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MISSION GRANT STORY

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS SPREAD GOD'S WORD THROUGH PRINT AND AUDIO

\$97,344

Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is the only Lutheran organization whose purpose it is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. The LWML is partnering by helping LBT missionaries make Scripture available to the Komba people of Ghana and the Khwe in Botswana. It will provide audio Scripture to the Bokyi, Yala and Kukele in Nigeria and the Dhimba in Namibia.

It is the Lord's command that we open up and read Scripture. He also commands us to make disciples of all nations. Four hundred million people around the world do not have God's Word in their native languages. Among them many are oral communicators only, with no reading skills. Literacy rates in Africa are painfully low. Lutheran Bible Translators know firsthand the vital

importance of providing God's Word in an audio format. Forming Listening Groups is an essential part of ministry using audio Scripture. These groups function like a small group Bible study. The Scripture is heard and then discussed in group settings. To help the Listening Groups form, grow, flourish and spread, nationals need digital, portable, audio players and a supporting ministry.

Printed Bible materials ensure that those who receive and can read them will have the opportunity to learn about Jesus. This project will also produce simpler, more basic and introductory printed materials, Bible excerpts, parables and stories that will increase the desire to learn and read more of God's Word.

Our LWML mites are indeed mighty as LBT has a potential match of \$38,394 from Faith Comes By Hearing for the audio translations. To God be the glory!