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WORDS of LIFE

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The Prayer Letter of Glenn & Susan Fluegge

We have been serving as missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators since 2024. Last spring, we spent five months in Ethiopia working with the Mekane Yesus Seminary. Recently, I (Glenn) accepted a call to serve as executive director of Lutheran Heritage Foundation this January. Read on to learn how you can continue partnering with us….

SAD NEWS…GOOD NEWS

I owe you an apology. This prayer letter is much later than I had planned. Sorry about that.

My plans were thwarted by my father's death. That's the **SAD NEWS**.

On Sept 22, on his baptismal birthday, my father, August Fluegge, Sr., went home to be with the Lord. As I wrote in the eulogy, I consider my Dad an ordinary, everyday hero, through whom God worked to make me who I am today. He was a faithful husband, hard-working farmer, and a devoted grandpa (of 42 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren!). Most of all, he was the spiritual patriarch of our family.



We were not created to die (Gen 1-2), so it makes sense that it causes such grief and sorrow for all of us, regardless of whether you live in the USA, Togo, or Ethiopia. In fact, the very Creator of life wept when confronted with the death of his friend, Lazarus (Jn 11:35). So, yes, we grieve and miss Dad deeply.

But not without hope! There is **GOOD NEWS**! In fact, we've spent so many years as missionaries, whether in Togo, Ethiopia, or the USA, for the sake of sharing the GOOD NEWS that Jesus proclaimed at the tomb of his friend: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." (NKJV)

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement last month.

MORE BIG NEWS – A CALL TO LHF

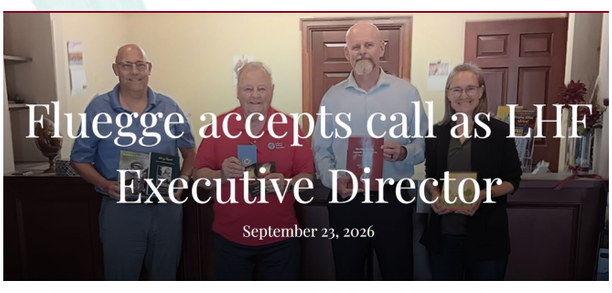
Now, let me catch you up on some other **BIG NEWS**, which is also **GOOD NEWS**.

Last month I accepted a Call to serve as full-time Executive Director of the **Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF)**, beginning January 1, 2027. This was not an easy decision. It was quite difficult, to be honest. But after much prayer, many conversations, and careful consideration, we firmly believe I can best serve God and His Church by taking on this leadership role at LHF.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

I have been connected to LHF for many years, dating back to my time as a missionary working with the seminary in Togo (1999-2009). We partnered closely then. And I came to deeply appreciate them.

LHF is a missionary organization like LBT. It's also focused on translation. While Lutheran Bible Translators focuses on translating the Bible into local languages, Lutheran Heritage Foundation follows by translating Bible-related books into those same languages—devotional materials, children's Bibles, catechisms, and theological works. They are at work in more than 120 languages in nearly 100 countries. These resources help churches worldwide teach the faith in their own heart languages. Learn more: www.lhfmissions.org



During a recent visit to LHF's World Mission Center in Macomb, Michigan

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TRANSITIONING: LBT ⟶ LHF

Of course, accepting this new call means our time with Lutheran Bible Translators and Concordia University Irvine will come to a close at the end of December.

So, our excitement is mixed with sadness. It has been an honor serving as a professor at Concordia for the last fifteen years, and I will greatly miss my colleagues and the Concordia community! I have also loved serving as a missionary with LBT for the last two years. I appreciate its people, and I continue to believe deeply in their mission to bring God's Word to the nations in their own heart languages.

In fact, one reason I took the call to LHF is to strengthen collaboration between LBT and LHF. The two mission organizations have a natural connection, and we have already begun preliminary conversations.

So, with a mix of sadness and excitement, we will say goodbye to California and move to Macomb, Michigan, where LHF's World Mission Center is located. The moving company will pack up our house on Jan. 5, and we will begin the long drive to Michigan on Jan. 6, dropping our daughter off at Concordia, Seward, along the way.

We are profoundly grateful for your support during our time with LBT and, I pray and hope, you will continue to partner with us. I'll continue to send updates and newsletters. Although we are changing organizations, we would love you to follow us. Of course, you can continue to follow LBT, as well.

WHAT WILL SUSAN DO?

As many of you know, Susan was serving as Administrative Assistant to the School of Arts & Sciences at Concordia. God has already given her a place to serve in Michigan.

In fact, while we were on our way to visit the LHF headquarters in Michigan, she received a call at the airport to schedule an interview for the position of Administrative Assistant to the President of the LCMS English District, also headquartered in Michigan.

Two days later, she was offered and accepted the position. And has actually already started, working remotely from California until our move in January.

This was another confirmation that God is caring for us through this transition. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord!

PLEASE PARTNER WITH US!

Please continue to partner with us through this transition. Both LBT and LHF are non-profit "faith" mission organizations. In other words, your donations make their work possible.

- **Lutheran Heritage Foundation:** lhfmissions.org/donate/ LHF gives its translated books out freely to partners worldwide. As Executive Director, one of my responsibilities is to raise the support needed to continue this important work. You can give online or by check. For more info: lhfmissions.org/donate/
- **Lutheran Bible Translators:** lbt.org/Give/. LBT still needs your help to continue their important work. You can also continue partnering with LBT. Gifts received through Dec 31 will support the Fluegge Ministry. After that, all gifts received will be designated to the Every Language Fund: lbt.org/Give/.

LEARN MORE – Find out more about:

- Lutheran Heritage Foundation (www.LHFmissions.org)
- Lutheran Bible Translators (www.LBT.org).

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for me (Glenn) as I finish off the Fall semester teaching at Concordia and then transition to Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Pray for Susan in her new role as AA for the English District.
- Pray for our move from California to Michigan in January, that God would smooth the way.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as I take over as Executive Director of LHF and that God would bless our work.
- Thank God for the important work of both LBT and LHF and for our future collaboration and partnership.

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