



You are faithfully partnering with me so others can hear and have God's word and message of salvation in their own languages. THANK YOU! Others join in the work with us as well. One of those people has been **Father Garry Jenkins**. Father Garry came to Liberia in 1973 at the age of 29. He has been here ever since then. He has faithfully loved and served Jesus so that the Liberian people can know him. **Many are Christians on account of Father Garry's love for them.**

After serving in several parishes here in Liberia, he landed in the Gola area. Over the years he has worked to translate the lectionary and other portions of the worship service into Gola. He worked with LBT translation teams such as Marv and Shirley Schaus. Ever since I returned to service here, he continually encouraged us and the Bible Society to finish the Gola NT. He made sure we were supplied with office space and lodging as needed so we could work unhindered until completion.

Father Garry joined us for a noon meal in August when he was in town during my last visit to Liberia. As he was sharing stories of his colorful life, I reminisced about the time he first sat here and introduced us to one of the men who would become instrumental in completing the Gola NT. **Now he was relaying where that NT is being used in the churches.**

One of the men he brought with him that day told us how Father Jenkins led his whole family to Christ. As a young boy, Mambu was sent to an Arabic school where all the very young students had to work hard on the farms to provide for the teachers. They described it as slavery because not only did they do hard manual labor, but they also had to fend for themselves for food! Only 2 hours a day were spent on actual studies. After seeing other boys run away, he too ran away from that school. Later under Father Jenkins' care at a Christian school, **he became a Christian along with his entire family.**

During the war, Father Jenkins was carried away by one of the rebel groups. He laughs about it now saying that this group kept him safe from the other groups of fighters.

Dan translator, Rev. Yentee, compared him to the Apostle Paul because, like Paul, he has undergone much suffering. And like Paul, he has a joyful and loving spirit.

Rev. Benda, another Dan translator, asked him to share how he goes about evangelizing. Father Garry emphasized that respect was key. Respect the elders in the town, respect the Muslim leaders, respect the traditional leaders. He encouraged conversation and remembered times he would pray with some of the various people he met. But always he said you have to be respectful. He relayed a story from some elderly men with whom he has had a long-term relationship. They said they were too old to leave the mosque now, but added **"we gave you our children."** Wow! Need I say more?

PRAY

Praise: for a successful trip to Liberia, for safe travels and good health for all, for the recording of the Gola NT.

Pray: for the online sessions to go smoothly, for the Dan and Maan to complete their translations and complete them with excellence.

Who I am

Becky is YOUR HEART IN ACTION. She serves you as a consultant for translation teams in Liberia, West Africa by using your prayers and support to fulfill your desire to "PUT GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HANDS." Becky rejoices that she is part of your Lutheran Bible Translators team and values this special relationship greatly.

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As to **progress** we are making:

in **Maan** we most recently completed Proverbs

in **Dan** we completed 2 Chronicles. Both are milestone books.

The **Bandi** continue with team formation and training. We completed Ruth and made headway in Exodus. We also evaluated some of the beginning translation efforts of the new translators.

When you are praying you can remember the translators by name.

Maan: Mary Donkeh and Charles Luogon.

Dan: Rev. Amos Benda, Rev. Levi Yentee, Rev. Tee Latahn and Rev. Joseph Wonsie.

Bandi: Humphrey Ndorbor, Rev. Morris Barwor, Rev. Jallah Kormah, Josephine Kolee and Dominic Kollie.



Dominic Kollie



Josephine Kolee

Since returning from my trip in August, we have filled every week with an online checking schedule for all the teams through October. The Maan and Dan Bibles have a goal of **completion** in 2023. We are feeling the push.

Pushing on,



A reminder: **Stamp collecting** on behalf of my ministry is still a thing. Stamps continue to come in from all over. Please continue to save your stamps and send them c/o Renita Wollburg 8463 Wolf Rd, Bellevue, MI 49021. However, the plain forever stamps are not valuable. Please do not send them. **Old, commemorative, and foreign stamps are desirable**. Trim, leaving 1/8 inch around the edge of the stamp before sending.

Another reminder: **Bible translation Sunday** is officially **Sept. 26** this year. You may celebrate it any time. Tell your pastors and worship leaders. Materials including a sermon and other activities can be accessed and downloaded [here](#). Or paste this link in your browser: www.lbt.org/bts-receive.
