

THE WORD OF GOD -
In Their Hands - And Upon Their Hearts

Weber - LBTC Cameroon Christmas letter 2024

CHRISTMAS - And Seasons of Life

After creation, mankind fell into sin.
Divine promises were then soon given.
Very hopeful of the promised Seed to come,
Even Isaiah prophesied the birth of a Son.
New covenant promises given to overcome sin,
To all mankind a Saviour would be given.

Christ was born when the time was right,
His birth was announced to shepherds that night.
Rejoicing, they found God's Son as a tiny babe,
Immmanuel, God with us, who came to save.
Signs in the sky gave a message to those afar,
To guide wise men who followed the star.
Meeting Jesus, they were in awe
And worshiped Him, the King they saw.
So we also embrace the One who fulfills all.

Growing in favor with God and man,
Reaching the age of twelve, along He went
On to Jerusalem for the Temple event.
Wasn't Jesus with the group to return?
Tarrying behind in the Temple courts,
He was found in His Father's House.

Ministry began, when Jesus came to John.
In being baptized, He fulfilled what was right.
Now the Father spoke to commend His Son.
In the power of the Spirit, His ministry had begun.
Starting with forty days to fast and pray,
Tempted in the wilderness, He showed the way,
Resisting the devil thru God's Word in that hour.
Yielded to God, He spoke and healed in His power.

Perfectly Jesus lived His earthly race,
And then was punished in our place,
So we could be forgiven by God's grace.
Sin was atoned for by His death,
It is finished, He said before His last breath.
Off the cross, His lifeless body was buried,
Night was coming, so no one tarried.

Easter dawned, women hurried to the tomb.
Alive? Away with doubt and gloom!
Soon Jesus appeared, having conquered death,
To His own, He inspired them with His breath.
Eating, drinking, showing His scars, it was true.
Resurrection Life means we will live too!

Passing it on, through **Pentecost power**,
Every believer is called in this day and hour!
Nations and peoples from every place,
Tribes and tongues need to know God's grace!
Everyone far and near,
Can they hear of Jesus' love so dear?
Of God's great plan for our salvation?
Spirit, breathe into us Your life and power
To use us, Your people, in this hour!

Return to us soon, Lord Jesus Christ!
Eagerly we wait for your coming in Glory
To enter into the rest of the story!
United in Your Heavenly Kingdom,
Rejoicing at the CHRIST-MAS feast in Heaven,
New LIFE we'll live, free from all pain and sin!

Dear Partners in Prayer and Ministry,

Just as there are seasons in the Church Year, we go through seasons in our lives.

Advent and Christmas: To us a child is born! We anticipated, now rejoice at the birth of Melody Ray Larson, born to our daughter Sarah Joy and Nathan Larson on Oct. 18th, our 7th grandchild. We enjoy also her big sister Iris, now 3 years old.



Newborn Melody

Growth and Ministry: This year we are blessed with serving our children and grandchildren near us in New Hampshire. We will visit son Sammy, Kelsey and their four children in Cameroon for Christmas.

The ministry of LBT in Cameroon continues. In September, Pastor Tim and Erin Schulte arrived and are making good progress in building relationships and learning French, the common language to work with the different languages in Cameroon.

Passion: This year we celebrated **50 years of what God has done** through Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada.



We joined the Kuhn family, Tara, Pastor Mohr, board members, and LBTC supporters in Ontario in May, and then in Alberta in September. In July we also celebrated 60 years since LBTUS began, looking forward with all LBT missionaries and staff to future ministry.

Resurrection: We miss Joan's older sister Ruth Ward who passed away in June, on to Resurrection Life in Heaven. One day we will join all the saints there.

Pentecost: Passing it on! We plan to arrive in Cameroon Dec. 3rd, and to stay through mid- February.

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

JESUS' RETURN: We look forward to His coming! Meanwhile, we want many more to come to the Lord before it is too late - in Canada, the US, Cameroon, and throughout the world!

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 Nov. 29th, to return Feb. 16th.
- Rev. Tim and Erin Schulte, who arrived in September. Pray for continuing good adjustment to life in Cameroon and good progress in their French studies.
- Us to be an encouragement and blessing to the Schultes and others we encounter.
- 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.

THANK YOU for joining us in mission with your prayers and support!

*A Blessed Christmas
& God's blessings and peace
throughout the seasons
of this New Year!
In Christ's Love,
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Our Family Update for 2024!



**Nathan,
Hannah,
Ezekiel
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Sammy, Kelsey, Keturah, Steven, Timothy, Caleb



**Zeke enjoys time
with Grandpa and Grandma
Great Aunt Naomi Visits**



**Sarah Joy, Nate Larson
with Iris and Melody**



**Rev. Tim and Erin
Schulte, new LBT
Cameroon
missionaries**

