



IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"Tiffany's Update from Tanzania" (LBT Mission)

October was definitely the fastest month since I came to Tanzania. I can hardly believe it's over!

We traveled to a town a few hours away to talk to some Taturu there. Our meeting helped me to see that there is still a lot of research that needs to be done concerning the Taturu language. Because the speakers of this language have spread out across the country over the decades, their language (though all technically "Taturu") now differs slightly region-to-region. We, as the SELVD and LBT, need to discern which dialect will be the best to use in our final translation of the Taturu Bible.

This is no small decision. It must be accepted and appropriate for all Taturu speakers. That's why we are carefully carrying out some research and visiting different areas of the country where Taturu are living. We are hoping talking to them will help us find the right path forward.

At the end of October I traveled with a missionary family from LCMS to Kigali, Rwanda for a "Continuing Education" gathering with other LCMS missionaries. It was a refreshing time with new and old friends (such as Chris and Janine Pluger from LBT Ethiopia above!), and visiting Rwanda checked off my 4th new country this year!

I'm so grateful that organizations put together gatherings like this so that missionaries can come together and enjoy times fellowship, worship, education, and other little adventures like exploring the city!

Driving home from Kigali, our driver made a few extra stops, one of which was to buy bananas for his wife and daughter back in Shinyanga. There wasn't enough room in the car because of our luggage, so he just strapped them to the roof of the car!

During our trip to Igunga we visited a house to meet with some community leaders there. I was thrilled to get a picture with one of their wives, since the women and children usually retreat inside their homes when they see us approaching. This wife of one of the leaders was very friendly and wanted to take pictures with all of us!

My funding for a vehicle is getting closer and closer to my goal everyday - thank you to all that have contributed to this through prayer and giving!

Vehicle Update...

I still have a few thousand dollars left to reach my goal of \$38,000. The goal is that I have all this money by the end of November so that I can begin ordering a vehicle by the end of 2023. If you are looking for an end-of-year gift, this is a great opportunity to support a missionary in need!

If you are able to give to this specific project 1) Visit lbt.org/ missionaries, 2) Find my name and go to my bio, 3) Look under the section "Project Designation" and select "Smith, Tiffany Vehicle" in the drop down menu, 4) OR you can call our office and give over the phone, 5) OR you can write/mail a check to LBT with "Smith Vehicle Project" in the memo line.

I thank you for helping me reach my goals and continue my work here in Tanzania with Lutheran Bible Translators!

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study



This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am LBT Mission Sunday Service	20	21 10:00am Push Prayer 7:00am Call Team/ Council Meeting with Trinity Lutheran (Lisle)	22  5:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 	24 Office Closed	25
Thanksgiving Break—No Preschool						

November Celebrations



Nov 20 Joan Tinich

Stewardship Snapshot

November 12th

24 Worshipped, 22 Communed

5 Watched Live

10 Watched Later

39 Total

Financial Support

\$2,860.00 Total General Fund Deposit

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS is every Sunday morning at 9:15am in the conference room. Join Pastor Lee and the others as they review the Word of the our Lord.

DEVOTIONALS OF THE WEEK *When Pilate gave permission, Joseph [of Arimathea] came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. - John 19:38b-40 (NLT)*

Here Joseph and Nicodemus show great respect, even awe, for Jesus, both risking identification with Him and spending a significant sum to complete Jesus' burial. Are you still in awe of Jesus? What does it mean for you today to show respect for God, to be in awe of who He is and what He has done?

PRAYER REQUEST for Pastor John as he has been in the long-term care facility of the Victorian Village. He is still having health issues. Pastor Lee and Elaine visit him on Sundays, he still tires easily, and is still weak. He has expressed that he is up to having visitors again. Just plan on short visits with him so he doesn't try to overdo it. My apologies if the directives I had been given previously had kept you from visiting him all this while. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they are very concerned about Pastor John. If you would like to send cards and/or well wishes within the next week or to call him, here is the complete address: John Bucka, C/O Victorian Village, Hope House, Room #17, 12600 Renaissance Circle, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Phone number is 708-578-7091.

SCRIPTURE IS MORE THAN WORDS



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LAUNCH BIBLE
TRANSLATION MOVEMENTS.

Mission of the Month

November 2023 Mission of the Month
MISSION

Lutheran Bible Translators makes God's Word accessible to those who do not yet have it in the language they understand best.

VISION

Vibrant Christian communities, deeply rooted in God's Word, engaging fully in God's mission, in this generation.

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH for the first part of November will be Lutheran Bible Translators. Emily Wilson will be here to make a brief presentation on LBT and their work. The sermon that day has been prepared by a pastor from LBT and will be delivered by Bill Merchantz. The donations that had been collected up to the 19th will then be presented to her after the service for the work in Tanzania. From the 19th to the week of December 3rd will be our Angel Tree again. Diana and I have the tree up in the fellowship hall and the angels will have assorted gift ideas on their 'gowns'. Please do not think you have to get all of the items on the angels, we are only trying to provide ideas. The unwrapped gifts will need to be here at church prior to December 5th, so Diana can fill up her sleigh and deliver them to the Village of Orland Park.

Mission of the Month
End of November- Early
December

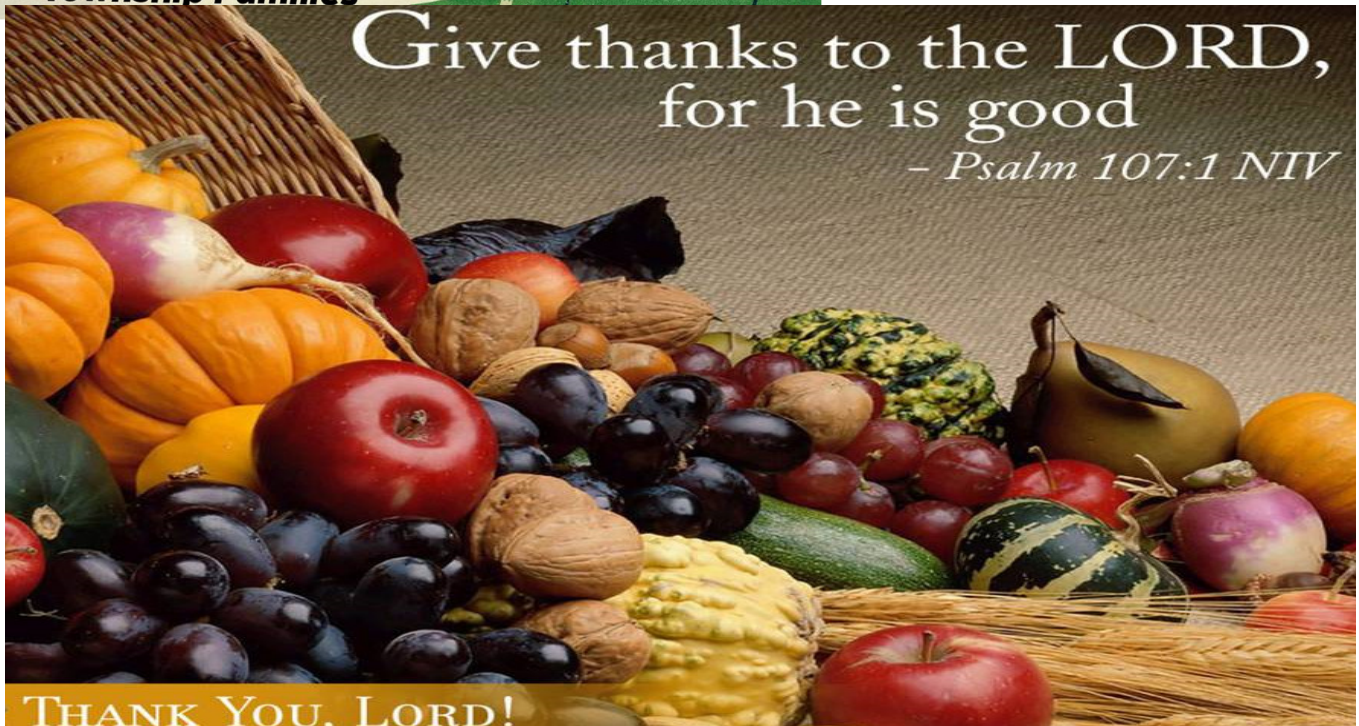
ANGEL TREE

BLESS SOMEONE IN NEED

**Collecting items for Orland
Township Families**



Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good
- Psalm 107:1 NIV



THANK YOU, LORD!

PRESCHOOL is growing. Yay! The fifth student started last month. We just received another registration form from a family who's older son came here last year, and now their younger son will be starting in the winter semester for January and then in February, we will have the younger sister of one of our students start when she finally turns three. She already knows the "Good-Bye Song" that they sing everyday, lol. Keep spreading the word about how wonderful Mrs. Diana is with these little ones, all of the families can't stop saying what a great teacher she is. Plus another family has a tour scheduled with Diana later this month.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are in full swing as we are getting used to the different formats. The first Sunday of every month will be a traditional hymnal worship service and the third Sunday of the month will be an informal outreach service and the remaining Sundays will be the blended service that we currently have. This will be a trial basis for a 6 month period, at which time you will have a chance to express your favorites, suggest minor changes to either service and choose if we do this going forward or use one or the other or go back to the same service styles each week. We will be announcing this on our sign and on our website and Facebook page to see if we can get any visitors or new members.

CALL COMMITTEE has another list of names of pastors from the district. Donna has talked with Pastor Schauer and she had called the four pastors to see when they are available to meet with us to discuss the possibility of receiving a call from us. They had a meeting with Pastor Ziemann last Friday. We met with Pastor Prohl from Northern Illinois District to go over our call process and other options we have. We received a lot of information, Pastor Prohl was a very good listener and tried to answer all of our questions regarding certain processes and timeline issues. The meeting that was scheduled for November 7th, with the Senior Pastor from Trinity Lutheran of Lisle to start discussing the possibility of a partnership with their church has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm. Once these meetings are over with, we will schedule a congregational meeting and inform everyone of the choices that we have.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:30pm. Please plan on joining us for worship and to give thanks to the Lord for the blessings in our lives.

NOVEMBER SERVICES will be slightly different. Sunday, November 19th is the 3rd Sunday of the month in November, we will have a special presentation from the Lutheran Bible Translators, Bill Merchantz will be leading our worship service and we will move communion that day to Sunday, November 12th. Then on Sunday, November 26th we will have our informal outreach service which will also include Hanging of the Greens celebration as we decorate the church for the upcoming Advent Season. Please plan on joining us for a special fellowship time as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season.



GOD'S GRACE AND COMFORT to the Gawlik and Windham families. Alexis Gawlik has been diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's and was moved into Lombard Place Assisted living and Memory Care located at 300 22nd Street, Lombard, IL 60148. She was placed in their facility on October 26th, and then on Monday, October 30th, her husband Mitchell Gawlik passed away unexpectedly. Please keep Alexis' two sons and their families and her sister Vicki Windham and her family in your prayers.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! We have a request from Dianna Bonfield from Lutheran Church Charities for a driver to help a gentleman that is in Alden Estates Assisted Living located behind the Marcus Theaters in Orland Park to be able to come to worship. He is 40 years old, has suffered a stroke recently. He is in a wheel chair, but is able to get in and out of cars by himself. If you are interested in helping him, please let me know.

CARE MEALS WILL RETURN! I am looking to start up our care Meal Teams again. I am hoping to be able to organize a few teams of volunteers to help or assist with cooking or buying different dishes for meals for our families that are going through medical issues, hospital stays, treatments and those who might have lost loved ones recently. My goal is to organize this ministry and to begin officially at the start of 2024, if not sooner hopefully. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me or Diana know.

POINSETTIAS ARE BACK! Prior to last Christmas, the owner of Baas Greenhouse had retired, the nursery has been purchased and is now called 88th Ave Nursery. They are working with us to be able to purchase our poinsettias again, yay! The price will be \$9.50 each to cover their delivery fee, the order forms will be start showing up in your bulletins. The forms are due by Sunday, December 10th, in order to have them here for the Christmas services.

2023 DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE! If you don't have a directory of our church members, look for them on the desk in the fellowship hall.