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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

“In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts” — Lutheran Bible Translators, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia

PRAYER #1

Almighty God, through Your Son Jesus Christ, You gave the apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed Your flock. Bless, encourage, and embolden those pastors and teachers using the scriptures prepared by Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) to teach Your Word in communities throughout the continent of Africa. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, there are so many people in the world who do not know of the saving grace of Your Son Jesus Christ. There are so many dialects throughout Africa. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is working to translate the Gospels, the Epistles, and the Psalms for these peoples. Bless the work of LBT and the people reading and hearing it for the first time. Hear our prayer. In Jesus name. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Loving Father, on the day of Pentecost You sent Your Holy Spirit to the disciples and, “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” Acts 2:4. Though we cannot all speak the languages of Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, and Namibia, we can support and pray for the work of Lutheran Bible Translators. Let us also pray for those reading Your Word for the first time that they may be saved. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Gracious God, Your Son, Jesus Christ commands us to reach out to all people with the Word, telling them of His love and grace and salvation through faith in Him. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) has a mission to bring the Word of God to those who have not heard it in their language, the language of their heart. Through their translations many are learning about Jesus. Bless their work. May we continue to support them through prayer and our mites to Your glory. In Jesus name. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

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Accelerating the Accessibility of Mother Tongue Scriptures

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit...to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 1 Corinthians 12:4, 10-11.

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) have been working hard to provide translations of the Bible for the last 50 years for people all over the world. They believe that one should not have to know a foreign language to engage with God and Christ through Scripture. Currently they are looking to accelerate the accessibility of Scripture in mother tongue languages where LBT supported translation projects are ongoing or have recently been completed.

There are four countries in Africa where LBT is working on various types of translations. In Namibia/Angola the Dhimba people are waiting for the New Testament to be delivered to them. The leaders and church workers will be able to bring 400 copies of the New Testament and share it with over 40 villages.

In Botswana there are four groups of people living in different regions that will benefit from the work of LBT. For the Chikuhane people, LBT will translate the Gospel of John and Fishing Narratives from the Gospels along with the fishing stories of the Chikuhane culture. The Kalanga people have the New Testament and Psalms but need them distributed. The Shekgalagari people from the Kalahari Desert are looking forward to the Gospel of Luke. The Shiyeyi people live near the rivers in the delta region and have seen a test version of the Gospels. Funds would go toward print and audio versions. In Ethiopia, the Konso people have the New Testament but it has already sold out three times. Funds will go to reprints and plans for the entire Bible in 2016. In Namibia, the Khoekhoegowab people are anticipating 1100 New Testaments for 100 towns.

The work of LBT has reached many people over the last 50 years, but there are so many more with whom to share the Gospel. They are hungry for the Word of God and Christ's grace and salvation. This mission grant will change the lives of thousands of people throughout the African continent.

