

## Director's Prayer Letter

Rev. Ron Mohr

Dear Friends of Lutheran Bible  
Translators of Canada,



...you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...  
Ephesians 2:19-20

One of the great privileges I have as LBTC's Executive Director is to worship with God's people in many places around the world and share the good news of God at work through His Word as LBTC supports the translation of the Scriptures into the languages of people's hearts.



Above is the beautiful Millennium Cathedral of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon. This is the lead church of the EELC. The preaching there is strong and the music is always powerful, vibrant, and joyful. Worship there is in French and Fulfulde, a commonly used West African language. But other local languages are often used in worship as well. God's Word of life is proclaimed in it all.



Next are the three language groups that LBTC works with to bring the whole council of God's Word. The church in Poli (on the left) is the centre for the Dwayo language. There are 4 translators working on the Old Testament. The gift of two new laptops will greatly assist them in their work. Pray for healing and strengthening for the Dwayo team so they can move forward in Christ's power.

The language centre in Mbe (centre) is bustling with translation work. The translators tell me they are 90% done with the Old Testament. That work is waiting for the Dii community revisers to critique the translations and then, after the translation consultant approves, a whole Bible will be ready for printing and dedication. Pray that God will bring that day quickly.

The church in Galim (right) is a hub of activity for the Nizaa translation work. Pastor Ousmanou is very eager to have at least one more translator to work with him on the Nizaa New Testament. The new computer provided by LBTC will help, but your prayers for more workers will help more.

At the right is the church in Yimbere, with the Kwanja pastors and language centre workers in front. The church is the focal point for the Kwanja language community. Jerome (at the far left) is eager to get an Old Testament Kwanja translation going and develop more literacy classes and get more people engaged with the Kwanja New Testament. Pray for Kwanja people to be renewed by the powerful Word of God.







At the left is Cross and Crown Church in Ngaoundere, the only English-speaking congregation in the city. Pastor Ngayap (centre next to me) not only serves the congregation, but also helps run the EELC's radio station. They broadcast in many languages in addition to French and Fulfulde. They have many issues with consistent hydro. Pray for this work to continue and increase so that God's Word can reach more people in more languages.

At the right is Pastor Yongthanayot, preaching at his church in Southern Thailand. Although he is a busy pastor sharing God's Word with his congregation and giving them great pastoral care, he is also initiating work on the Southern Thai Bible translation. He is learning new techniques making many connections with others interested in having a Bible in Southern Thai. Pray for him as he serves in these ways. And pray also for more people to join him in this gospel-powered endeavour.



Closer to home is the dual parish at Terrace/Kitimat, BC. It is situated in the vicinity of several vibrant First Nations communities. Pastor Daniel Cunningham is making connections with some of these groups with the help of LAMP, BC Mission Boat, and LBTC, as well as LCC Domestic Missions. Please pray for him and for all of these entities as we seek God's wisdom in how best to bring these communities God's Word and care for them in God's love.



Finally, here is LBTC's home office, located in Messiah Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Ontario. We are so grateful to Pastor Rapp and the people of Messiah for giving us a great place to work. And we invite you

to come visit us and pray with us for LBTC and all our Bible work around the world.



Each of these churches is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, the full Word of God, with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone. Each of these churches and the Scripture workers supported by you, LBTC prayer warriors and financial supporters, rejoice in that Word and is working to share that Word among the people who speak their languages. Please consider supporting LBTC financially so that these and all languages around the world can have God's Word of life, joy, and peace in their mother tongues.

Peace and joy in Jesus,  
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