

TIFFANY IN TRANSLATION

Serving the Lord with Lutheran Bible Translators

*"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:10)*

His Peace is Present

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am thrilled to be able to share with you that I have officially been invited by the Bible Society of Botswana to work in Botswana, Africa as a translation advisor! Although this was my prayer and anticipation for many months, nothing is ever for certain until LBT gets the "Okay" from our partners in ministry overseas. Thank you *so much* for your continued prayers and support as I went through those months of uncertainty and waiting for answers.



The picture on the left is one Kelsey took of us with some members of the Bible Society of Botswana at a meeting over lunch in Francistown during my internship in 2019. Portia (far right) has been leading one of the Botswana Bible Projects in the Wayeyi language for about a year and a half now after the completion of the Kalanga Bible project (New Testament published 2018).

In sending me to Botswana, LBT is hoping to either put me in an existing project, such as the Wayeyi New Testament or Shekgalagari Old Testament, or into a new project in another language community in Botswana. My official job title will be "exegete", which is just way of saying that I will use my theological training from college to be a translation advisor to a translation team overseas.

Regardless of what project I am placed in or what country, city, or village I live in, I am comforted by Isaiah 54:10. *"My covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord who has compassion on you."* Although this promise was addressed to the Israelites, it is still comforting to know that God made an unbreakable promise to Abraham and all of his descendants (including you and me) that His peace would be with us.

This verse from Isaiah was the theme verse of the Concordia Mission Institute this year, a conference for Lutheran Bible Translators and Mission of Christ Network (Both based in Concordia, MO). This year the conference was attended by over 100 people from the two organizations - all of us headed in different directions after leaving the small town of Concordia. It is both amazing and comforting to think that no matter where any of us are, whether it is China, Botswana, Europe, England, or Iowa - hills and mountains or the flat Kalahari Desert - God's peace is present.

There is a stop along the way before I get to Botswana: England. I finished online classes mid-July and will travel to begin in-person classes late August. My classes in language, community, and development will go until February, after which I will return back to Iowa to finish up the rest of my partnership development and fund-raising, hoping to depart for Botswana about a year from now. Although this is the farthest ahead I have ever planned anything, plans can and are always changing. One thing that will never change and never leave me, however, is the Peace that passes all understanding - Christ. His peace is present.

I am also humbled and encouraged by *your* continuous presence and support in this new chapter of my life. Whether you have supported my college trips, internship, or missions' career, you've made a difference and give me peace of mind. I look forward to sharing this journey and work with you in the future!

In Christ, Tiffany Smith



Prayer Requests:

- **PRAY:** For my preparation and travel to England for the next step in my training - Covid cases are rising in the UK and so travel could prove to be difficult.
- **PRAY:** Prayers would be appreciated for my funding and partnership development. I am currently at 31% for my funding goal thanks to many of you!
- **PRAISE:** That Concordia Mission Institute was successful and a week full of connections and spiritual growth.
- **PRAISE:** That my online classes with Moorlands are finished and went well!
- **PRAY:** That I can attend classes in-person this Fall with no complications due to Covid.
- **PRAY:** That as the Bible Society of Botswana finds a project to place me in no complications will come up with work and resident permits.



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**Above: Moorlands Christian College.
Sopley, Christchurch, UK**

**I will be studying there September -
February to receive my Postgraduate
Certificate in Language, Community
and Development.**

What is the Difference between a One-Time Gift and Ongoing Support?

The main difference between a one-time donation and monthly donations, also known as "pledged donations" is predictability and peace of mind for the missionary and our local partners.

Being able to depend on future gifts and donations from my supporters means being able to go into the mission field knowing that I can live and work there for as long as our partners need me to for a Bible project. It also means we can begin planning ahead for the future without wondering if I will have the support I need financially.

If becoming a monthly donor and financial partner of mine is something you would like to consider, here are some options:

- Electronic Payments: lbt.org/Tiffany-Smith
- Checks/Cash Payments: "Smith 459" in the memo line and sent to the LBT address below!



CALENDAR

MY SCHEDULE:

Depart for Moorlands
Christian College,
England:
AUGUST 26TH

Moorlands Classes
Begin:
SEPTEMBER 1ST

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

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