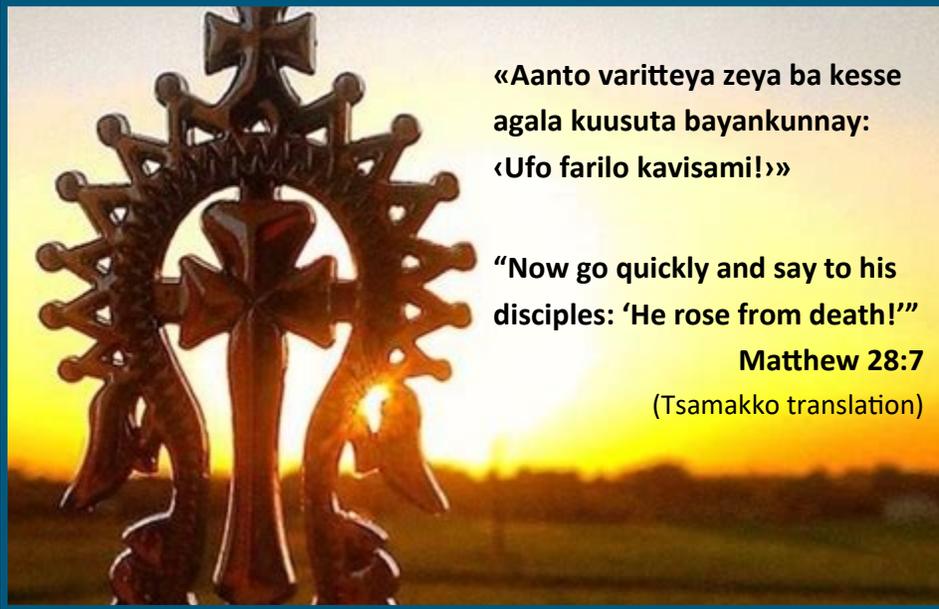


Consulting for Christ

Enabling Bible Translation in Ethiopia

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«Aanto varitteya zeya ba kesse
agala kuusuta bayankunay:
«Ufo farilo kavisami!»»

“Now go quickly and say to his
disciples: ‘He rose from death!’”

Matthew 28:7
(Tsamakko translation)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Thank you for partnering with us to
help get this good news into languages
here in Ethiopia. We are blessed this
year to be able to celebrate Easter twice
in a row – the western Easter on April
9, and the Ethiopian Easter on April 16.

Bible Translation Conference

The fifth EECMY (Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus) Annual Conference of Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement was held March 29-31. Translators attended from all eighteen Bible translation projects that EECMY is involved in. Along with teaching and fellowship, many of the teams wore cultural clothes from their areas and sang songs.

Two highlights stood out for me. First, during one of the devotions, all of the teams that had translated Matthew 4:4 (the theme of the conference) took turns reading it in their language. It was moving hearing all the versions. Second, we took an outing to Friendship Park one afternoon, and at an amphitheater there, the name of each language in Ethiopia is inscribed on a step. It was fun seeing the teams find their language and get their picture taken with it. All in all, it was a refreshing time for the teams.

Tsamakko Checking

From May 8-26, I will be working with the Tsamakko team to check over their translation of 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. Please pray that God will guide us, and give us all good health during that time. Pray for the Tsamakko team also for endurance and wisdom. They are pushing hard to finish all their consultant checking on the New Testament this year.



The Borana team



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Lutheran Bible Translators has a new look. While keeping connections with our tradition, our logo has been updated for the next innovative period in the Bible translation movement. Millions of people remain in the dark as to what God's Word actually says. Hope is found in the light of Scripture when it is accessed in a language that they understand best. Lutheran Bible Translators' new logo shows that movement from darkness to light, through the Word and into the world.

Family News

We were blessed to have family visit us in February and March. Jim's sister Ann, his brother John, his sister-in-law Carol, our son Andy and his wife Lara, all came to visit for two weeks in February. We went on a safari with them and visited some historic sites in northern Ethiopia. In March, Susan's sister Jeanette and her husband Dave stopped on their way back from a mission trip in Uganda. They spent 5 days with us. We haven't had many visitors here from our family, so we were thrilled to have them all come!

In February, our son Micah and his wife Rachel welcomed our 6th grandchild into the world – Gloria.



Visiting the new Kaiser Bakery!



At the castles in Gondar



John, Ann, Susan, Andy, Jim, Lara, Carol



Dave and Jeanette



At St. George Church in Lalibella

Pray...

- Pray for wisdom for the country's leaders.
- Pray for the checking of 1-3 John and Hebrews with the Tsamakko translation team May 8-26.
- Pray for the students studying Bible translation at Mekane Yesus Seminary.
- Pray for wisdom for the leadership of both LBT and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus as they plan how to equip the church to carry out the work of Bible translation and scripture engagement.
- Praise God that rain has come in southwest Ethiopia after 3 years of drought.

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