

Dear Friends

Greetings once again. We pray all is going well with you.

In my last update I mentioned that Tim was going to Sierra Leone, along with two other colleagues with Lutheran Bible Translators, to help with consultant checking some of the backlog in two LBT translation projects there. It was a long, two-day trip getting there, and another long trip back home, but Tim absolutely enjoyed Sierra Leone. He is very impressed with the Bible Society of Sierra Leone, and the LBT team had several good meetings with the General Secretary and her staff before they split up and left for the villages to work with the two translation projects. Tim was fortunate in that he got to be paired up with Dr. Becky Grossmann, whom he knew from having gone through the same doctorate program together. They worked with the Themne translation team checking the Book of Genesis. The Themne are a large people group and Themne is a prominent language. The checking went well, though more slowly than what the translation team was expecting -- they had thought they would make it all the way through Genesis and were thinking ahead to what else they could check while Tim and Becky were there. They only got through the first half of Genesis on this trip, but Becky will continue working with them via Zoom, and there are plans for Tim to also do some checking by Zoom and hopefully in person again in the future on other books of the Old Testament. This trip was a great introduction to the translation team and an opportunity to get to know them so that future work with them is with friends and not strangers.



Tim and Aaron rewiring our solar panel to increase our voltage.

We are glad to have Tim home again, though he might have wished to stay away a little longer. When he got back home he had to jump right into re-wiring our solar panels, building a small shed for holding fuel and combustible stuff we don't want near Andrew's forge, and cleaning up the sheds and cementing up holes to keep rodents from making their homes in there and acting as snake bait. Tim and Splash also made a short trip up to Namibia to visit one of the communities up there they hadn't seen in about five years. This was a very good visit, getting to see key people again and discussing ways to work together on literacy and Scripture Engagement.

Fortunately, we just got the third proof from the typesetter late last week, so this week our proof readers are going through the proof to see if there is anything that needs correction. We are really hoping that this is the last proof needed; that everything is correct and properly formatted, so that we can then get this in queue for printing. We still hope to have this translation printed, dedicated, and distributed to the various Khwe communities this year.

Praises: -Thanksgiving that we are progressing towards getting the Khwedam Panoramic Bible printed.
-Thanksgiving for Tim's safe and productive trip to Sierra Leone.
-Thanksgiving for all of you who support our work.

Prayers: *Please continue to pray that typesetting and proofreading will finish up soon, and printing and distribution can get done yet this year.
*Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the Khwe plan for the future of their project.
*Please pray for continued health and safety.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

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