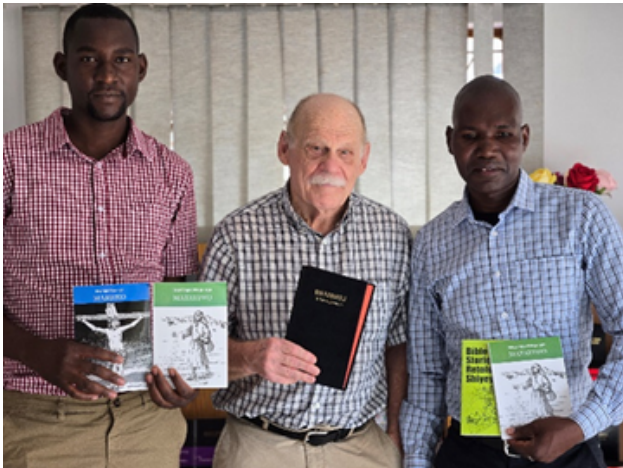


THE END, the BEGINNING, and EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

I (Michael) have just returned from three weeks of activity in Botswana, first, and then Tanzania. It was a very busy time, but very productive. I am excited to share a few of the stories with you and ask for prayers as these programs are all at different stages, beginning with the Shiyeyi translation of Botswana.

Nearing the Finish Line: Shiyeyi (Botswana)



Left-to-right: Nicolus Qhua, Michael, and Motswasele Motswasele.

These Yeyi translators are holding copies of earlier translations of portions of the New Testament. Michael is holding the completed Kalanga (Botswana) Bible.

The goal of the Yeyi is to reach a completed New Testament. They are in the final stage before typesetting, and Michael was able to work with them for four days to complete Romans and 3 chapters of 1 Corinthians. They have finished the Gospels and Acts, and a few other New Testament books, so praise God for the progress being made!!!!

In the Middle of the Race: Kerewe (Tanzania)

From Botswana, Michael traveled to Tanzania and worked with the Kerewe Team on Ukerewe Island, Lake Victoria. This is a team that has been working for several years and has completed the Gospels, Acts, and Jude (New Testament) and Genesis, Leviticus, and Jonah (Old Testament). During this visit we finished Exodus. We were also able to do a team translation of Philemon so that Michael could provide more advanced training.



Michael and Kerewe discussing a point in the translation of Exodus.

At the Starting Line: Oral Bible Storying in Tanzania

LBT is starting several new programs as well as helping some language groups who already have Scripture translations learn how to use them in engaging the community in God's Word.

One approach is Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS). While in Tanzania, Michael was able to attend an OBS workshop as an observer. There were groups of people from new programs—Taturu, Sumbwa, and Kara—as well as a program that already has a translation, the Sukuma.



During the workshop, the participants learned how to narrate - in their own language - the book of Jonah. Can you guess which chapter of Jonah they are narrating in this picture?



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for all the dedicated translators and partners and for the work being done in all the programs.
- Praise God for Michael's health in these journeys.
- Praise God for our partners who are prayer warriors and financial donors.
- As you are reading this prayer letter, Michael and Jo Ann will be in Botswana or returning (we travel there Easter Sunday). Yes, the Khwe Launch is happening! Praise God for this great milestone in the life of the Khwe of Botswana.

Training New Translators



Rev. Malelo (in yellow) taught on the topic of Discourse Analysis.

One important way to train new translators for future projects is to empower and equip experienced translators to be able to teach these important concepts and skills. In a two-day workshop for representatives of the Kara language group, each Kerewe translator was able to teach two modules on different translation principles while Michael observed and offered critique for future lessons. The Kara representatives were so interested that they asked for a longer workshop later this year!

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