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Tessaro Newsletter

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thanksgiving for the season of Lent, as we remember our Lord's suffering in order to forgive our sins.
- Thanksgiving for the opportunity to share that message with others.
- Thanksgiving for the involvement of faithful partners in spreading God's word here.
- Thanksgiving for those working in the various language projects and for those being trained.
- Prayers for scheduling and good visits during our trip to the US from July to October.
- Prayers for Karen and John David as they work on homeschool and other things.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greeting from Jos. We hope all is well with you. Here we are in the dry season, with a lot of harmattan—a dusty wind which blows south from the Sahara Desert. The nice thing about dry season is that outdoor events don't get interrupted by rain. 😊

THE LORD REIGNS

Over the years we have had the opportunity to go through the book of Psalms with translation teams in the Eleme, Yala, and Ikwerre languages. We are always struck by Psalm 2, which reminds us that the Lord is in control of the affairs of the world. Even in times of political challenges, it is the Lord who rules the world.

We are writing this at the end of February, on the day presidential elections are being held here. It is very quiet, as people's movement is restricted. The idea is that polling stations should be within walking distance, so travel in vehicles is prohibited. By the time you receive this we hope that the elections will have been conducted and the results announced peacefully.

1 CHRONICLES IN THE YALA LANGUAGE

The Yala team has been making steady progress; we have gone through 82% of the OT with them. Currently we are working on the book of 1 Chronicles. While the long lists of names may seem tedious, they provide background for the list of Jesus' ancestors in Matthew 1. The lists also link those who returned from the Babylonian exile with their ancestors whom God led out of Egypt and back to Israel. In that way the lists of names document God's faithfulness.

In one place where we lived, people would often introduce themselves in public meetings by listing five generations of their ancestors. In that case, the purpose was to demonstrate that they are native-born citizens of that land.



The Yala team. The projector is to help the team read the draft on the wall.

HOME SERVICE

As God is in control of the affairs of nations, he also takes care of individuals and families. We were fortunate to return to Nigeria early in January 2020, before COVID became an issue. And we are grateful to you for your prayers, encouragement, and support, which have kept us here. Our supervisor recently told us that this would be a good year for us to come to the US to visit partners, doctors, and our family. As such, we are currently planning to be in the US from July to October. If you would like us to come to speak at your church, Bible study group, LWML, or other meeting, or if you would like a visit from us, please let us know. The easiest way to contact us when we are overseas is via email: chuck-karen.tessaro@LBT.org. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

ON THE HOME FRONT

While Karen and John David spend a lot of time involved in home school and Bible studies, they also slip in a little time to be creative in the kitchen. John David's current favorite recipe is stir fry, and baking is also frequently on the agenda.



Baked goods are coming up!

TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

This semester we have a full complement of courses in the Linguistics and Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria. The courses include translation theory, translation practice, and translating Isaiah. There is also a larger number of students in these classes, a total of 21. Join us to pray that their studies will put them in a good position to help others have access to God's word.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT ↑

In January we enjoyed a visit from our Regional Director, Rev. David Federwitz. It was a good opportunity for our LBT group in Nigeria to get together. Next to John David in the picture is Rev. Linus Otronyi, who is now our Lutheran Church of Nigeria/Lutheran Bible Translators Nigeria Programs Director. Next to Rev. Otronyi is Rev. Federwitz, and on the far right is Rev. Kierien Ayugha. Rev. Ayugha also trains students in the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria.



⇐ KAREN ROSE

We were privileged to have Karen Rose around for Christmas and for Karen's birthday on Epiphany!

God's blessings,

Chuck + Karen Tessaro



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