

## Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada

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Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our risen and returning Lord.

The words and images above certainly put us in mind of Lent and Easter. The Scripture verses that they bring to mind strengthen and sustain us in our Christian faith and comfort us in the midst of our troubles. The Holy Spirit also works through that Word to remind us of the Lord's faithfulness. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:18-20:

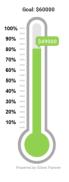
As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in Him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him.

In these ever-darkening times, those words and images also must create in us an urgency to proclaim to everyone around us Christ crucified, risen and returning. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon." And every time we say, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" we must engage in Christ's mission of proclaiming His salvation to

every nation – and that in the languages of their hearts.

Pastor Kuhn is actively searching out new language groups that are hungering for God's Word in their mother tongues. Through the Fall 2021 Spiritual Retreat and the Lexicography Workshops going on now in Cameroon, he is connecting with the leaders of these language communities and prioritizing how best to use LBTC resources in these new potential translation and Scripture engagement projects.





Pastor Kuhn's research (see the Kuhn Prayer Letter for more

detail) involves a great deal more travel, often in bush country and more difficult driving conditions. That's a main reason LBTC launched, in January 2022, a fundraising campaign to purchase a more reliable vehicle for him and his family. LBTC gives thanks to God for the generous response to this need. We are fairly close to our \$60,000 goal which includes funds for maintaining the vehicle for several years to come. Please consider a gift to complete this project.



Pastor Abou Touka Daniel, director of Bible Translation and Literacy for the Cameroon Lutheran church (EELC), often accompanies Pastor Kuhn in his travels. Pastor Touka oversees all of EELC's translation projects. He will serve as the guest speaker (virtually) at LBTC's online Annual Meeting, Friday, May 13, 11am EDT. Please join this meeting and get to know LBTC's mission partner and close friend, Pastor Touka. Contact the LBTC office at 519-742-3361 or <u>pastor.r.mohr@lbtc.ca</u> for connection information.

LBTC's investigations into new areas of ministry are moving forward, checking out

Bible translation needs in South Sudan, Thailand, and South America. In the meantime, the audio recording of the Nuer (Sudanese) New Testament, requested by Bishop Simon of South Sudan Lutheran Church, is well underway. The four Gospels have been recorded and after Easter we will begin to work on Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation. We thank God for blessing this project with willing volunteers: the Nuer-speaking pastors who are doing the reading and the tech experts who are doing the recording.





God is answering our prayers for workers in His LBTC mission fields. We have received two

applications and have two other people considering applying. As God opens up new opportunities for Bible translation work, more missionary translators are needed -- pastors and lay people. Please consider mission work as a possibility for you and please encourage the young people in your family and your congregation to consider that Jesus may be calling them to serve in the mission field.

Your prayers for LBTC missionaries and staff and your generous donations mean that God's Word can continue to be proclaimed in people's heart languages, bringing them salvation, forgiveness, eternal life. That is becoming more and more urgent as we see the day of Jesus' return approaching (Hebrews 10:25).

This spring and summer there will be several conventions across the country. Please look for the LBTC exhibits where in-person events are happening. I look forward to meeting with many of you in person at these events and at LBTC events across the country as things open up once again.

A blessed Easter to you all

Pastor Ron Mohr Executive Director

