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Consecration of LIBTRALO Headquarters

Being present for the March 2nd consecration of the LIBTRALO Headquarters was an amazing experience. Having all four of my children with me to celebrate this occasion was the ‘frosting on the cake’. They were able to relive childhood memories by visiting sites that were special to them and I was able to reconnect with LIBTRALO colleagues and longtime Liberian friends. **Seeing LIBTRALO successfully continuing the work that had been my passion for so many years helped me make a closure to my life and work in Liberia.**

LIBTRALO chose to call it a consecration, rather than a dedication, as there are parts of the building that remain to be finished. As you may remember,



Family together in Liberia

room where Mother Tongue Teacher Training and Scripture Engagement Workshops will be held. Kolliyan Kolubah, the leader for the 15 language groups working with LIBTRALO, assured me that, with the training they have had in multilingual education and Bible translation, they feel equipped to continue the work that LBT has been doing in Liberia the past 50 years. As I write this letter, work is being done to complete the auditorium so that workshops can begin. Many ideas for generating funds for LIBTRALO’s ongoing work are being discussed by LIBTRALO Administration. **Pray that LIBTRALO can secure funding to not only complete the building but carry on this important work.**



LIBTRALO Headquarter Building

memorial gifts in honor of my late husband, Dale, were put toward this building per his wishes. Because of the Civil War and ever-increasing prices, it took much more money than originally imagined. However, I am so grateful to all of you who made it possible for this building to be a reality. **Praise God with me that LIBTRALO now has a place to continue the work of Bible Translation and Scripture Use.**

Plans were to hold the program in tents in front of the LIBTRALO Headquarter building, but due to both the crowd and the heat, it was decided to hold it in what will be the auditorium. This is a large



Consecration program in the LIBTRALO Auditorium

Partner Infrastructure Fund (PIF)

A good number of you helped fund the building of the LIBTRALO Headquarters with the mission project that I had for doing that. In recent years LBT has been supporting numerous national organizations (including LIBTRALO) with a new general fund called Partnership Infrastructure Fund (PIF). Funds from this project have helped LIBTRALO and therefore I have it listed below as an option for those of you supporting my ministry.

National LWML Convention in June

LWMLers have been huge supporters of LBT. I am so glad that I will be at the National LWML Convention as an exhibitor for LBT. If you are planning to be at the convention, please stop by LBT's exhibit as I very much look forward to seeing you.

If you are a delegate to the National LWML Convention or have a voice in influencing your delegate, I am asking that you vote for the Lutheran Bible Translation grant proposal, "**God's Word Changes Everything.**" This grant was presented on



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behalf of LBT by one of my supporters in Edgar, WI. The grant would provide funds to equip national pastors and church leaders to translate God's Word for their people and help their people use Scripture in their everyday life and worship. I am especially passionate about this grant as there were many Lutheran churches in West Africa where God's Word was only available in English or French, not in the language the people used in their homes. I saw firsthand that when God's Word was translated into the local languages, hearts and lives were changed.

Update on David's Foot

Thanks for your prayers for David Setiyee, LIBTRALO Executive Director. In my last newsletter I told you about the sore he had on his foot. Although the results of the specimen sent to the USA has still not come back to Liberia, the doctor who examined him said he was 99% sure it was melanoma. However, he thinks they got it all in surgery. **David reports it is healing well, so praise God for his recovery.**

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