



Church attendance was sparse among the Kerewe people. Worship was held in the Swahili language, poorly understood by Kerewe speakers. Recognizing this, the East of Lake Victoria Diocese in Tanzania invited Lutheran Bible Translators to “come help us with Bible translation.”

The Kerewe responded enthusiastically to a draft copy of the book of Jonah. One man exclaimed, “This is wonderful. This is our open door to come back to the church because the Word of God has come in our language.”

A translation team was formed and began preliminary work in 2018. Rev. Andrew Olson joined the team in 2019, serving as translation coordinator.

March Birthdays

Lisa Beckendorf
 Levi Federwitz
 Lydia Derricks
 Tilahun Mendedo
 Selah Olson
 Hannah Federwitz
 Mary Jane Grulke



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March 2020 Prayer Calendar



1. Pray for grace and compassion as Lisa Beckendorf serves the Lord in Botswana.

2. Praise God that Levi Federwitz (Missionary Kid) is doing well academically and enjoying school.

3. Pray for David Snyder and Tilahun Mendedo as they attend philanthropy training in Florida this week.

4. Pray for Rev. Rich Rudowske and Mission Mobilization Coordinator Emily Wilson as they visit with students at Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

5. Pray for the steering committee for the Digital Training Library as they discuss what content should be developed for the global Bible translation training library.

6. Praise God for the successful dedication of the Bible House in Cameroon earlier this month.

7. Praise God for the success of the Obudu (Nigeria) workshop which was held in February.

8. Praise God for the completion of the Gola (Liberia) New Testament and pray for a successful dedication taking place today.

9. Praise God for Elliot and Serena Derricks as they celebrate 4 years of service with Lutheran Bible Translators. Pray that their work in Cameroon will continue to be fruitful and encouraging.

10. Pray for Ariana Schulte as she continues her missionary internship and adjusts to life in Sierra Leone.

11. Pray that Lutheran Bible Translators' office staff will be encouraged as they work together in God's mission.

12. Pray that Lydia Derricks (Missionary Kid) will continue to love her home-schooling time.

13. Praise God for Tilahun Mendedo and his desire to bring supporters to LBT.

14. Pray for Paul Federwitz as he continues partnership development in the US. Pray that he will receive the prayer and financial support needed to continue his ministry.

15. Pray for Nathan Esala as he continues work on his PhD while in South Africa.

16. Pray that LBT's staff and missionaries might give God the glory as they practice innovation and creativity in their work.

17. Praise God for the successful first phase of the Yala (Nigeria) Scripture Songs writing workshop. Pray for the second phase, scheduled for April.

18. Pray that Selah Olson (Missionary Kid) will grow in God's grace and love.

19. Pray for the continued growth of Christ's church on earth, that God would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good Word and will.

20. Pray for Carl and Kelsey Grulke as they make final arrangements for their furlough months in the US.

21. Pray that LBT missionary kids would grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus.

22. Praise God that Hannah Federwitz (Missionary Kid) has adjusted well to her new school. Pray for continued well-being as she finishes her 8th grade year.

23. Pray for the Bandi training and selection workshop taking place in Liberia.

24. Pray for the Zayse (Ethiopia) translation team as they enter the months of editing work and go over the formatting, punctuation, spelling and consistency of the translated text.

25. Pray that LBT missionaries and staff attending the annual Eurasia Media and Distribution Consultation will be enlightened and enjoy their time together.

26. Pray that Mary Jane Grulke (Missionary Kid) will continue to grow into a fun-loving, compassionate, and deep-thinking young person.

27. Praise God for safe travels of LBT staff and missionaries who have been heavily traveling this quarter.

28. Pray for Eshinee Veith and Iantha Scheiwe as they further dive into the planning for this year's Concordia Mission Institute.

29. Give thanks for our faithful prayer partners who join with us daily in prayer.

30. Pray that our many partners around the world will find joy and blessings through the work of Bible translation.

31. Pray that Lutheran Bible Translators Canada will continue to grow as they press onward in their work in Bible translation ministry.
