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TIFFANY IN TRANSLATION

Serving the Lord with Lutheran Bible Translators



"...I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Phil. 1:6

THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD

I am excited to share with you all that since February I am officially employed with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) as a missionary!

I heard this calling from God back in 2017 when I talked to some LBT recruiters at a missions conference in college. Missions have always interested me, but I never thought I would actually feel called to work in the mission field full time until my Junior year. I took my time officially answering that call. After my internship with LBT post-graduation, it was almost a full year later when I finally requested the job application from the organization.

Following God's call, however sure of it that you may be, can still be terrifying. I put a lot of pressure on myself, asking questions like: "What if I don't raise the money?" and "What if I constantly fail at my job?" ... My insecurities about becoming a missionary clearly lie in what I believe about *myself* and *my own* capabilities. What I should believe in instead are the capabilities of the One who sent me: Jesus. It is HE who began this good work in me, as Paul also reminds the Philippians, and it is HE who will continue it until it is finished.

I hope and pray that you - just like I have had to learn how to do over the last few months - remember to give all of your trust and insecurities to Jesus. He who began this good work in you will not leave you out to dry - He will see it through for His sake. Praise God that it has never, and will not ever be dependent on us to keep His mission going!

WHERE WILL I BE GOING?

As of right now, I am preparing to be a translation advisor to Bible translation programs in Africa!

LBT regional directors are in the process of discussing options for my placement in either an existing project or a new Bible translation project. I will stay busy these next few months speaking at churches about Bible translation and my new role, and this Fall I will be studying Applied Language and Translation at a college in the UK for six months.

For now, I am enjoying time in Iowa with family and working from home. It has already been quite the adventure learning the ropes of work in ministry. I'm thankful for your support during this journey!

In Christ, Tiffany Smith



Prayer Requests:

- Prayers are appreciated as I continue to navigate my way through my new career with LBT! I am busy preparing for church visits and will begin my linguistics training in May.
- Please pray for me as I begin raising support to go overseas... My goal to reach is \$84,000. I have recently reached the 5% mark, so still a long way to go!
- Thanks be to God for slowing the spread of Covid-19 and allowing churches and institutions to open back up for missionaries like me to visit!

Last July I Was Featured in LBT's Podcast!



Learn more about my time in Botswana by listening to my episode!

(Found wherever you get your podcasts)

[Essentially Translatable: God's Presence Everywhere | Tiffany Smith - Lutheran Bible Translators \(lbt.org\)](#)

You are an important part of this ministry!

The life of a missionary would not be possible without family, friends and the church behind them. There are several ways one can support me on this mission:

- **Pray:** You can be a prayer partner simply by praying for me and my mission with LBT! To know my specific needs and prayer requests, sign up for my newsletter or follow my Facebook group, *Tiffany in Translation*!
- **Give:** If you are able, you can partner with me financially by visiting lbt.org/missionaries to donate! Checks can also be made out and sent to Lutheran Bible Translators with Tiffany Smith in the memo line!

CALENDAR

UPCOMING CHURCH VISITS:

Zion Lutheran Church,
Dexter, IA
APRIL 25TH

Trinity Lutheran
Church, Hampton, IA
MAY 16TH

Peace Lutheran
Church, Waverly, NE
MAY 30TH

I WOULD LOVE TO
SEE YOU THERE!

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

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