



**Lutheran Bible
Translators**

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Our Mission: Putting God's Word of Life into every language. Please join us in this ministry with prayer and financial support.

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THE KHWE IN BOTSWANA: A JOYFUL UPDATE

Michael made a trip to Botswana in May and did the final consultant check on the Khwe Panoramic Bible. Rejoice with us as we celebrate this wonderful accomplishment. REJOICE! PRAY! They now have the arduous task of getting it ready for typesetting, proofreading, and printing. Their goal is to have the manuscript ready for printing in August.

FORTY YEARS IS LONG ENOUGH

We moved to Tanzania in 1982. We were stationed at a Bible School on the escarpment overlooking part of the Great Rift Valley. Michael was also assigned a parish down in the valley. Every Sunday, we would go down to the parish to do pastoral work. At certain times during the year, while visiting the parish, we saw bands of people looking for pasture for their cattle. We were told that they were the Taturu and that many were nomads who still followed the traditional religion of their forefathers. I never had a chance to visit with them or to talk with them about Christ.

40 years have passed. Some of the Taturu have now come to know Jesus and have asked Lutheran Bible Translators to help them to have Scripture in their own language so that they can grow in discipleship and witness to those who have not yet heard of Christ.

Recently, Michael visited the area to study the possibility of doing a Bible translation program with them. He shared the story of how he had been praying for 40 years to meet with them. One responded saying, "Like the children Israel in the wilderness for forty years, we now want to move into the promise land, but we need a Moses." We laughed. I said that I was no Moses, but we could pray for the translation of Scripture so that they could hear the story of Moses and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for this great possibility. After forty years, it is time that the Taturu also know of Jesus and salvation.



Pictured: Mr. Yusufu Stephano Gochati, a Taturu elder wanting to help translate scripture into his language. He is reading some portions of *Jonah*, which were translated for testing purposes. Center is Rev. Domisian Alloys, the coordinator and exegete in training of the Kerewe Program. Michael, observing and questioning Mr. Gochati about the translation.

GOALS AND PLANS: 2nd HALF 2022

Yes, 2022 is almost half finished! At the end of July or in August, Michael plans to make a trip to Tanzania to train and advise the Kerewe Program for two weeks. They are almost finished with the 4 Gospels and Acts, and are looking forward to starting the translation of the Pentateuch (1st five books of the Old Testament). Also, sometime in October, he plans another trip to Tanzania for about 3 weeks to do training for the Taturu, Sumbwa and Kara (potential new programs) and consultant check with the Kerewe. Travel expenses have increased! There is a need of increased financial gifting to finish the year. Please keep this need in prayer, along with safe travels.

PRAYER

1. Rejoice with the Khwe people of Botswana. Their first Bible is soon to be sent for printing!
2. Rejoice with the Kerewe team in Tanzania. They are printing their first booklet—Jonah, Luke, and Acts—and are nearing completion of the remaining Gospels.
3. Pray for the start-up groups in Tanzania—Taturu, Sumbwa and Kara.
4. Pray for the financial gifting of this ministry so that goals can move forward to completion.
5. Thanksgiving: Michael has traveled safely even during the pandemic. May his health and strength continue.
6. Michael and Jo Ann would be very happy to visit you and your congregation to talk about our ministry. Please use the contact information at the top of the Prayer Letter to contact us about such a visit. Jo Ann might be calling soon to discuss these possibilities.