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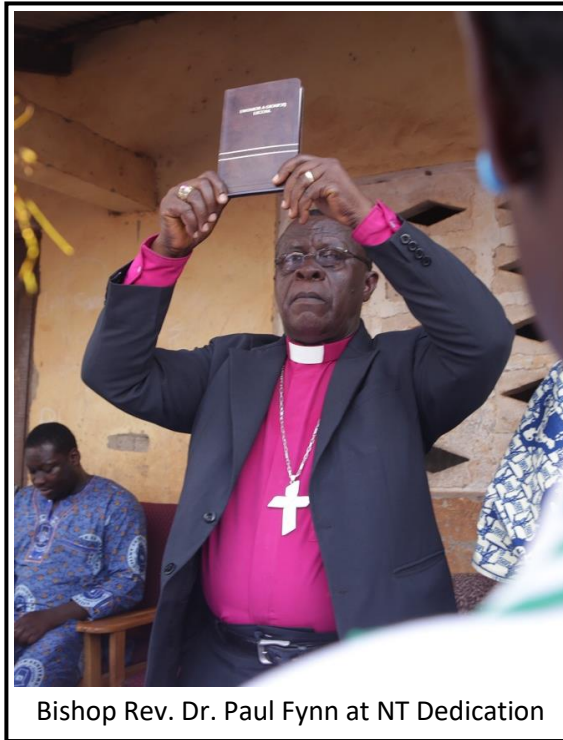
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Exciting News

On **November 22, 2025**, the **Komba people** in Ghana, West Africa, **will receive the whole Bible in their heart language**. Several of you have made this possible through your gifts and prayers. Your role has been essential, so thank you. Also essential were willing workers needed to make the Bible a reality for the Komba people. It required trained linguists and Bible translators to develop a Komba orthography and motivate Komba people to engage in making God's Word accessible to their community.

I am proud to share that some of the people who met this challenge were my son, David Federwitz, and his wife, Valerie, and their friends, Rev. Nathan and Sarah Esala. To their credit, they immediately



Bishop Rev. Dr. Paul Fynn at NT Dedication

to have God's Word in their heart language, it truly spoke to their hearts and lives.

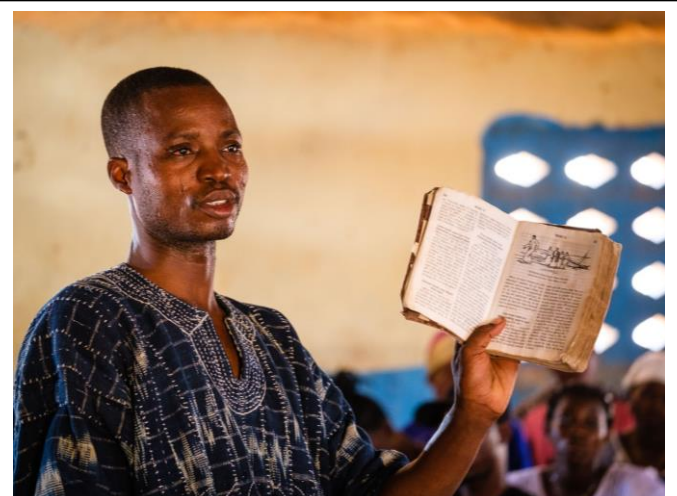
I had the pleasure of attending the joy-filled dedication of the Komba New Testament in November 2014. Once the Komba had the New Testament in Komba, they were eager to have the entire Bible, and so the Komba translators began this daunting task, requesting exegetical help. Michael Ersland accepted the challenge, and a few years later, God blessed him with a helpmate, Naomi. They assisted the Komba translation team to complete the translation of the whole Bible near the end of 2024. It

is finally printed and on its way to Ghana. Pray that it arrives quickly and safely, so the entire Bible can soon replace the well-used Komba New Testaments. May you be inspired by this testimony to actively pray for the numerous people groups that still do not have a single word of God in their heart language. If you cannot go or financially support **Bible translation**, pray for and encourage others to do so, as this is a **critical work in bringing the lost into the Kingdom**.



Komba Old Testament Translation Team

focused on local ownership, which meant spending a great deal of time with the Komba learning how to culturally convey the importance of their language being written. The Komba people did the translation with the guidance of exegetical knowledge from Bible translation experts. Thus, when the day came



Well used Komba New Testament

Plenary Speaker at CMI

On July 11th, I was invited to share with 150 LBT and LC-MS Mission of Christ missionaries the ways that my family actively engaged with Africans, learning their culture, so we could effectively work among them. Digitizing all my slides was the most significant challenge for my presentation. Numerous young missionaries told me that this encouraged them in what God has called them to do.

Grandchildren's Weddings

On June 28th, **Rachel Federwitz married James Buhler** at Messiah Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. They are now living in Port Washington, WI,



Rachel and James

where Rachel is completing her last year at CUW in Mequon and James is working to



Seasoned Missionary compliments
Alvina on her presentation

support the couple. They anticipate that Rachel will find a job teaching High School Math in Fort Wayne, IN, where James plans to attend Concordia Seminary next fall.

On August 2nd, **Leah Federwitz married Freddie Yarita**, also at Messiah Lutheran Church. Currently they are living at JAARS located near Waxhaw, NC. They are presently traveling extensively to establish their support base. Leah will continue to

teach at Ukarumpa International School in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, and Freddie is working in the Aviation department there. They need to be in PNG by early January. If you or

someone you know is willing to support them, please let me know, and I will pass the information along.



Leah and Freddie

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