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LWML National Convention

Representing Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) at the National LWML Convention is always a great experience for me. Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) ladies, in my opinion, are the most mission minded group of people in the Lutheran church. They have partnered not only with me, but with LBT, making it possible for people around the world to have God's Word in a language they understand. At this convention they voted to support LBT's grant for the training of national Ethiopian pastors. There are over 9 million Lutherans in Ethiopia, some of whom still do not have God's Word in a language they understand. This grant will provide training for Ethiopian pastors to give their congregations God's Word in a language they do understand. **Pray that God will provide the funds for the many grants the LWML has chosen to support in the next two years.**

Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo, an Ethiopian, and Jennifer Kunkel, LBT's newest staff member, helped me at the exhibit. I was so grateful for their help as it gave me a chance to connect with so many people that have partnered with me and LBT during the 48 years I have been with LBT.



Tilahun Menedo, Alvina, Jennifer Kunkel



With Mrs. Menedo – new African friend



With former LWML National President and LBT Board Member, Virginia Von Seggern



Meta Krueger brought me cheese curds from WI

Melanoma?

Please continue to keep David Setiyee, LIBTRALO's Executive Director, in your prayers. The doctor in Liberia finally got the results from the sore that was removed on David's foot in February. It was Stage 4 Melanoma and, although they think they got it all, he was told that it is likely to return, perhaps in a different form of cancer.

Concordia Mission Institute

Concordia Mission Institute (CMI), is an annual conference held at St. Paul's Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO, to equip, connect, and renew workers in Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) and Mission of Christ Network (MCN). It was held July 7th to 13th. The group of missionaries enjoyed edifying worship services and speakers both from the outside and in our mission community. Many of the sessions addressed modern day challenges for missionaries at home and abroad. It also gave us time of fellowship and time to encourage one another. I

was encouraged by the number of young people who came to learn more about the work of LBT and the possibility of joining us one day. I also enjoyed getting to know fellow missionaries I have heard much about but had never met personally. **Praise God that this mission community was able to have a time and place to be refueled to carry on the Lord's work around the world.**

LBT Fall Dinner in California

November 1st and 2nd will be here before we know it. The LBT Dinner Rally will be held at noon on Friday (Nov 1) at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Orange, CA, and on Saturday noon (Nov 2) at Red Hill Lutheran Church in Tustin, CA. LBT received raving reviews on the food last year, so we are using the same lady for catering again this year. This year our main speaker will be Rev. Chuck and Karen Tessaro who have worked for many years in Bible translation in Nigeria, Africa. **Mark the date on your calendars** as I look forward to seeing you there.



CMI group (photo by Paul Mehl)



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