# THE WORD OF GOD -

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## In Their Hands - And Upon Their Hearts

Weber - LBTC Cameroon Christmas letter 2025

### **CHRISTMAS** - The greatest story ever told!

#### We have the greatest story ever told!

Jesus was promised, He came as foretold, Now He comes to us through His Spirit within, He is coming again to take us Home with Him.

As Christmas again is drawing near, We feel weary, yet strengthened by His cheer. Wars loom, crime and strife make the news, Yet knowing Christ, we cannot lose.

#### Jesus was promised to come from of old,

He was "the Prophet" that Moses foretold, The promise of hope from the woman's Seed, The only solution to meet mankind's need.

Isaiah foretold His birth and great suffering, Micah prophesied the Ruler from Bethlehem. David foresaw Him as his "Lord", He is the One who came as "The Word".

"When the fullness of time had come," God sent into human flesh His Son To live among us on the earth, Starting as a babe with a humble birth.

Jesus taught us His Father's will, Showed His love and power to heal. He lived a perfect life in our place, And died for our sin, pouring out His grace.

Jesus rose from the grave, Ever-living, powerful to save! **He ascended on High** to continue His story Seated on His throne in power and glory.

**Pentecost came**, His people continue to receive The "Promise of the Father" for those who believe. Through His Spirit, Jesus dwells within us, And we continue to live in His presence.

#### Jesus will return!

His disciples asked, "When will this happen? And what will be the sign Of Your coming back and the end of time?" (Mt.24:3

Jesus replied: "Watch out, don't be deceived. There will be 'false Christs' to deceive many. Wars and rumors of wars, but don't be alarmed, The end is still to come.

"Famines and earthquakes in various places, All these are the beginning of the birth pains. You will be persecuted and some put to death. You will be hated by all nations because of Me.

<sup>13</sup> "But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

<sup>14</sup> This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed As a testimony to every nation,

and then the end will come." (Mt.24: 4-14 in part)

<sup>30</sup>"The Son of Man will appear in that hour, coming on the clouds with great glory and power. <sup>31</sup>He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, They will gather His people all."

<sup>13</sup>"All who call on the Lord's Name will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>How can they call on Him if they have not heard? <sup>17</sup>"Consequently, faith comes from hearing The message of Christ, through the Word."

(Romans 10: 13-17)

We have been blessed to have a small role In furthering God's Word for the nations. Thank you also for your prayers, gifts and love To spread the news of His salvation.

Thank you for helping others hear God's Word in their own languages!

May your Christmas be blessed!!!
And May 2026 be the best!

#### "How much is enough?"

I (Martin) once asked this question of a group of Kwanja Christians in Cameroon. I was personally challenged when a community leader said that if his family could harvest one ton of corn in a year, that could be enough for his family's humble needs. **But how much of God's Word in his language is ENOUGH?** 

The New Testament is only about a quarter of the Bible. When a people group have only the New Testament in their language, is it really enough?

The Cameroon Lutheran Church works with Lutheran Bible Translators and other partners to reach more people in their own languages. Over the years, they have completed two full Bibles and twelve New Testaments. Currently, three teams of national translators from three language groups (who have their New Testaments) are working to translate full Bibles. At least five other language groups with New Testaments are "knocking at the door", wanting help to translate full Bibles in their languages.

We are excited to hear of a new hunger among the Wa-wa people of Cameroon, who until recently were considered "unreachable", threatening to kill anyone who converted to Christ. Our son Sammy and his partners recently distributed audio recordings they made of six books of the Bible to thirteen Wa-wa villages. Now, as they listen to God's Word for the first time in their own language, the Wa-wa villagers are amazed at how "sweet" the message of Jesus really is! Pray that God protect and strengthen them as new believers.

#### Are we going back to Cameroon again?

We (Martin and Joan) have been invited again by the Cameroon Lutheran Church to share "Passion and Vision", to inspire and help train Cameroonian Bible Translators "See to it that you complete the ministry to which God has called you." (Col. 4:17)

We plan to leave for Cameroon December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will visit our son Sammy, Kelsey, and their 4 children for Christmas, and then work with national translation and literacy workers in the Cameroon Lutheran Church projects in January through February.

- To encourage national translators, literacy workers, and the directors overseeing them in the Cameroon Lutheran Church.
- To help coordinate another Translators' Conference for several language teams who are translating the Scriptures into their own languages.

## ☑<del>☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆</del>☑ ₹ Please PRAY with us for:

- Continuing safety, health and strength as we engage in another LBT Cameroon ministry trip.
- God's wisdom as He equips and uses us to help and encourage others who continue the work.
- Safe travels: We plan to leave the US Dec. 8th, to return Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The planning and preparation of the second Translators Conference early next year. Pray for wisdom for us to help national translators share with one another and do excellent work.
- The Subula translators and literacy workers, that we may help and encourage them in literacy and translation.
- Blessings on our family times for Christmas with our son Sammy's family in Cameroon.
- That many more will come to the Lord before it is too late—in Canada, the US, Cameroon, and throughout the world!

**Thank you!** As we reflect on how you have been "with us" over many years, we are very grateful. You have supported us in prayer and/or financial support as we have worked for God's Word in Kwanja and other languages

May the Lord bless you!

A Blessed Christmas & Thankful New Year Rejoicing in Jesus!

In Christ's Love,

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