

# Red Clay Roads



"and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2



**Nigerian Arrival:**  
*Beaming  
But  
Uncertain*

## Broken & Rebuilt!

**Okpoma, Nigeria - August 7, 2025:** Fifty-five hours, three plane rides, a guest house, and a five hour car ride on Red Clay Roads brought me to my first country in Africa. Night two at 11:00 PM. was dark, hot and humid. I awoke in a bed outfitted with a bug net. I got up and paced for 90 minutes. **Uncontrolled crying followed.** *"What did I get myself into? I want to go home. Lord, help me."* I repeated those words hundreds times. I was broken, because I was in an unfamiliar place and a load of emotions that overtook me. By God's grace, the U.S. is six hours behind us, and family, friends, & LBT supporters were awake. I poured my heart full of loneliness and fear out to them. Then a text: ***"The Lord's loving kindness indeed never ceases. For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness."*** The tears minimized; I slept. I awoke early to a slight breeze and a hot breakfast waiting. **New mercies from our Heavenly Father.** I had never known brokenness so deep that it brought me to uncontrollable tears—but when it happened, I knew it wasn't random. It had purpose. **Let go and let God do His thing.** *Wow, did He do His thing!*



### PRAY

For willingness & action to help humanity



### GIVE

Prayerfully consider supporting my ministry with LBT. You can give a one-time or recurring gift—**ongoing support is especially helpful** as I continue to work for the mission.

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### TELL

Share the mission with your church, friends, others.  
**Invite me to speak!**

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Tracker shows the amount pledged to my ministry on a monthly basis. It **doesn't show every gift**, but helps me plan for the future.

# Progress For Christ!

## Translations & Literacy Successes

Witnessing first-hand Christ's servants working on behalf of Bible translation and Scripture engagement was the **highlight of my travel** to Nigeria. Praise be to God that he allowed me to meet the people and see the situations in which God is at work. I was humbled by the local congregational members' **passion and energy** for working to get the Scripture accurate in their language.

**"In English you say two yams; in Yala we say Yams two."**

I've always had access to Bibles. I love reading the Bible. Can't imagine not reading the Bible! Bibles in English, that is. Until my experience in Nigeria, it never occurred to me that reading something in English wouldn't make sense if it's not how a person talks in their native language.

**Naive, maybe; Educational, definitely.**



*Yala Project Partners Outside Their Meeting Area*

At the very moment Pastor Linus stated the quote about yams, I realized the true impact of our mission. In my time in Nigeria, I saw **first-hand jubilation** in churches where Christ was being worshipped. I want people to have the ability to read Christ's word for themselves on a daily basis in their mother tongue so that their relationship with Christ grows into a deeply personal one. I'm thankful to our Heavenly Father that He granted me a visit to one of the areas LBT is impacting for Christ. **By God's grace we continue to do His work.**



*Kukele Project Explanation*



*Brothers & Sisters In Christ*

## UP NEXT SEPTEMBER:

Having returned safely home from Nigeria, I will begin planning & preparing as LBT's **Program Management Facilitator**. A new job title that provides direction.

## IN THE FUTURE September - January:

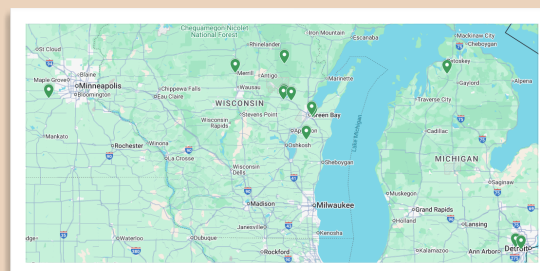
Visiting churches & Lutheran schools-please reach out to **schedule a visit** to your congregation or school. Churches/schools on the map have committed to a visit to learn about joys and challenges of Scripture engagement and literacy.

### MISSION:

Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they understand best.

### VISION:

Vibrant Christian Communities, deeply rooted in God's Word, engaging fully in God's mission, in this generation.



**Green Markers = Confirmed Visits**

