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Dear Friends in Christ,



Behold! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people! Luke 2:10 The above verse may be the same verse that headed last year's Director's Christmas Letter, but God has put before LBTC so much Good News that there is no better Word to begin this year's letter with.



I recently had the opportunity to attend the Bible Translators Conference in Thailand. It provided an excellent chance for Pastor Niran (Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church Mission Exec) to introduce me to several language groups and reconnect me with Pastor Yongthanayot, LBTC's contact for our Southern Thai project. It was also a wonderful blessing to experience again the beauty and diversity of God's creation so in evidence throughout Thailand. Early Christmas gift #1! Thank you, Lord!

The conference was excellent with uplifting worship, a wealth of information, and unparalleled fellowship with over 400 Bible translation personnel, including Jabez, Pastor Niran's son, whose university studies dovetailed well with the conference theme, Ethics in Bible Translation. Best of all was time spent with LBT brothers and sisters from around the globe. Early Christmas gift #2. Thank you again, Lord!



This conference brought three added blessings.



1. I was able to connect Pastor Yongthanayot with people in the region who can provide resources and training for him as he further develops the Southern Thai translation project. This includes Faith Comes By Hearing and LBT US. Both organizations are eager to work with LBTC and TCLC on this Oral Bible Translation project.

2. I met with several people from CanIL and SIL Canada who are quite interested to work with LBTC in engaging West Coast First Nations communities in potential Bible translation projects. Our face-to-face meetings in

Thailand provided a springboard for more conversations and meetings back home in Canada.

3. Pastor Touka (Cameroon) was able to attend the conference as well. He and I had several conversations about LBTC projects in Cameroon, especially the new projects in Pana, Gbaya, and Kwanja/Mambila/Tikar. LBTC will be supporting him in the mentorship aspects of his training as a translation consultant. Early Christmas gift #3. Thanks be to God!



At this time of the year LBTC's Nominations Committee begins putting together a slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. We already have a number of potential candidates, but if you would like to put forward a candidate please contact the LBTC office by phone or email. Ballots will be mailed out to our voting membership in January. And in the meantime, pray for those who will allow their names to stand for election. Prayer is a great Christmas blessing for them and for LBTC! Thank you for this gift!



The EELC National Bishop has heard the need expressed by the pastors and their families for Trauma Healing. He requested help from LBTC to provide a spiritual retreat for them to deal with that subject. This retreat will take place in January partially funded by funds from a portion of the interest earned on LBTC accounts. If you would like to add to LBTC's support please earmark your special donation for "Trauma Healing Retreat". And please pray for God to bless the participants with the healing that He alone can give. An awesome post-Christmas gift! Thank you!

Our gracious God is so generous, not only at Christmas, but all year round! And your response to His gracious bounty is such a blessing to LBTC in the same way! I thank God for your generous support in this past year and thank you for your continuing prayers and donations toward the goal of making God's Word available to people in every language all around the world.



God grant you a joyous Christmas!

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