



## Life Updates

Rob is continuing to serve LBT in Botswana as an adjunct missionary. He is helping new missionaries transition to the field and the assisting the translation projects in Shekgalagari and Shiyeyi. Working remotely isn't easy as the time differences and distance often make communication difficult! But the projects continue and thankfully those involved are being flexible during these times of transition. As always we appreciate your support! Rob still requires support from individuals and churches so that this mission can continue. Thank you for partnering with us!

## Project Updates

The Shekgalagari translation project has been going very well. The drafting of the New Testament is nearly finished! Only the last part of Hebrews remains. The books still need to be checked and tested in the community which will take some time. Our translation consultant from United Bible Society predicts that the NT will be finished in 2019. Please continue to pray that this is the case!



We work on the translation using software called Paratext

## Trip to Botswana

In April Rob was able to make a trip to Botswana. He was there to help the Grulke family get settled as well as reconnect in person with some of the projects we are assisting. Two in particular, the Shekgalagari translation and the Shiyeyi translation will eventually get support from the Grulkes, but Rob is assisting the projects during this transition. There were many additional things to work on in Rob's role as Botswana Field Rep. Please pray for the projects in Botswana and that Rob is able to make a second trip this summer.

## Speaking at LBT Annual Dinner

Rob recently had the opportunity to speak at the annual LBT dinner in Concordia. He had a great time meeting LBT supporters and sharing LBT's mission. He was also able to speak at supporting church Immanuel Lutheran in Higginsville, MO. Thank you to all the churches and individuals that support us and if you would like us to visit, please let us know!

## Upcoming

The family will be in Concordia this July for CMI - Concordia Mission Institute, an event that LBT hosts in partnership with the Mission of Christ Network. We are looking forward to reconnecting with other missionaries and having a chance to attend some interesting workshops and presentations. The kids will get to attend and do some fun activities with other MKs.



The kids recently enjoyed a trip to the zoo where they were able to re-connect with some of the familiar animals from Botswana like zebras, snakes and lions!

## Additional Prayers

Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to pray for a good family situation and that the work continues to go well.

## A note from LBT Regional Director Jim Laesch

Rob continues to serve as an LBT Adjunct missionary directly involved with LBT's Botswana ministry, therefore he still needs regular gifts to support his work. He connects daily with coworkers in Botswana and visits there quarterly. Rob's knowledge and experience in Botswana is critical for new LBT missionaries to be successful in Botswana. While Carl and Kelsey Grulke are learning the local languages and culture, Rob makes sure that the current Bible translation program workers have the technical and practical support they need to do their daily work. This is possible because Rob has lived in Africa and Botswana for many years and knows each of the translators and their situation. I thank you all, the Hilbert support team, for your important part in God's Mission. God bless you! - Jim Laesch, LBT Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa

Blessings,  
Rob, Mical, Carsten (7), Annabelle (5), and Josephine (2)