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(Romans 15:4, 13).

Although hope is an essential part of our lives, many people around us are hopeless. The coming of Christ gives us hope, but many people are still living without this hope. He brings hope because the Scripture is still closed and inaccessible to them in the language and form they can read, study, and understand. Bible Translation gives hope, so thank you for the part you play in this important mission so that people can have the hope of eternal life. As we wait for the Lord's coming, may we all wait in hope. Amen.

Compliments of the season. We are into the dry season, and the plants are no longer green but dry and dusty. People are beginning to harvest their crops from the farms, and there are many activities and events such as funerals, marriages, community and political meetings among others.



Preparations for Christmas are also in high spirits. Family-wise, we are thankful to God for all His goodness. Joanna turned 3 on the 28th of November and Joella will be celebrating her first birthday on the 24th of December. It is our pleasure to share with you since our last update about our part in the Lord's mission in this part of the world. Besides interacting with different projects to move the work forward, I have been involved in Yala drafting and checking. We drafted most of Deuteronomy which has also been consultant checked along with Haggai and a few chapters of 1 Chronicles. I also checked drafts with the Nnam team during the Obudu cluster workshop in September. After the workshop, the team organized a training for the reviewers, and about 20 people attended the three-day workshop which was held in their language community. The aim was to train them to be able to give input to the Gospel of Luke that has been translated before it is published. They represented the different communities and denominations in the area and we had lively discussions during the training. We hope to meet with the translators in January to edit the Book of Luke and prepare more materials for the reviewers to review. We hope that the Gospel of Luke can be published before the end of 2023. One thing I am also doing more these days is helping with the training of translators and other workers in the projects. Recently, I was involved in helping one of our partners to set up two new projects as well as helping them provide initial training for the translators.

Praises

- *Praise God for safe travels and the opportunity for a retreat in October*
- *Praise God for what he is accomplishing through us*

Prayers

- *Pray for the various teams to continue to make progress*
- *Pray for the God's blessings in 2023*

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Although I enjoy training, but these particular sessions were very stressful for me because I was the only one providing the training for the two projects. But God's grace sustained through. After this training I also helped in a Bloom workshop training for seven languages. The training workshop was an effort of many partners, including LBT. The goal was to help the language projects developed basic literacy materials in their languages using a computer program called Bloom. I have also enjoyed meetings with different partners and language projects. In September the Language Programs Coordination Forum (LPCF) and Faith Comes by Hearing (FCBH) organized a three-day Oral Bible Translation (OBT) consultation in Abuja, and I was part of the planning committee. The consultation was well attended by partners and mission organizations. Recently, I have also visited and attended meetings with language projects to see how we could encourage progress at various levels of the projects. In October God provided an opportunity for me and my family to join other colleagues in SIL for a four-day spiritual retreat in Jos. It was an interesting experience because it was the first time for us to travel to Jos as a family of four, the first time to attend a retreat as family, and the first time for some of my friends and colleagues of many years to meet with me as a family man. We all enjoyed fellowship, rest and Bible study together and we look forward for future opportunities to rest and fellowship. We wish you merry Christmas and a prosperous 2023 in advance. May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.



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