



JANUARY 2017 DEVOTION

**“In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators,
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Read together: Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave,
All from sin and death to save. (LBW 379, v1)

Leader: *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.”*
Mark 16:15

All: Heavenly Father, bless the work of those spreading the Gospel in the native tongue of people throughout the world.

Read Together: I love to tell the story; How pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God’s own holy Word. (LBW 390, v2)

Leader: *“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?... We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”* Acts 2: 7b-8, 11b

All: Dearest Lord, we are grateful to have dedicated servants like those at Lutheran Bible Translators who are willing to study, learn and translate into many languages the Bible and the Gospel message of salvation. Bless their work that it may be a blessing to many.

Read Together: “Spread, oh spread, almighty Word,
Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave,
All from sin and death to save.”

Leader: *“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of who they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”* Romans 10: 14-15

All: Blessed Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit to encourage, equip, and bless the people of Lutheran Bible Translators as they continue to translate scripture, create audio recordings and bring the Gospel to the people of Africa in their native tongues. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.