



BIBLE TRANSLATION

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Tanzania
PARTNER
ELVD Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
Tanzania
POPULATION
100,000

Kerewe

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PROGRESS

- A midway point of drafting Matthew, Mark & John has been reached.
- Acts, Luke, and Jonah are being prepared for printing into a small book.
- A back translator has joined the team.

PRAYERS

- Pray the leadership of the program is filled with wisdom.
- Pray the community has continued interest.
- Pray for the team as they strengthen their translation abilities through further training.

The short Old Testament book, Jonah, was a great starting point for the program. It allowed translation practice. Concepts in Jonah, like boats and forces of nature, relate to the Ukerewe people. They live on an island and experience the wind and water. Jonah will be published with Luke and Acts to give an overview of the life of Jesus and the early church.

The Gospels, halfway in the drafting process, will be reviewed by the translation team. Before the consultant looks at the translation, the back translator takes the translated text and “back translates” it into English as another way to check the translation. The completion of Matthew, Mark, and John is anticipated by the end of 2022. The community has requested the Pentateuch (Genesis – Deuteronomy) be translated next.



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