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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

What the angels made known that night for the shepherds LBTC has been doing for fifty years – making the Good News of Jesus' coming as the Saviour for all people available in the languages of people's hearts. Glory to God in the highest!

The Gospel of Luke is often one of the first Bible books that gets translated in a New Testament project. And Luke 2 provides an awesome starting point. This is particularly true in three of LBTC's ongoing translation projects.

In Thailand, two Thai Lutheran pastors got so excited at the prospect of a Southern Thai Bible that they recorded Luke 2 in that language and then broadcast that recording on the radio during the Christmas season last year. There aren't many Thai Christians, and even fewer Southern Thai Christians. But last year they heard the Christmas Gospel in their own mother tongue! Thanks be to God for how He promises to work through His Word to bring salvation to Thai Muslims and Buddhists, and to strengthen the faith of Christians.



In Cameroon, the Gospel of Luke was one of the first Bible books to be translated by the Nizaa team. Various Scriptures, including the account of Christ's birth are used as part of the curriculum for literacy classes. Most of the students in these classes are non-Christians. God's Word is Good News of Great Joy for the Nizaa people.

Farther north, among the Dwayo people, the account of Christ's birth is a most popular resource for the Scripture engagement groups led by Madame Alice and her team. The Bible Listening and Bible Study groups that she organizes are a mixture of Christians and non-Christians. The Christians are strengthened in their relationship with Jesus and the non-Christians have that Word planted in their hearts. More Good News of Great Joy for more people!

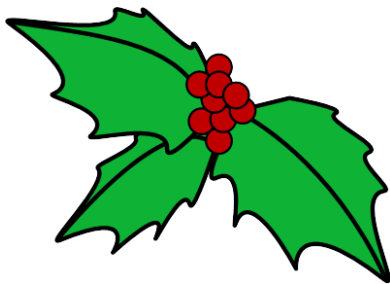




This autumn brought the news of Pastor Mike Kuhn accepting a call to serve on the faculty of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton. The news that the Kuhns will be leaving has brought sadness to the whole LBT community and they will be sorely missed. But Pastor Kuhn's gifts that served LBTC so well are also well suited to this new position and he will be a strong witness for LBTC and for mission work in general within the seminary community. For what Pastor Kuhn has done for LBTC and for what he will do as he participates in the formation of new pastors for the church -- Glory to God in the Highest!

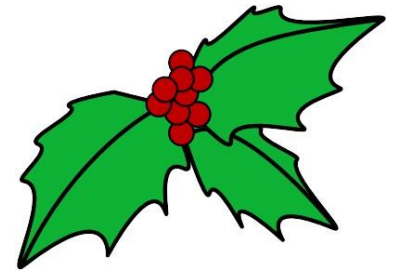
And LBTC's work will continue! The Lord is already bringing to the fore people who have many abilities and gifts that will serve well in LBTC mission work. And your prayers and support will mean even more workers in these fields that are ripe for the harvest.

The projects mentioned above as well as two others in Cameroon continue to bear fruit. LBTC's investigation of work in Cameroon and other parts of Africa and among indigenous peoples in Canada continues as well. God is increasing the proclamation of His Word through our partnerships with LBT US and other Bible ministry organizations.



I pray that you, too, always hear the good news of Jesus' coming with great joy and hold it precious in your heart. May God's saving Word grow in you, strengthening your faith and reminding you of your eternal relationship with your heavenly Father, through His Son, Jesus.

Once this Christmas Gospel has touched your heart God calls you to take up the angel's proclamation. One way to do that is to support the work of LBT Canada as we translate that good news of great joy into more and more of the many languages that don't have even a portion of the Bible yet.



Thank you so much for your prayers and support of LBTC throughout the year. May God's gift of salvation through Jesus, His Son, so fill you with great joy in this Advent and Christmas season and always until He returns in glory!

In our Saviour, Christ the Lord,

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