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During the upcoming time of Holy Week, we will hear again the account of our Lord's suffering and death. In reading through each Gospel writer's telling of these events this year, I was struck by a Bible translation connection in what I read. Pilate understood the power of using people's heart languages to get a message across. He had the charge against Jesus posted on the cross in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, ensuring that everyone who passed by would clearly understand that this man was Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

Telling everyone in the language they can best understand that Jesus is King of all and has brought salvation for all through His life, death, and resurrection, is what Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada is all about. Your fervent prayers and generous support are what has enabled this ministry work to continue and expand for almost 50 years. Thank you for your support for this work that has brought new life in Christ to so many people. As we look back on LBTC's history there are so many reasons to rejoice.

And looking forward as well, God is opening up doors for future translation and Scripture use projects, giving us many reasons to celebrate.

LBTC's partner church in Cameroon is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Pastor Mohr will be joining in their celebration later this year. He will highlight the many Bible translation projects LBTC and LBT US have had the privilege of partnering with them on in the past, as well as those being talked about for the future. There are several language communities asking the EELC/DTA to start New Testament and whole Bible translation projects.

Give thanks to God for the many blessings that have come from LBTC's ministry partnership with the Lutheran Church of Cameroon.

LBTC's five Special Projects for 2023 are already receiving generous donations. Still there is a way to go for four of them.

#1 Trauma Healing Workshop Leaders Training	\$2500 goal	\$475 to date
#2 Scripture Engagement Program Development	\$2100 goal	\$345 to date
#3 Southern Thai Language Survey Work	\$1500 goal	\$145 to date
#4 iDelta Training for a Translation Worker	\$10,500 (over 3 yrs)	\$245 to date
#5 Mother Tongue Resources for Prison Ministries	\$1200 goal	Target Reached

Please keep each of these projects and the people involved in your prayers and support them financially as you prayerfully consider your special donation for these projects.

For more details on these special projects please link to the brochure at www.lbtc.ca.

ANNUAL MEETING



Martin and Joan who will have just returned from an LBT short-term mission trip to Cameroon.

LBTC's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 12, 5pm at Hope Lutheran Church, 30 Shaftsbury Drive, Kitchener, Ontario. A dinner will follow, featuring Martin and Joan Weber as guest speakers. This will be the first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019. What a blessing it will be to see everyone, especially

Please RSVP by email at tara@lbtc.ca or by phone at 226-868-9352 by Friday, May 5.

For LBTC, not Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, but Dii, Kwanja, and Nuer are languages with exciting projects that are bringing the gospel message of King Jesus to people.

A group of Canadian Lutheran Nuer-speaking pastors are busy recording the Nuer New Testament and hope to be finished by autumn, 2023. Donations are needed to purchase SD cards and solar audio devices in which the Nuer New Testament recording will be embedded.

Give thanks to God for these faithful pastors and pray for all who will hear God's Word through this recording.



The Dii translation team is busily editing the Old Testament books already translated and prioritizing the books yet to be translated. The Dii language community are eagerly awaiting a whole Bible in their heart language.

The Kwanja translators are putting the final touches on their translation of Psalms. They hope to have an audio version approved for distribution soon, followed by a print version when funds are available.



Please pray for the Dii and Kwanja translators and pray that these translations of God's Word would soon be in people's ears, hands, and hearts.

Pilate knew the best languages for getting his message across in his context. The contexts in which God is calling LBTC to proclaim His gospel message are quite varied and complex. For Cameroon, Thailand, South Sudan and among Canada's own indigenous language communities, pray that our Lord would give LBTC wisdom to translate His Word into the best languages to fit each context and that He would raise up Bible translators, Scripture use workers, tech specialists, and others to serve in these mission fields.

This is all so important because God wants everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge that...



Christ is risen!
Christ is Saviour!
Christ is King of all!

Peace, Joy, and Love in Christ,

Pastor Ron Mohr
Executive Director