

Grossmann Prayer Letters

May 2019



THE RELAY

The man to the right in the picture above is Gabriel Teah. Gabriel joined the Maan team because he loves God and His word, and he loves his people and his language. He was very good with his language. He desired to be a full-time translator with the team, but his English skills were not quite strong enough. However, he was given a role as a team checker with the translation team and here you see him joining a consultant check. Gabriel passed away in early March from a brief illness that complicated, or was complicated by, previous health issues. He leaves behind a wife and three teenage children.

We ask why. We are comforted that God appoints times and seasons. We are comforted and anticipate that God will be revered even in this circumstance.

Traveling through the Bandi region in March brought about some other why questions. Why have the Bandi waited so long for work on their complete Bible to begin? Why are people attracted to belief systems such as Islam that is based on the impossible task of pleasing God with our works? But why are these same people proud to pull out portions of Scripture printed in the past and ask for more? Why are they asking for our prayers for peace, unity, schools and more Bandi Scripture? I am reminded of the story of the man born blind recorded in John 9. People were asking why. Jesus' answer is similar to the passage in Eccl.

*As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. (John 9:1-4 NIV)*

The time to work is now as God has kept doors open. We have received open invitations to translate the Bible and to offer literacy classes. Often through the desire to read and the reading of new Scripture portions in the local language, people come to know and revere the God who is glorified because he is the God who enters our lives to redeem and to save. **Let us continue to run our race, so that this gift of Scripture Gabriel wanted so much for his children and his people will be completed.** Because of you, friends that Gabriel will meet in heaven, his family will someday read and hear God's word in their heart language.

For the one who makes  
everything beautiful in His time,

Becky

## A time for everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born  
and a time to die,  
a time to plant  
and a time to uproot,...  
a time to tear down  
and a time to build,  
a time to weep  
and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn  
and a time to dance...

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end...

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him. ( Eccl 3:1-14 NIV)

## Speaking schedule

**May 4:** Our Shepherd LWML Rally, Birmingham, MI  
5 Cross of Christ, South Lyons MI  
12 Trinity, Sturgis, MI  
19 Trinity Youth, Paw Paw MI

**June 2:** St. Paul Buchanan MI  
9: St. Martin, Birch Run, MI  
23: Christ Our Savior, Holland MI

**July 7-16:** LBT offices, Concordia MO  
21: Peace, Antigo WI  
22: Retired teachers, Frankenmuth MI

**August:** Liberia two weeks

**Sept 8:** Immanuel, Wahpeton, ND  
10: or a Tuesday, Women's Bible Study, Hazen, ND  
11: Bethlehem-St. John, Newburg, ND  
15: Immanuel am and Redeemer pm, Grand Forks, ND  
18: Immanuel, Fargo, ND evening Wed  
22: Trinity, LaMoure, ND  
29: St. Andrew's West Fargo, ND

**Oct 11-17:** BT conference Dallas, TX  
20: St. Michaels, Richville MI

**November:** Liberia for two weeks, dates TBD

**December:**

**Many weekday evenings are available. Contact me to set up a time with your church or small group.**

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Bolahun Pentacostal church built many years ago by Swedish missionaries.



Mosque in Samolahun



Masambolahun mosque



Ruins of a church bombed in the war



Muslim town officials in Lukasu who asked for classes and more books like Genesis



A warm welcome in Bahn