



The Nsenga Bible Translation Project

began in early 2010 as a grassroots movement of the Nsenga-speaking people in Zambia. On July 14, 2016, the Nsenga people of Zambia received the first ever published version of God's Word in their own language. Prior to this, Nsenga people could only hear the Gospel through a foreign language. God was, for many, just as foreign as the language the missionaries brought with them.

Translation work continued, completely under the Bible Society, with work on the Old Testament. And now, Lutheran Bible Translators has eagerly jumped on board to be a part of this life-changing project – to put God's Word in their hands!

January Birthdays

Eliot Esala
 Karen Tessaro
 Josephine Derricks
 Alvina Federwitz
 Michael Ersland
 David Federwitz
 Alexis Olson
 Aaron Beckendorf
 Micah Federwitz
 Carsten Hilbert



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January 2021 Prayer Calendar



1. We thank God for the creativity and passion that David Snyder has had during his 10 years of service with Lutheran Bible Translators and pray this remains as he continues.

2. Pray for Jennifer Kunkel as she continues in her role as Lutheran Bible Translators Board Executive Assistant.

3. Praise God for Janet Borchard and her many years of missionary service. Pray for her ongoing work with the Ipili translation team.

4. We praise God for Ruthie Wagner and her 9 years of missionary service with Lutheran Bible Translators.

5. Pray that Eliot Esala's love for Jesus will deepen and that he will continue to walk in the ways of Christ.

6. Praise God for the life-giving ministry that Karen Tessaro provides by God's grace.

7. We thank God for a successful first year for Amy Gerdts as Lutheran Bible Translators Director for Communications.

8. Pray for Carl and Kelsey Grulke as they settle back into life in Botswana and reconnect with Bible projects and their Bible Society colleagues.

9. Pray that work permits will come through properly for Chris and Janine Pluger.

10. Pray that Josephine Derricks will continue to grow in her love for the Lord and find good friends in their neighborhood in Cameroon.

11. Pray for Amy Formella as she returns to Sierra Leone and resumes in-person work with the Mende translation team.

12. Pray that international travel opens back up so visits with international partners can resume.

13. We praise God for the dedicated service of Barbara Beermann and pray for her as she enters the next phase of her life.

14. Pray for Michael Ersland as he and Naomi continue to prepare for their return to Ghana.

15. Pray for Alvina Federwitz as she continues to serve in her role as LBT's mission participation coordinator.

16. We thank God for Tim and Lisa Beckendorf's 17 years of missionary service with Lutheran Bible Translators and pray for their ongoing ministry in Botswana.

17. Pray for missionary kids that are beginning a new school year overseas.

18. We thank God for the ministry of Nathan and Sarah Esala and pray for continued blessings as their roles continue to grow and expand.

19. Pray that Michael and Naomi Ersland will have a fruitful visit with the international office in Concordia as they reconnect with office staff and make plans for their return to Ghana.

20. Praise be to God for Paul and Ali Federwitz and their 15 years of missionary service in Ghana. Pray that their ministry continues to be fruitful.

21. Pray that God will be glorified in all the interactions that David Federwitz has with the people in West Africa.

22. Pray that Alexis Olson will remain healthy during her pregnancy and that she continues to thrive in her various roles.

23. Praise God for David and Valerie Federwitz and their 19 years of missionary service with Lutheran Bible Translators.

24. Pray for the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone as they dedicate their seminary.

25. Pray for Sarah Stilwell as she continues to grow in her role as mother, wife, and IT coordinator.

26. Pray for Chris and Janine Pluger as they continue travel for partnership development and as they begin Amharic language learning.

27. Pray for Aaron Beckendorf as he celebrates another year of life.

28. Pray for the missionaries and staff that are preparing to share the story of LBT at the various LCMS district conventions as they meet with key individuals who can be influential in bringing more people into the story.

29. Pray that God will bless Micah Federwitz during his High School career.

30. Pray that the Nsenga Bible translation team will be strengthened by adding another person.

31. Praise God for Lutheran Bible Translators involvement in four new projects this year!
