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Family Reunion

Starting June 27th, my family spent 9 wonderful days together in my home here in Waxhaw, NC. Food and fellowship were great, but the highlight for me was each evening as each of us, including my grandchildren, shared a meaningful devotion and gave a review of our ministry and plans for the near future. My family represents LBT's work in Liberia, Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and PNG.



Family reunion with all my children and grandchildren

Confirmations

On April 24th granddaughter, Eden Federwitz, confirmed her faith at St Paul Lutheran Church in Accra, Ghana. On May 1st, I was able to witness granddaughter, JoyAnna Federwitz, confirming her faith at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Emma, Missouri.



Eden's confirmation



JoyAnna's Confirmation

Rachel Federwitz graduated from Ukarumpa International School in PNG on June 3rd. Her parents and siblings were there for this special event. Rachel will be going to Concordia University in Mequon, WI to become a secondary education teacher, specializing in Math. I was able to attend Anna DeLoach's

graduation from Parkwood High School on June 8th. She is headed to Asbury University in Kentucky and is specializing in Equine Facilitated Wellness.

Graduations

Three grandchildren graduated from high school this year. Josiah Federwitz graduated from St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO on May 13th. He plans to study automotive technology.



Josiah's graduation



Rachel's graduation



Anna's graduation

Liberia / LIBTRALO

LIBTRALO (Liberian Translation and Literacy Organization) is facilitating Scripture use activities in Liberia. During the week of June 26th,

LIBTRALO and the Bible Society of Liberia held a Scripture Engagement Training Workshop at the LIBTRALO office with Kisi, Lorma, Klao and Grebo people groups. The aim of the workshop was to discuss strategies that would encourage them to use mother tongue Scripture.

LIBTRALO has been doing programming on local Christian radio stations to build awareness of preserving their languages. Liberians are hearing God's Word in their mother tongue and loving it. LIBTRALO has established a Facebook page called Mother Tongue Promoters. Liberians are sharing how they promote the use of God's Word in their various language groups. In the area where Dan is spoken, a new radio station called The Shepherd Radio was established by the local Christian community in partnership with LIBTRALO.

A young Kpelle man named Better Jallah, came to LIBTRALO when he learned that they were an institution promoting Liberian languages. Jallah, with the help of LIBTRALO Literacy and Translation Director Nyanatee Sayon, established four Kpelle literacy classes. The first class of 19 students graduated on July 17th.



Kpelle Literacy Class Graduation



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Bible Translation in Ethiopia

Exciting things are happening in Bible translation in Ethiopia. On June 18th, the first Bachelor of Theology-Bible Translation class graduated from the Mekane Yesus Seminary. These graduates will be sent to Bible translation projects throughout Ethiopia.

On June 19th, a huge 6 story building was dedicated to the glory of God and in service to the church: The Helge Center for Scripture Engagement is a building to house and fund the Bachelor of Theology program and to train and send Bible translation workers throughout Ethiopia and the world!

LBT Podcasts

To hear more about what's happening in Ethiopia, listen to LBT's Podcast called Leaders in Bible Translation. You can find it at <https://lbt.org/podcast/> You will also be able to hear my podcast as well as that of some of my family members if you go to this site.

Living Water

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's translation of Scripture into German, LBT has put the Bible to music. Hearing God's Word set to music touches the depth of my soul. You can listen to it at <https://lbt.org/LIVINGWATER/> Give it a try and let me know what you think.

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