

## Director's Prayer Letter

Rev. Ron Mohr

Dear Friends of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada,



Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." John 1:50

That verse comes to mind often because of the great things our Lord is doing in us, among us, and through us! People across Canada often ask, "What's happening with LBTC? How are things going?" And the answer is right there in Psalm 126: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." So...

What's Happening in Thailand? Great Things!



Translation work is beginning in earnest in the Southern Thai language! Pastor Yongtanayot (pictured here with his wife) has translated portions of Luke's Gospel and some early chapters of Genesis. He is working on developing a list of ten pericopes to which Southern Thai speakers can easily relate. These he will begin to translate with the help of Pastor Chujit and a few others who will serve as revisers.

There is a great deal of excitement among the Thai Lutherans and they are eager to move forward with this project. The translators will also have the opportunity to try out some cutting edge translation technology including AI.

The annual International Bible Translation Conference will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand in October. Pastor Mohr will attend the conference and hopes that Pastor Yongtanayot and perhaps others will attend with him. This will provide an opportunity to talk about this project with other Bible Translation experts and better assess how best to move forward.



**Bible Translation Conference**

What's Happening in Cameroon? Great Things!

Under the leadership of Pastor Bakari Bukar (DTA Director pictured here), LBTC's three language projects (Nizaa, Dii, and Dowayo) are continuing to make progress. In each one the translators are working diligently to complete various Bible books.



In Nizaa, Pastor Ousmanou and his team are readying the gospels of Luke and John, John's and Peter's epistles, and Romans for revisers. Other books are coming along as well. Other team members are holding literacy classes and developing new resources for teaching the language.

The Dii and Dowayo translators are working diligently on Old Testament books. The whole community is excitedly awaiting a whole Bible in their languages.



Kayla Falkenholt served as a Missionary Kids Teacher for the past 3 years. She began teaching Pastor Mike and Kara Kuhn's kids in their homeschool setting, team teaching with Kara. When the Kuhn's moved back to Canada she decided to stay on in Cameroon teaching at the Greenhouse School, a primary school for missionary/ex-pat kids, in Yaounde. She is back in Canada for the summer but has decided that the Lord is continuing to call her to serve there for another year. What follows is her own account of the past year at the Greenhouse School. Rejoice with her in what Jesus is doing through her and in the lives of the kids she works with.

## What's Happening in Canada? Great Things!



LBTC director, Pastor Mohr, joined with representatives from LAMP, BC Mission Boat, LCMS and LCC missions personnel in a meeting to discuss ministry among Canada's First Nations communities.

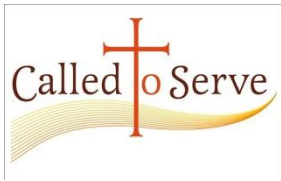
LAMP and the BC Mission Boat have been serving in these communities for many years. They have established excellent relationships with the community leaders, with the families, and especially with the kids. Both organizations have provided opportunities for LBTC to make connections with the First Nations communities that they minister in. What a blessing for LBTC to have that kind of welcoming entre as we seek to determine how best to proceed to bring God's life-giving Word to these communities in their heart languages.

LBTC held a Servant Event with 10 youth who attended the LCC National Youth Gathering in Waterloo. These young people from across the country heard Pastor Ousmanou (Nizaa translator) talk about his work, his country, and his family. Each participant was then given the name of a Cameroonian translator or language centre worker and was told a bit about that person's work and the challenges that they are facing. They were then asked to write a prayer for that person which Pastor Mohr will take with him and give to each of them when he is next in Cameroon. The young people were very engaged in every aspect of the event.



And that leads me to...

...What is yet to happen in Canada! New workers for Christ's mission through LBTC!



LBTC is beginning a concerted effort in the Lutheran congregations and education institutions to seek out men and women, young and not-so-young, who have a love for Jesus, a love for His mission, a love for His Word, and a desire for everyone know Him as their Saviour and Lord!

I met several youth who fit that description at the NYG. I've met several people at our seminaries who are excited about Christ's mission. I've met several people at the most recent LCC convention who are gifted in linguistics and translation work and I expect to meet more people at upcoming conventions. I am praying for each of these people, that our Lord would set them on fire for His mission of getting His Word to all people in the world in the language of their hearts.

Are you or members of your family included among these people? Then I'm praying for YOU and for THEM! Do you know someone that could serve well with LBTC, full or part time, in Canada or abroad? Contact me and I will pray for them, too! If appropriate, I will meet with them. LBTC will make sure they are well equipped for whatever role they are to fill in the mission field. But the Holy Spirit will enlighten them with His gifts and move them to desire to be part of LBTC's mission.

And then with all of this said, the Words of Jesus that began this article are even more exciting still. "You will see greater things than these!" Your continuing prayers and support make you participants in these "greater things"! All glory be to God!

Peace and Joy in Jesus,  
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