

FEDERWITZ UPDATE

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Insider Report on Liberia

Just as the Apostle Paul was happy to hear news about the churches he had established (Phil 2:19), I was very happy to hear about the progress of ongoing Bible translation and Scripture Use in Liberia. Son David was in rural Liberia earlier this year and he visited 22 language communities in the Mann and Dan areas and found over 1,500 people of all ages able to read their language. I was thrilled to hear that



Students prepared to read God's Word

community leaders are begging for the staff from LIBTRALO to come and train their people – staff whom I had been privileged to train how to teach in mother tongue. Praise God that the Old and New Testament will be completed in both of these languages in the next 2 years.

Graduation / Cameroon

In May I was in Concordia, MO, to witness the graduation of granddaughter, Michaela Federwitz, from St. Paul Lutheran High School. She has chosen to take a gap year and serve as a nanny for Rev. Mike and Kara Kuhn in Cameroon. Michaela will be helping Kara with their 4 small children ranging in age 1-10 while Mike travels to facilitate Bible translation in other parts of Cameroon. Africa is not new to her, however, needing to speak French is. She has already learned to check every egg carefully before using, as 1/3 of her first flat of eggs was rotten.

LWML National Convention

In June, I was an LBT exhibitor at the LWML National Convention in Lexington, KY. The exhibit hall was always filled with happy chatter all around. Connecting with so many of you who have been part of my ministry over the years was great. The joy-filled atmosphere, warm hugs and inspiring presentations made



Young man who desires to be a Bible Translator

this an event to long remember. LWMLers again showed their support for missions in so many unique ways. I connected with several young people who are interested in one day serving with LBT. However, what touched me deeply was when a young man walked up to our exhibit and said, "How do I become a Bible translator?"



Michaela with Kuhn children

Captain Nathan Federwitz

In July I was privileged to host grandson, Nathan, and his male colleagues from the School of Missionary Aviation Technology [SMAT]. They were in the area to become familiar with JAARS, the organization that provides missionary pilots for Bible translation organizations. They were also here for their mountain flying experience. SMAT provides mission-driven students with FAA-certified training in aircraft maintenance and flight curriculum. I learned from Nathan's colleagues, who have gone to different flight training schools, that SMAT is an extremely challenging program, but the caring and professional instructors is what keeps them focused on doing well at SMAT.

In August, Nathan graduated and earned his stripes to become Captain Federwitz, like his father. He is



Captain Nathan and Sarah Federwitz

presently working on getting his required flight hours before joining JAARS. His wife, Sarah, is completing her deaconess training at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Your prayers for them are greatly appreciated.



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Thinking Ahead to Christmas



Liberians carry on the work of
Bible Translation and Scripture use

With Fall in the air, I know Christmas is right around the corner. For me it's time to prepare Christmas greetings for Liberians that continue the work I began almost 50 years ago. Most of them have so little financially but are doing their best so that those who still do not have or are not able to read God's Word have that opportunity. With our translation consultant, I send the only Christmas card they receive, with words of encouragement and a little gift tucked inside. I share this as you won't get a card from me this year, as the highlights of my year are in this letter. However, know that I am always thrilled to hear from you at Christmas and see how God has been working in your lives. May God grant each of you a meaningful and joy filled Christmas!

If you would like to support nationals doing Bible translation and Scripture Use you can send a gift to LBT for "International Development Fund."

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