



*A congregation in the Kerewe Bible translation area.*

## The Harvest is Plentiful But...

They come to hear God's Word of Life, the Good News of Jesus the Christ, and they do not have a Bible to read and study in their own language so they might understand and grow in faith. Please keep the Kerewe Bible Translation ministry in your prayers and financial support.



## The Word of Life in the Hearts of All

Pictured to the left are children at the cathedral in Shinyanga saying their Bible memory-verses at Sunday worship. One girl repeated the entire Gospel lesson for the day from memory without a mistake! The Bible in the hearts of all, even the children, is the goal of Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement.

## Botswana Updates

Two programs in Botswana—the Khwedam (Panoramic Bible) and Shekgalagari (New Testament)—are finalizing their plans on printing and distributing their first Bibles in 2024. This calls for great celebrations and prayers that those who receive these Bibles will read and grow in faith and discipleship.



## Thanksgiving

As we near the end of 2023, I want to thank each one of you for your steadfast prayer and financial gifts for LBT's ministry in Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement in Tanzania and Botswana. We ask for your continued support as we move into 2024. There is still a small shortfall in income for 2023 and we look forward to expanding the ministry in 2024 to reach new language groups in Tanzania and to celebrate the publication of the Khwedam Panoramic Bible and Shekgalagari New Testament in Botswana.

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## A Message from the Regional Director

Three new languages will take another big step towards Bible translation in 2024. Dr. Megahan, motivated by his love for the people in Tanzania and God's Word, has been mentoring and supporting Bible translation ministry. His insights and knowledge of the language and culture have been invaluable as Lutheran Bible Translators becomes more familiar with this context. His giftedness in language analysis and passion to "train the trainers" is laying a strong foundation for well-prepared Tanzanians to lead Bible translation into the future. One thing I've observed is how he notices the unique gifts of the translation team members, nurturing these so that they can help each other and grow in their skills together. I encourage you to join his team and support this life-changing work with the goal to "Put God's Word in their Hands." 100% of gifts given for his ministry go towards supporting his mission work.

## Prayer

- Rejoice at the completion of the Khwedam Panoramic Bible and the Shekgalagari New Testament in Botswana.
- Give thanks for the continued health of Michael as he travels to Tanzania (last trip for 2023 is 3-17 December).
- Keep the new Tanzania programs in prayer—Sumbwa, Kara, and Datoga—as they do the preliminary linguistic survey and translation training begins in 2024.
- Keep the Kerewe Bible Translation Program in prayer as they finish the translation of the Pentateuch in 2024 (the first five books of the Old Testament).
- Pray for the financial needs for our work in Tanzania, that the shortfall for 2023 is met as well as the needs for 2024.