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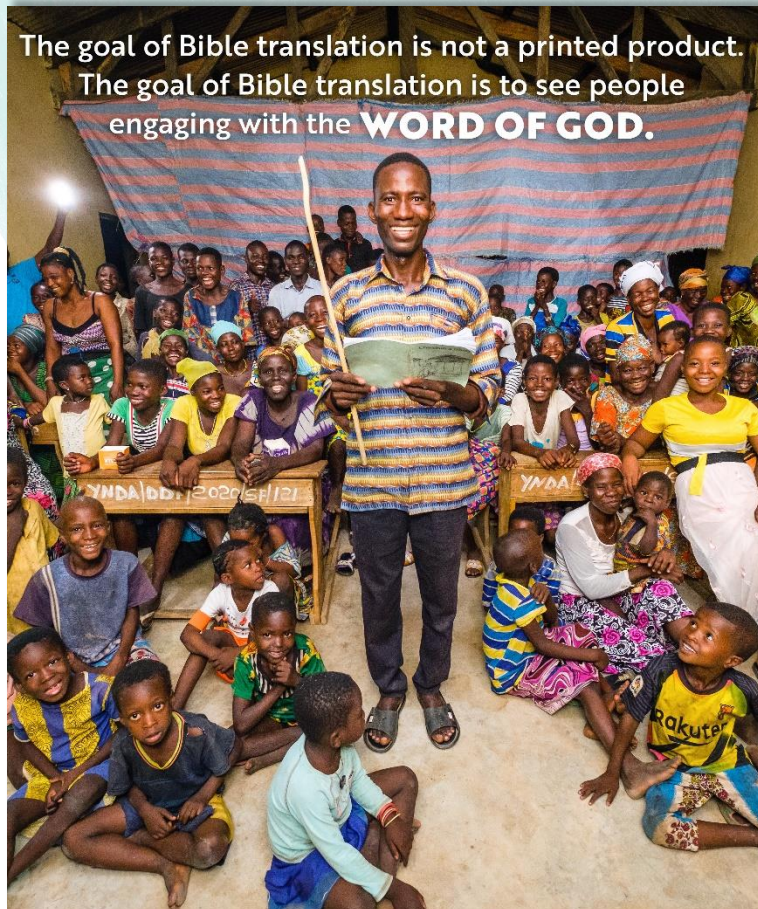
More Than Words has been LBTs working theme for the last five years. At the start, LBT was serving 72 language communities and set a goal to double that. As of this writing, LBT has the capacity to actively serve 137 communities. In addition, 18 more communities are seeking our assistance. In the past five years, LBT served 149 language communities. Since our start in 1964, LBT has facilitated the publication of 48 Scripture publications.

To continue to increase capacity and meet the requests from language communities, LBT has equipped 21 missionary teams, has 88 translation advisors ready or in training, 11 doctoral candidates, and 13 consultants and consultants in training. We served 60 literacy programs. Another program emphasizing oral Bible storying impacts 15 million people.

These are a lot of numbers. They measure growth and reflect on the abundance of God's leading and gifting as we seek to engage more people with the Gospel. We have seen many of the goals of this campaign exceeded. These goals serve the ultimate objective as is illustrated in the picture to the right where "Word" refers to both written form and more importantly our Savior Jesus.

We are thankful for the numerous financial and prayer partners we currently have and have had over the years. During the More Than Words campaign, our strategy for reaching our goals has been **prayer**. Currently 5,668 people are officially signed up as prayer partners of LBT. That means if these people pray for us every day, 2,068,820 are spoken on behalf of Bibleless people groups around the world and our efforts to address Bible poverty. Your prayers can be

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The goal of Bible translation is to see people
engaging with the **WORD OF GOD.**



added to this count as well. You can sign up here: [Pray | Lutheran Bible Translators](https://lbt.org/partner-with-us/pray/) or type in <https://lbt.org/partner-with-us/pray/> in your browser. You will receive a more detailed prayer calendar and other tools to keep you current in prayer needs. **You**, number of **1**, are mighty as you pray and support LBT so together we can impact language communities with the love of Christ through the Word of God. **Thank you!**

Host a **Bible Translation Sunday** at your church to advocate for the mission of Lutheran Bible Translators. Engage your church with a call to action by inviting individuals and families to contribute \$35 monthly to translate one verse of Scripture until the work is done (or set a unified goal for your church). It's a simple yet powerful way to gather in prayer, inspire generosity, and make a huge impact, translating entire chapters and books of the Bible. Join us in this mission to let the world know, "God speaks your language." Missionary speakers are available to visit virtually or in person. Ready to make a difference? Explore next steps at [LBT.org/BTS](https://lbt.org/BTS)

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FAMILY UPDATE

Aletheia is still in south Florida. She is currently working in permitting at a garage door company and has been promoted to start doing some accounting as well. She likes to spend her free time with her boyfriend Mack trying out food festivals, dancing, and taking mini vacations to Universal Orlando Resort. Thankfully she wasn't impacted very much by the recent hurricane and has been enjoying the warm Florida weather at the beach.

Micaiah completed his second attempt at C-130 Flight Engineer qualification and returned to Minnesota in January. He spent the first half of 2024 working full time with his unit out of the Twin Cities, during which he was able to support missions down to the Virgin Islands and up to Alaska. In August he returned to his civilian work with Boston Scientific after what turned into a 3-year military leave of absence from them. He's now getting into the groove of balancing his National Guard and civilian careers and continuing to build connections in Minnesota — while also trying to see his niece and nephews as much as he can.

Andrew and Taylor introduced their little guy, Parker, on New Year's Day. They have loved becoming parents and watching Parker grow each day. They are still leading their young married couples' Bible study and have had many babies introduced into the group this year. Andrew continues to try and fish often and even got to come salmon fish in Michigan with his dad. Taylor continues to enjoy the game of pickleball when she can.

Luke, Lindsey, Elijah, and Lydia had an eventful year. Luke finished his command in March and was able to take some much-needed time off afterward. In July they moved from Alabama to Ohio so he could begin a master's program at the Air Force Institute of Technology. They are blessed to have found a new church home and are enjoying getting to know new friends in the area. Elijah turned 3 and Lydia 1 this year. They are both sweet and happy toddlers who love to spend time outside as a family. ("Half crazy" is half a marathon successfully run.)

Al and I have taken a few trips to see our spread-out family. Our big trip was an adventure to Egypt. We saw the pyramids, the Great Sphinx, various temples, mummified crocodiles and had our first hot air balloon ride. We are thankful for the many blessings in our lives.

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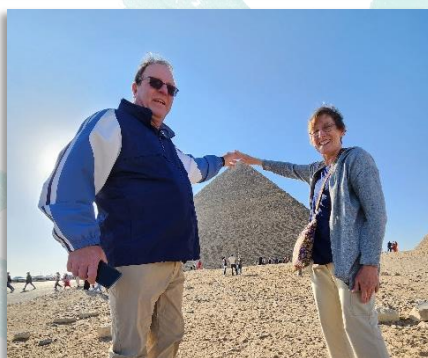
Becky

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for progress in all four projects this year.
- Pray the Maan and Dan can catch up with their final checking after some delays this fall.
- Pray for wisdom as 2025 is planned and final decisions for publishing are considered.
- Pray for the continued health and safety of all team members.

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Becky is YOUR HEART IN ACTION. She serves you as a consultant for translation teams in Liberia, West Africa by using your prayers and support to fulfill your desire to "PUT GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HANDS." Becky rejoices that she is part of your Lutheran Bible Translators team and values this special relationship.