities God is opening up before us. Pray for the Kuhns and for the new workers God is raising up. And bless this work financially, that more and more speakers of the nearly 4,000 languages that have no Scripture translated for them would hear that Word of life and come to faith in the Word Made Flesh --- Jesus, the only Saviour.

Abiding in Jesus' love with you,

Pastor Ron Mohr

