



End-of-year reflections

Much happens over the course of a year as I am sure many of you agree. This year proved no different for me, the translation teams, LBT and our family.

This year I traveled three times to Liberia. The teams and I checked the following books of the Bible: **Bandi**—Exodus and Leviticus 1-10; **Dan**—Luke, Psalms, and Job; **Maan**—Luke, Job, Daniel, and Isaiah. This brings us to about 50% of the whole Bible completed through the consultant checking stage for both the Maan and Dan translations. The Maan team has all drafting done. The Dan team has a few more NT books to get ready for checking. **Pray as we work hard to find the time for more online checking as we need to complete both projects next year.** My colleague, Don, also works with the teams checking additional books. Continue to remember all team members for safety and good health for them and their families and for diligence and perseverance.

LBT will be transitioning to a **new Executive Director in the new year.** We are thankful for the service Dr. Mike Rodewald has given to LBT. Under his watch many good things have happened. Here is an excerpt from the October edition of LBT's INSIDE magazine:

Through careful stewardship and diligent governance, LBT is in a financially sound position. A testament to that diligence in financial integrity is the continuing recognition and accreditation by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) of LBT as a top tier steward received. LBT manages funds well and applies them at the highest level directly to the mission.

Post-pandemic translation activity has ramped up! There are **38 projects in production**, 18 with partners and 20 internal. LBT's model of partner plus missionary is proving quite fruitful. In June, our Ethiopian partners dedicated the **Bible Translation building** and also dedicated an entire week to celebrate Bible translation among its membership. Others are taking notice. **God is at work in amazing ways!**

Dr. Mike also oversaw LBT's move from Aurora, IL to Concordia, MO. This move eased LBT's financial burden concerning office facilities and provided spaces to better serve our missionaries and staff. We can have conferences together along with adequate accommodations for such a large group.

We are excited that Rev. Rich Rudowske accepted the call to become the next Executive Director. He has been a huge

blessing as our Director of Program Ministries, and I don't doubt he will serve equally as well in his new role. I am thankful he understands the challenges LBT faces as we seek to

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As usual, the rest of my family has been on the go. The **Luke and Lindsey Grossmann** family in Alabama had a busy spring and summer. They bought their first home, took a trip to Alaska, and participated in two weddings (the picture is taken in the Smoky Mountains where one of Luke's groomsmen had his wedding). Luke and Lindsey are enjoying the cooler weather and **Elijah** turning one year old. Luke started company command this fall. Aletheia and I stopped in for a visit in October as she made a major move.

Andrew and Taylor have been building a house together for over 2 years and as of this writing they are about to finish the job and move in. They live in Parkland, FL. They enjoy leading a Bible study together for “young professionals.” Their favorite thing to do together is play pickleball and have even done some tournaments.





Micaiah started the year down in Arkansas, finishing up the last stage of C-130 Flight Engineer training and exploring the Ozarks. Unfortunately, he had a fall while out hiking, requiring two knee surgeries, and was unable to finish training. He's back up in Minnesota now, recovering and preparing to finish training next year, reacclimating to the northern weather, and reconnecting with friends, along with making some car repairs in order to get to and from hiking, AR, and MN.



Aletheia is off on a new adventure in Florida finally pursuing her goal of learning special-effects makeup at Cosmix School of Makeup Artistry. She is excited for the new opportunities to learn and grow as well as getting to live closer to and spending more time with her brother Andrew.

Al continues to manage wildlife on the Pfizer grounds. We have taken several trips to AL to visit that new grandson and a couple other camping trips closer to home. We took a trip out to NY by way of Pelee Pt, Canada, so I could participate in the French Woods Classic Band camp while Al fished. Then we went to VA and enjoyed the scenery of the Shenandoah Valley. We probably did as much of the Appalachian Trail as we ever will. I don't think we will ever take good selfies.

My dad, brother Phil, and Rachel have been able to visit us several times between all their travels. We have enjoyed having company come to us after so many years of us making the trips. Dad is enjoying seeing family and friends he has missed for so long.

Blessings to you and your families!

Becky



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for his many blessing this year and for the precious gift of his Son, our Savior.
- Pray for Charles, Maan translator, as he recovers from a serious accident. Pray for complete healing and that he will be able to continue his work on the team soon.

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