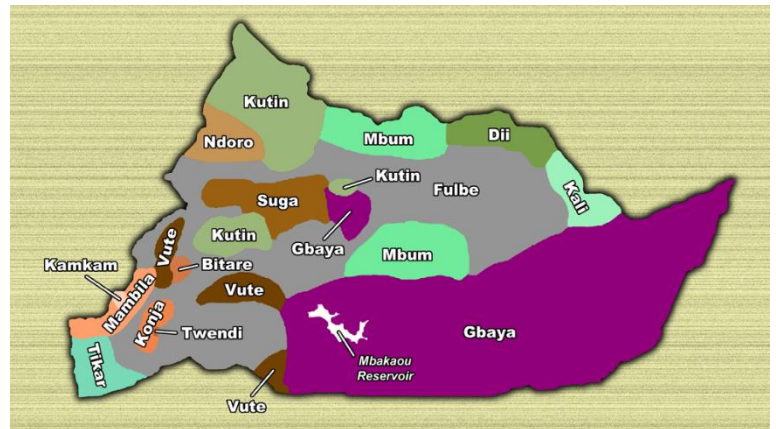




Ministry Spotlight

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As LBTC celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year it is appropriate to shine the spotlight on some of the ministries we are engaged in. This issue will highlight the translation and ministry work going on among the Nizaa people. The major part of this language group lives around the community of Galim in Adamaoua region in the centre of Cameroon. Suga is another name for Nizaa and is labelled as such in the map on the right in the dark red area. Also note two other languages LBTC is involved with – Kwanja (orange) and Dii (dark green).



There are about 30,000 Nizaa speakers. 99+% are (nominally) Muslim, but in practice they adhere mostly to traditional African spiritualism or a mixture of beliefs. There is a small number of Christians (fewer than 50). And that number is growing thanks, in part, to the Bible translation work and the faithfulness of those few Christians. There may be many more who believe in Jesus as their Saviour, but the dominant Muslim culture and the threat of persecution keeps many of them quiet about their Christian faith.

The following pictures will give you some insight into the work LBTC is doing among the Nizaa people in co-operation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (EELC) and its Department for Translation and Literacy (DTA).

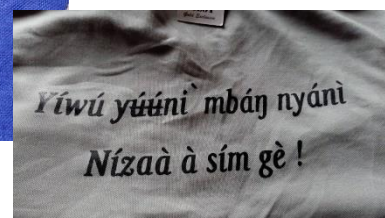
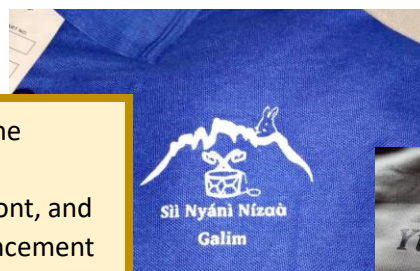


This is the Nizaa Translation Team: Pastor Mike Kuhn, Pastor Ousmanou Dieudonne, and Yagouda Bah. Praise God for the gifts and abilities He has given these men for the translation and sharing of His Word!



This is the Nizaa Language Centre in Galim. It serves as the office for the translation and literacy work. It is also a hub for many Nizaa cultural and community activities.

These T-shirts were designed by the translation team. They say “Nizaa Language Centre Galim” on the front, and “Let’s work together for the advancement of the Nizaa language” on the back.





The Revisers Committee is made up of members of the language community. They read and hear the translated verses and give feedback to the translators about what they understand. Pictured here is a Nizaa Revisers meeting and the President Mme Nyin Manna Ann with Pastors Kuhn and Mohr.



A few years ago, LBTC donations allowed the purchase of a grain mill for the Nizaa people in Bah's village. The proceeds fund the Nizaa literacy classes. Pictured here is the grain mill and Bah with the bags of flour ready for sale.



Thank you for your prayers and support for the Nizaa translation work and for all the ways God is empowering LBTC to serve in His kingdom.

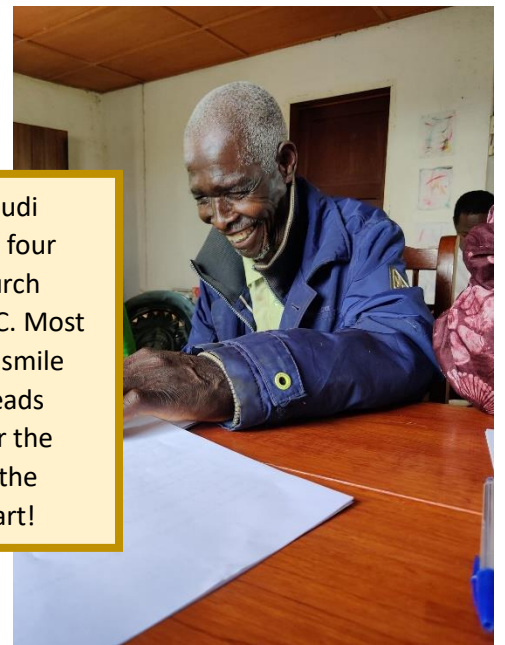
Please invite Pastor Kuhn or Pastor Mohr or any member of LBTC's board of directors to speak to your congregation or organization about LBTC's work.

Please keep praying for the Nizaa people and for all others to have God's Word in their heart languages.

Please consider making a financial gift to LBTC in support of the Nizaa translation work and the many other projects God is opening up for proclaiming His Word in every language to every people.



Bah and Pastor Ousmanou are both involved in teaching literacy classes. They use Scripture verses they've translated as well as other resources to help in the teaching.



This is Catechist Soudi Daniel, one of only four Nizaa speaking church workers in the EELC. Most telling is the joyful smile on his face as he reads Scripture verses for the first time in Nizaa, the language of his heart!

