



Hilbert Happenings

Rob continues to serve as Executive Director of ABT. The organization has had some challenges during Rob's tenure, but none as dramatic as the past few months. Most of the recent challenges involve the health of some of ABT's translators and ABT's translation consultant. The financial concerns ABT has been facing seem to have stabilized thanks to some successful grant applications. ABT continues to be blessed with caring and enthusiastic partners. We count our blessings, but ABT has been hit hard by health issues recently. Please join us in prayer for the health of our team. We have faith in the future of ABT and in God's Plan, but are still saddened by our recent losses.

Recent Loss and other Health Concerns

The ABT team lost a major contributor last month. Dr. Patrick Bennett, ABT's main translation consultant, passed away. Dr.

Bennett was the consultant for all five ABT language projects. He was formerly of UW-Madison and the author of the text book Comparative Semitic Languages. He will be greatly missed but we are grateful he is with the Lord. In addition, many involved with the project have had COVID related issues and are also dealing with anxiety. Please pray for the health



DR. BENNETT (2ND FROM LEFT) AT THE CHALDEAN NT PRESENTATION

of all involved with ABT's projects. Also, please pray for those of our translators living in the Middle East as they are dealing with poor health care infrastructure and internet/electrical issues that make our remote translation system challenging.

Project Updates*

The Oreta* language project has been able to find additional financial support which will allow the translators to devote more of their time to translation work. They have recently completed the book of Daniel and are on track to have one of their more productive years. The Sabelto* projects are continuing to be productive as well despite COVID related setbacks. The translators on those projects are truly inspirational. Work for the projects continues despite challenges related to electricity and internet that our Middle Eastern counterparts are experiencing. Rob will be working over the next few months to do more in person as things open up and will also be focused on finding replacements for Dr. Bennett's various roles. ABT recently had their board meeting which once again was virtual, but we are hopeful that next meeting in September will be in person! If you have suggestions for ABT board members (especially those with an accounting background) please let us know via email.

Financial Request

Please consider making a contribution to the Hilbert Ministry Fund. We continue to rely on donations to fund our work. Even a gift of \$20 to \$30 will make a big difference. Rob would love to continue in his role serving ABT, but needs help from partners to continue to ensure that enough funding is available to make that possible. Funding has been down recently, so if you were putting off making a contribution, please try to make it soon. Contributions can be made at <https://lbt.org/give/> or checks can be mailed to Lutheran Bible Translators PO Box 789, Concordia, MO 64020.

We hope all of you had a blessed Easter! As always, thank you for your prayer and financial support! - Rob, Mical, Carsten (10!), Annabelle (8), and Josephine (5). We want to thank all of you for continuing to support our ministry through your prayers and financial contributions this year. Please send us updates to our new address at 924 Diversey Dr., St. Louis, MO 63126 or to our email at rmhilbert@lbt.org. We love to stay in touch and get updates.

*Updates are intentionally left vague to protect the identities of the projects and those involved. Pseudonyms are used to protect the translators working in the Middle East and the ones working in the US who often visit the language groups. If you would like more specific info please let us know!

