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Lutheran Bible Translators Gathering in Missouri

Lutheran **Bible**

Translators

This year marks 60 years since Lutheran Bible Translators began serving language communities around the world to help them have access to God's Word.

The kids and I enjoyed a summer road trip down to Missouri to participate in the gathering of staff and missionaries from around the world. We spent nearly a week meeting, praying, and casting vision together for the next 60 years of ministry. It was a special time for the kids and me as we were able to see colleagues from the Cameroon branch. While the mornings and early afternoons were filled with meetings (and fun childcare), the afternoons and evenings were full of fun camp activities like kayaking, swimming and a high ropes course. It was a week of refreshment, healing and refocus for me. I met with various project leaders about needs for literacy in different countries.

Please pray for me as I discern where and how the Lord would like me to begin to help in literacy projects. Lutheran Bible Translators supports 130+ languages, and so there is always a need for literacy materials, teacher training, and literacy classes. The work of literacy supports the use of the Bible once it is translated and supports community education and development.



For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. Psalm 33:4





Presentation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Walton, Nebraska

I had a wonderful morning sharing at the Sunday Bible study at Trinity Lutheran Church in Walton, Nebraska. It was my first presentation at a congregation since taking on this new position! Everyone was welcoming and interested in hearing about the importance of literacy to support Bible Translation efforts.

I am excited to present or visit more congregations and LWML groups as my schedule permits. Please call or email me if your small group or church might be interested!



https://lbt.org/lutheran-bible-translators-60th-anniversary/

Check out the video Lutheran Bible Translators produced for the 60th anniversary celebration.

In the video you can meet Rev. Tim Schulte, who will be heading to Cameroon with his wife Erin to serve the Subula* language group!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise the Lord for safe travels to Missouri and Nebraska.
- Praise the Lord for meaningful conversations with LBT colleagues during the gathering.
- Pray for discernment as I seek to serve the various needs for literacy in LBT projects.
- Pray that I can continue to manage my time well with my LBT work as the school year begins.
- Pray for continued health as my family begins a new school year here in Montana.

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