

# Good News for Every Language



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## Director's Update

Rev. Ron Mohr



Dear Friends of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada,



Right from the start, I personally thank each one of you, for your prayers and your financial support. Our Cameroonian partners in ministry are continuing to work diligently to translate God's Word and proclaim it far and wide. Work is also beginning in other countries where language groups are hungering for God's Word in their mother tongues. Your prayers and donations help to ensure that mission work continues even in these challenging economic times.

### 2023 Special Projects Update

Of the five Special Projects for 2023 two have been fully funded.

#### #5 Mother Tongue Resources for Prison Ministry

It is so exciting to hear that the New Testaments and full Bibles that have been translated are being distributed by EELC prison chaplains and used for Bible study groups and worship times in Cameroonian prisons.

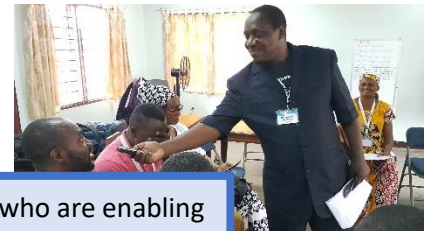
Praise God that His Word is at work in more and more people's lives.



#### #4 iDelta Training

Three years ago Pastor Ousmanou (Nizaa translator) was offered the opportunity to take this continuing education training in Bible translation and Scripture engagement. His experience was so positive that LBTC decided to see if funds could be raised for another Cameroonian translator to take this training. It didn't take long for two donors to come forward with enough funding for two people to participate in the next iDelta session.

Praise God for these generous people who are enabling people to gain more skills to work in the fields that are ripe for the harvest.



Funds are still needed for...

- #1 Trauma Healing Workshop Leaders Training \$1,825.00 still needed
- #2 Scripture Engagement Program Development \$1,755.00 still needed
- #3 Southern Thai Language Survey Work \$1,255.00 still needed

Pray for God to move the hearts of more people to donate toward these exciting ways for God's Word to bring His salvation to more people.



## Potential Translation Projects Update

Pastor Kuhn reports that he is hearing from many language communities their desire for the Bible in their own heart language. Some of these groups are well organized and have the whole community primed and ready to begin a translation project. Many of these already have some Scripture in their mother tongues. In other language groups the organization isn't in place, but need is great and the people's hunger for God's Word is so apparent.



Please pray for God's wisdom and discernment to rest upon Pastor Bakari (DTA Director), Pastor Kuhn, and Pastor Mohr as they make decisions about where to start translation projects.



Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church (TCLC) Bishop Dr. Ted NaThalang reports that Southern Thai survey work has begun in two ways. First, Pastor Suchard has begun leading worship and preaching in Southern Thai in his congregation. He is then gauging the reactions of his members to see how receptive they are to this use of their heart language.

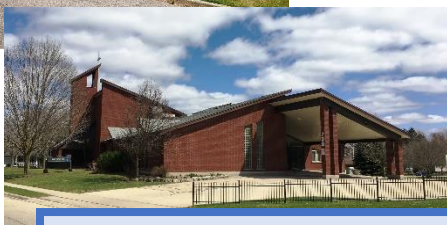
Second, Pastor Yongtanayot recorded Luke 2 in Southern Thai to be broadcast on various media platforms. He too is gauging people's reactions and receptiveness to hearing the Scriptures in Southern Thai.

Please pray for Southern Thai people to receive God's Word in their hearts and for these pastors as they make begin to use Southern Thai in their ministry.

## LBTC Office Update



Since August of 2019, LBTC has had the pleasure of having our offices in the Lutheran East District Corporation (LED) building. They have been gracious and generous landlords. And we have so enjoyed having Darryll Holland (LED's business manager and LBTC's most recent treasurer) in the building with us, joining us in devotions and in discussions both light-hearted and serious.



Please pray that LBTC's move would go smoothly and that God would bless our new home with His presence and His peace.

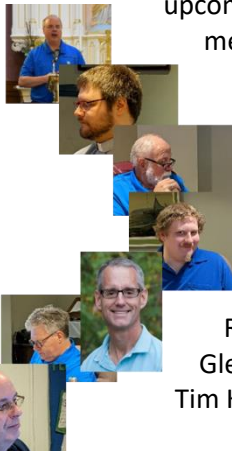
But with LED shutting down and selling the building, LBTC needed a new place. We had the luxury of choosing between three KW churches that offered us office space, each of which had very workable facilities for us. But after prayerful consideration, we decided to make Messiah Lutheran Church, Waterloo LBTC's new home.

As of June 6, 2023 our new address will be 700 Glen Forrest Blvd., Waterloo ON N2L 4K6. We look forward to a long, warm, and joyful relationship with our new landlords and welcome all of our LBTC family to come and visit us in our new home.

## 2023 Spring Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Not since 2019 has the LBTC board and the AGM been able to meet in person. Being face to face certainly made our meetings on May 12 and 13 special.

The LBTC board of directors met at the Lawrence Ave. office for the one and only time (because of our upcoming move). The only ones meeting on line were Tim Kuhl (because of a family member with COVID) and Rev. Stephen Chambers (because of congregational commitments).



This year's board is made up of:

Tim Kuhl, chair  
Rev. Travis Heide, vice-chair  
Gordon Martens, treasurer  
Daniel Lantz, secretary  
Rev. Stephen Chambers  
Glenn Kahle  
Tim Kuehn



On Friday evening, May 12, nearly fifty people gathered at Hope Lutheran Church, Kitchener for LBTC's 2023 Annual General Meeting and Banquet. After four years of virtual AGMs, everyone enjoyed the opportunity get together for in person fellowship in the excellent facilities that Hope provided. An excellent meal was catered by Lancaster Smokehouse. Martin and Joan Weber gave an excellent presentation focussing on their recent trip to Cameroon. Everyone left the evening nourished in body and encouraged in spirit by what God is doing through LBTC's Bible translation ministry.

## LBTC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans Update

2024 will mark 50 years of Bible translation ministry for LBTC. Our anniversary committee has been making plans for how we can praise and glory to our Lord and abundant thanks to our donors and celebrate with great joy the work of our missionaries and their families and our ministry partners.

Please mark your calendars and set aside these two weekends, May 17-19 in Kitchener-Waterloo and September 27-29 in Edmonton, for major celebrations involving reunions of current and former missionaries, executive directors and staff, and

board members; guests from US, Cameroon, and beyond; special music and other presentations highlighting the countless ways God has

worked through His Word, translated, proclaimed, and received by people in their mother tongues.

Please pray that God would bless these celebrations with His presence and make them springboards for new generations to become passionately engaged in Bible translation ministry.



Through the special events and the ministry work described above God is at work through His Word strengthening His people in their walk with Him and bringing more people to know Jesus as their Saviour. Please join me in praying for the needs in this update and in supporting LBTC's work with your donations.



At your service, in Christ's service,

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Executive Director  
Colossians 3:16

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