



ON THE ROAD

Lutheran Bible Translators' missionaries and partners focus on locally led, context driven work to help people translate and engage with Scripture in their own languages. While a myriad of products and processes have been developed to assist our partners to meet the needs of their community, our partners don't have the time to assess or assimilate all of these resources. One of the ways that we can assist our partners is by staying informed of the latest resources, then sharing that information with them whenever it seems that these resources will be helpful in a particular language or region.

Eshinee and I have more than a decade of field experience as well as half a decade working internationally across many LBT fields. This gives us insight as we represent LBT at conferences each year. Eshinee attends in her role of Training Coordinator, looking for opportunities for our missionaries and partners to develop their vocational aptitudes. I attend in my role of Scripture Engagement Coordinator, looking for resources which could be adapted to our varied fields.

We have attended three such conferences in as many months. It has been a joy for us to be able to travel together, which is something we don't always get to do.

First, we attended the Forum of Bible Agencies International, along with several other LBT

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Upper left: at FOBAI, a selfie with the Acropolis of Athens in the background.

Middle left: after FOBAI in Philippi, our shadows on the road Paul once walked.

Below: Thailand. Eshinee leads the band. (Photo by David Federwitz)





missionaries and leaders. FOBAI is a gathering of folks in dozens of agencies with a goal of Bible translation and engagement throughout the world. I joined the Scripture Engagement Development group, while Eshinee joined the Translation Development group. As the conference met in Athens, Greece, we also had a few days to explore some Biblically important sites.

From there, we traveled to Chiang Mai Thailand for two intense weeks. We spent part of the time in training intensives and part of the time in breakout sessions learning about new technologies, products, and methodologies. We also had a lot of small meetings within our disciplines and affinities. Eshinee led the music team which played a set at the beginning of morning devotions on each of the four days of the main conference (I played guitar).

A month later, we attended the Concordia Mission Institute, an annual gathering of LBT missionaries and other partners.

We have two more of these events on our calendar for this year. In September, I'm heading to the Global Consultation on Arts and Music in Missions. Then in October, we'll join Bible translation workers from many different organizations at the Bible Translation Conference in Dallas, Texas.

These trips are exciting, but also exhausting. Please keep us in your prayers. For safe travels, for health and energy, for good contacts and positive interactions.



We have appreciated opportunities to reconnect with friends and colleagues in person this past month.

Top: An LBT dinner during the Thailand conference with folks working in East, West, and Southern Africa, Asia, and the US.

Middle: Eshinee and Paul in Athens. We've known Paul for more than 20 years! Played in a band with him in the early 2000s. Now, we encounter him in his capacity as Coordinator of International Resources for SIL.

Bottom: Rob and Biby. Biby and I co-presented at a conference in Nairobi in 2018 and haven't had a chance to hang out since then. He's an expert in field recording.



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