



Jim Laesch began his mission career in 1973 as a linguistic and Bible translation advisor in Liberia, West Africa. He and his family served among the Northern Grebo people, assisting with the development of the written language and facilitating the New Testament translation.

From 1982, Jim served as the language program coordinator for LBT's work in Liberia, followed by a move to LBT's head office in 1986. Since then he has held various positions. He currently serves as regional director for south and east Africa.

No matter his role, Jim has always served with the purpose of giving guidance and support to LBT missionaries and Scripture programs worldwide.

October Birthdays

Gloria Kuhn
Jim Laesch
Elizabeth Wagner
Martin Weber
Rob Veith
Becky Grossmann
Linda Gari
Charlotte Brandt
Chuck Tessaro



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October 2019 Prayer Calendar



1. Pray that missionary kid Gloria Kuhn will grow in God's grace and love.

2. Pray that Janet Borchard will have a fruitful trip as she travels to PNG and works with the Ipili team and consultant on sections of Ruth.

3. Pray for Rich Rudowske as he prepares for a major exam for his PhD program and for open hearts for those attending his LBT presentation at Concordia Theological Seminary.

4. Pray that Kara Kuhn (Cameroon) will have a safe and full-term pregnancy and a happy time of adjustment for the family when the baby comes.

5. Pray for the Derricks family (Cameroon) as they take steps towards fulfilling the adoption process for their new child.

6. Pray for safe travels and good health for those coming from many faraway places to the Bible Translation Conference in Dallas.

7. Pray that those attending the Paratext workshop will gain greater skills in using this Bible translation software.

8. Pray for Jim Laesch to flourish in body, mind, and spirit as he carries out his vocation in his family life and LBT work.

9. Give thanks to God for missionary kid Lizzie Wagner's precious life and pray she will continue to grow and mature in her faith and body.

10. Pray for fruitful learning and that iron will sharpen iron for those attending the Bible Translation Conference (17 are from LBT!).

11. Pray for patience and wisdom for Martin and Joan Weber (Cameroon) as they complete typesetting on the Vute 3-year lectionary series.

12. Pray for wisdom and well-balanced priorities for Michael Ersland (Ghana) as he takes classes at Dallas International University towards his master's degree.

13. Pray for Jonathan Federwitz (PNG) as he serves Bible translation through his aviation and administration work.

14. Praise God for the gifts Rob Veith is using to help people have audio versions of the Bible and beautiful music in their heart languages.

15. Praise God for the ways God has cared for Elliot and Serena Derricks as they celebrate their anniversary.

16. Pray for rich discussions and mutual encouragement for those participating in LBT's translation meeting in Dallas.

17. Pray for health, protection, and good progress as Yuare Jerome and Joan Weber (Cameroon) work on the Kwanja-Ndung lectionary.

18. Praise God for the success of the first Obudu language cluster workshop in Nigeria.

19. Praise God for the progress made with the distribution of the Yala audio New Testament (Nigeria).

20. Pray for health and great learning experiences for LBT interns Ariana Schulte (Cameroon) and Tiffany Smith (Botswana).

21. Pray that Paul Federwitz and Sarah Stilwell will have successful meetings this week regarding LBT IT needs.

22. Pray for good health and safe travels as Linus Otronyi (Nigeria) coordinates various translation and Scripture engagement projects.

23. Pray for Sarah Stilwell's nephew as he begins a new phase in the Air Force.

24. Pray for Linus Otronyi as he travels to Sierra Leone to assist in a follow-up workshop in translating Lutheran liturgy into four languages (Oct. 28-Nov.9).

25. Pray for wisdom for Becky Grossmann as she consults in multiple translation projects in Liberia.

26. Praise God for the ways Linda Gari is using her talents and experience in LBT's communications department.

27. Pray for good instruction and learning so those attending the Word for the World training in Zambia (Oct. 28-Nov. 22) will increase their translation skills.

28. Praise God for the blessings Charlotte Brandt brings to her job in LBT's gift records.

29. Pray for open hearts and clear communication for those attending the Beautiful Feet Missions Conference.

30. Pray for strong partnerships as Chuck and Karen Tessaro share about Bible translation efforts in Nigeria.

31. Praise God on this Reformation Day for the ways God's Word is strengthening the Church around the world.
