



**Lutheran Bible
Translators**

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Our mission: Putting God's Word of life into every language. Please join us in this ministry with prayer and financial support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Great News! LBT has received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating an organization can receive. This is the ninth consecutive year for attaining a four-star rating. We remain committed to transparency and faithful stewardship in all that we do. We are so thankful for the generosity of our supporters to put God's Word in the hands of people around the world.



Rev. Yohanna Nzelu, Assistant Bishop, South East Lake Victoria Diocese and a Datooga elder.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL HAS RESUMED

Thanks to all of those who have continued with support for the LBT ministry we do in Tanzania. In April, Michael was able to visit three areas in Tanzania. The South East of Lake Victoria Diocese has invited LBT to partner with them in outreach to the Datooga people. There are approximately 586,000 Datooga, and **less than 1%** have accepted Christ. Pray for guidance in moving forward with the request.

Michael also visited the ongoing Kerewe program on Ukerewe Island, Tanzania. They have finished drafting Jonah, Luke and Acts. It is our prayer to visit again in August to finalize their translation and do the typesetting so that the three books can be published and distributed. Then they will begin translating Matthew, Mark, John and the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). (Picture: Michael teaching the Kerewe translators.)



MORE TANZANIA TRIP

During the trip, the Regional Directors for East and Southern Africa (LBT) joined up with Michael, and they had a wonderful visit with staff from the Bible Society of Tanzania, discussing areas of possible partnership. In the picture, starting with Michael on the left: Dr. A. Kimonge (General Secretary BST), Sarah Esala (incoming Regional Director, LBT), Rev. I. Mwangota (BST), and Jim Laesch (Regional Director, LBT). Seated is Rev. O. Lema, Assistant Bishop of East of Lake Victoria Diocese and Program Manager of the Kerewe Bible Translation Program. (Rev. Lema stands 6'8.5" so he had to sit to be in the frame.) Rev. Mwangota helps with the computer program used by the translators. He trains the translators, helps them when they encounter problems, and helps in the typesetting when products are ready for publication. It is always a blessing to be in partnership with Bible societies throughout the world.



VISITING CHURCHES IN USA

Michael and Jo Ann are fully vaccinated. When your congregation is open to visits and programs, let us know. We would be very happy to come and visit and share stories of the ministry you support through us. **(Contact information on top of 1st page.)**

Prayers

1. Praise and thanksgiving for the faithful stewardship of LBT and its 4-star recognition.
2. Thanksgiving to all who have continued their financial support and prayer for LBT and for our ministry with LBT.
3. Guidance on working with the Datooga people of Tanzania.
4. Travel safety and support for the (presently) planned travel to Botswana in July and Tanzania in August. We are always concerned about COVID and travel.
5. The final push to finish the Khwe program in Botswana. There are only 80 verses left to draft and check, then typesetting can begin.
6. Prayer for the next phase of work among the Khwe of Botswana. Currently they have done a panorama (portions) of Scripture and are praying about the possibility of doing the complete Bible.