



KOMBA BIBLE DEDICATION

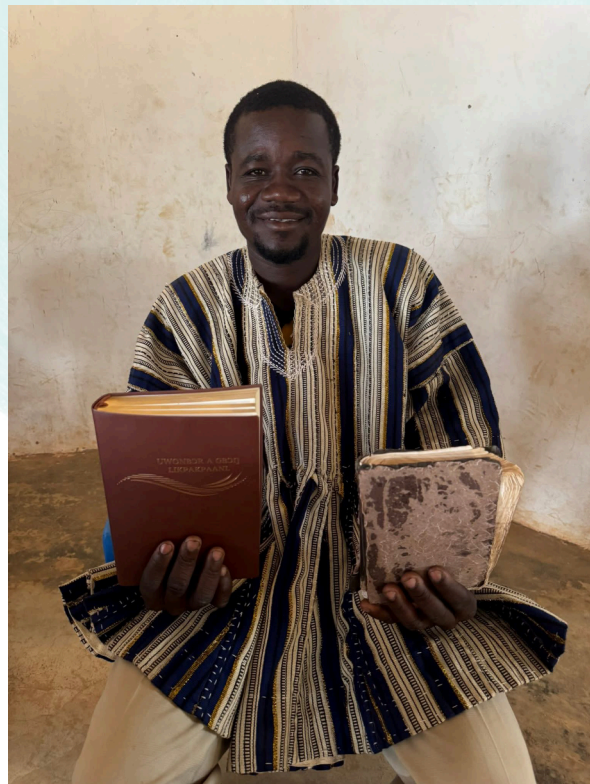
Paul had the opportunity to return to Ghana in November to celebrate the dedication of the completed Komba Bible. You may remember when we first moved to Ghana in 2007 that we were based in Tamale working with the Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation (GILLBT). Paul also provided computer support for LBT programs in West Africa including the Komba New Testament project where Paul’s brother David and his family were based. In 2014, we were able to share in the joyful celebration of the New Testament dedication. Following that, David moved into a regional director role but continued to be involved with the Komba project through Scripture Engagement and administration.

This Bible dedication marks a new chapter in history as the Komba people now have access to full council of God in their own language. It was exceptionally meaningful to be in attendance with members of the translation team we have known and worked with over many years. Translation can be a long process - in this case it started in 2003 - so it was a pleasure to celebrate with those who have worked hard for over two decades and see the fruit of their

labor. During his trip to Ghana, Paul also had the opportunity to spend a few days in Tamale visiting friends he worked with at GILLBT.



Scan the QR code to the left or follow this link to see a short video about the dedication:
<https://lbt.org/2025-komba-bible-dedication/>



A Komba man holds up the new Bible next to a well used New Testament published in 2014

PEOPLE CARE TEAM

Ali has been working with a focus on member care for 10 years now. She started dabbling in it when we lived in Accra, and she joined the Mobile Member Care Team- West Africa. That team provided her with training and experience as she worked with others in Lutheran Bible Translators to form their own Member Care Team. For the last 5 years, however, the team has consisted of only Ali – a lonely situation for someone who loves to collaborate!



People Care Team: Jill Inman, Ali Federwitz, Valerie Federwitz & Sarah Esala

For that reason, you can imagine how exciting it was for Ali to once again become part of a team as we entered 2026. LBT’s People Care Team is made up of four individuals who offer support for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of LBT employees around the US and the world. A special bonus is that this team includes our sister-in-law, Valerie Federwitz.



BOTSWANA MEETINGS

In January, Paul and Ali traveled together to Botswana for the annual LBT field leadership team meetings. This is the team that Paul leads, but since the members are spread throughout the US and Africa, they only gather together in person once a year. The meetings provide valuable time to set goals, discuss big-picture topics, and plan strategy.

Some of us have worked together in various roles for over 20 years, so we also enjoyed connecting through conversation and playing games. Being in the beautiful Okavango Delta made the trip even more special, including the opportunity to go on a short nature tour. We love being at a stage in our life and work where we get the blessing of being able to travel together!

KIDS UPDATE



This year Eden got the new experience of going on tour with her high school choir during spring break. The Singing Saints from Saint Paul Lutheran High School did a bus tour with stops in Colorado, Iowa and Missouri.

Just 3 weeks after getting back from the tour, Eden and Levi went to prom together. This is Levi's senior year, and he wanted an opportunity to enjoy this fun time with his sister (sophomore) and cousin (fellow senior, JoyAnna Federwitz).

VISITING CALIFORNIA

We are planning to make a visit to Southern California in the middle of September to see some of you in person. We have not set specific dates yet, but it will likely be September 13th to 20th. If you would like us to share about our ministry with your church, Bible class, or small group, please let us know. If you would just like to grab a cup of coffee or a meal, we would love to connect that way as well.

BEST PRACTICES

The Best Practices for Ministry Conference is hosted annually by Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ. This year, we were part of the 10-member team sent to represent Lutheran Bible Translators! Our team hosted a special, intimate event called "Vision and Verse" the evening before the conference, sharing the mission and vision of LBT and inspiring people to connect with us in a deeper way. We enjoyed conversation and snacks as well as the powerful poetry of Tanner Olson and heartfelt music from Blake Flattley.

During the busy days of the conference, we were able to reconnect with other LCMS church workers and attend impactful sessions on topics relevant to both work and life. On the final day of the conference, Ali led one of the breakout sessions titled Caring for the Called: A Practical Model for Church Worker Care. She enjoyed being in the facilitator role and interacting with the engaged participants.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Ali as she works with the People Care Team and provides support for our staff and missionaries
- Pray for Paul as he will be visiting partners in several countries in the coming months.
- Pray for Levi as he completes his senior year of high school and gets ready for college next year.

ABOUT US

Paul provides strategic leadership internationally as LBT's Chief Programs Officer. Ali is the Member Care Manager and Prayer Working Group lead.

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