

# Houge Mission News

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*Claude and Rhoda Houge are serving with Lutheran Bible Translators as Adjunct Missionaries.*

*Lutheran Bible Translators is a highly trained group of women and men working with church and Bible agency leaders to bring God's Word to those who don't yet have it.*

Greetings as we anticipate Spring here in Minnesota. It's a time that many of us have waited for as we come out of the Covid hibernation as well. And we look toward Easter, when we can celebrate our new life in Christ in His Resurrection.



We are reminded so often of the importance of reading and hearing God's Word in a language we can understand as we hear from LBT missionaries throughout the world. A recent newsletter from Jim Kaiser in Ethiopia caught our attention. Jim is a consultant who works with several translation projects and the local translators. He shared this story:

*In one project area, younger children read Scripture to elders (who are not able to read). This builds community ties, gives the children practice in their new literacy skills, and brings the Word of God to the older generation who has never heard it in their language before. The translators shared a story of one woman who became a Christian after hearing a child read the story of the Prodigal Son to her.*

(The picture is John 15:13 in Amharic – Ethiopia.)

We often don't even think about the luxury of having the Bible in our own language, and even having many different versions of it available. If you'd like to hear Scripture in a new way, try listening to it being sung!

### Experience God's Word through music!



Lutheran Bible Translators and award-winning artists have partnered together in the Living Water project. Using the English Standard Version (ESV), every verse of the New Testament is sung by vocalists to express the emotion and depth of the Bible.

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And while we're talking about modern technology at work for God's Kingdom, here's another way to hear about the work of LBT:



Fascinated by languages, literacy, cross-cultural issues, and the Word? Listen to LBT's **Essentially Translatable Podcast** and explore the exciting world of Bible translation. Essentially Translatable (<https://lbt.org/podcast/>) is educational, exciting and informative. It features interviews with leaders in the global translation community. New episodes are released every other week.

Listen and enjoy!

It's exciting to be working for an organization that is forward-thinking. But the goal is always the same – to bring God's Word to the millions of people who do not have Scripture in their own language!

Our small part in this has involved visiting a few churches to share the work of Lutheran Bible Translators over the past months. We were happy for the opportunities to make new friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bolivar, Ohio, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville, Minnesota. This Spring and Summer we will be welcoming people at the Lutheran Bible Translators exhibit at several women's and men's church conventions.

I (Rhoda) am continuing to work as LBT Development Assistant, working remotely from home. A big part of my work over the past months has been writing grant proposals for various districts of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). This organization is such an encouraging mission-minded group of women, and they have supported many LBT projects over the years, as well as the work of many other worthy mission organizations. We're hoping that some of our grant proposals are accepted this year.

Thank you for your prayers and support – for us and for other missionaries. You are partnering with us to bring God's Word to all people!

Together in His Mission,  
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