



CONSULTANT CHECK

Recently, Dr. Tim Beckendorf (LBT) came to Tanzania from his project in Botswana to do a final consultant check on the *Gospel of John*. He was able to finalize the checking, and the team is now preparing the manuscript for typesetting. Michael has been mentoring Dr. Beckendorf to become a Bible Translation Consultant with LBT. This was his final step in advancing forward.



Dr Tim Beckendorf with Kerewe Translators

NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION PROGRAMS IN TANZANIA

Recently we held a week-long meeting with representatives of three language groups in Tanzania—**Datoga (Taturu)**, **Sumbwa**, and **Kara**. The focus was on learning about Bible Translation. The attendees were potential translators for the new Bible Translation programs. All had fun and we all learned a lot. Thanks to Mrs. Eshinee Veith (LBT) and Mrs. Ruthie Wagner (LBT) who helped facilitate the workshop.

As LBT expands their work in Tanzania, we ask for prayers and financial blessings. These people are eager to learn about God’s Good News in Jesus Christ and to spread this Good News through Bible translation.



Participants were excited to learn new things about their Mother Language.

Michael enjoyed working with the potential new translators for the Kara, Sumbwa and Datoga language communities. In September, he will lead a two-week workshop during which the local communities will decide which candidates will be hired as translators.



LIVING RESULTS OF BIBLE TRANSLATION

We do not translate Scripture so that we merely produce books to be sold. The Bible brings new life to people who are still searching for a way out of darkness and hopelessness.

Here are a few of the 29 youth and 14 adults recently baptized at Kayenzi, Tanzania, the port where we catch the ferry to Ukerewe Island where we are translating the Scriptures into the Kerewe language.



As you pray for the translators and for Michael as he guides the translators, remember to also pray for the lives of those who are receiving God's Word of Life that they too might find blessing as they read and hear the translated Scripture in their own language.

TRAINING! TRAINING! TRAINING!

February was a busy, busy month! During the consultant check with the Kerewe Team, Mrs. Ruthie Wagner was able to join us and do training both in the computer program we use for Bible Translation, and she taught lessons on Bible translation theory and practice.

Ruthie is the Project Mentor for the Kerewe team and has been teaching vis-à-vis virtual classes from the USA. This was her first time in Tanzania and her first time to meet her team face-to-face!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- In May, Michael will be teaching the Kerewe team in Tanzania on translating the **Psalms** and prophetic writings. Keep Michael's safety and the financial needs of travel in prayer.
- Botswana update: The Khwe Panoramic Bible has been sent to a typesetter and returned for proofreading and editing. Pray for the Khwe translators and Dr. Beckendorf as they finalize the manuscript for publication.
- Praise and Thanksgiving: 2023 has been a time of rejoicing as financial gifts have enabled us to continue the work in Tanzania. As the 1st quarter of the year draws to a finish, almost 21% of the budget has been reached. There are still more trips, workshops and consultant checks planned for 2023. Please keep the ministry's finances in prayer.

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