

Grant Name	Changed Lives, Shared Word: Restoring the Bible Printing Fund
Mission/Project Summary	<p>Founded in 1964, Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is a faith-based nonprofit committed to translating, printing, and distributing Scripture to communities that have never had access to God’s Word in their native language. Our work spans over 90 language communities across Africa, Asia, and the Americas.</p> <p>We collaborate with local churches, linguists, and missionaries to ensure translations are accurate, culturally relevant, and spiritually transformative. Our holistic approach includes literacy programs, Scripture engagement, and community development.</p> <p>We respectfully request a \$5,000 grant to replenish our Bible Printing and Distribution Fund, which enables the printing and delivery of new Bible translations to communities receiving Scripture in their heart language for the first time. In 2025, the fund supported the dedication of two new translations—an extraordinary milestone in our mission to share God’s Word with the unreached.</p> <p>Each Bible costs approximately \$20 to print. This grant will fund 250 additional copies and help rebuild our reserve toward a \$30,000 goal, positioning us to respond to printing needs in 2026 and prepare for 5–7 anticipated dedications in 2027.</p>
Project Description and Details	<p>The Bible Printing and Distribution Fund is a critical component of our mission. It ensures that once a translation is completed, communities can receive printed Bibles without delay. In 2025, the fund enabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The dedication of two new translations in Ghana and Botswana, ● Printing of 25,000 Bible for dedication and distribution ● Creation of worship materials—songs, poems, and liturgies—in local languages. ● Strengthening of local churches through Scripture-based discipleship. <p>This grant will directly support the printing of 250 additional Bibles and contribute to our reserve for future dedications.</p>
The recipient must be affiliated with one of the following. Please select the one that applies to this request:	Registered Service Organization (RSO)
Amount requested:	5000.00
Project Goals and Objectives	<p>Lives Touched:</p> <p>In 2025 alone, our ministry impacted thousands of individuals through Bible distribution, literacy workshops, and Scripture engagement events. Families received their first Bible. Pastors preached in their native tongue. Children and adults learned to read using Scripture-based materials.</p> <p>Potential for Greater Ministry:</p> <p>With 5–7 new translations expected in 2027, the need for printing support is urgent. Each dedication opens doors for evangelism, discipleship, and community transformation. This grant helps us prepare for that harvest.</p>

Budget Outline and Financial Plan

Budget and Use of Funds

This grant will be used exclusively for printing and distribution of Scripture. Each Bible costs approximately \$20 to print. This grant will fund 250 additional copies and help rebuild our reserve toward a \$30,000 goal from various LWML groups. Two of the language communities anticipated to be complete in the coming biennium have already requested 2000 Bible each, for a total of \$40,000.

Assurance of Continued Support and Maintenance

Lutheran Bible Translators is committed to sustaining the Bible Printing and Distribution Fund through:

- Annual fundraising campaigns.
- Partnerships with Churches, Schools, Organizations such as LWML, private donors.
- Strategic planning for anticipated translation completions.

We maintain strict financial oversight and transparency. All funds are administered from our International Offices in Concordia, Missouri. Our goal is to build a \$30,000 reserve from LWML partnerships to meet future printing needs without delay.

Additional Comments or Information



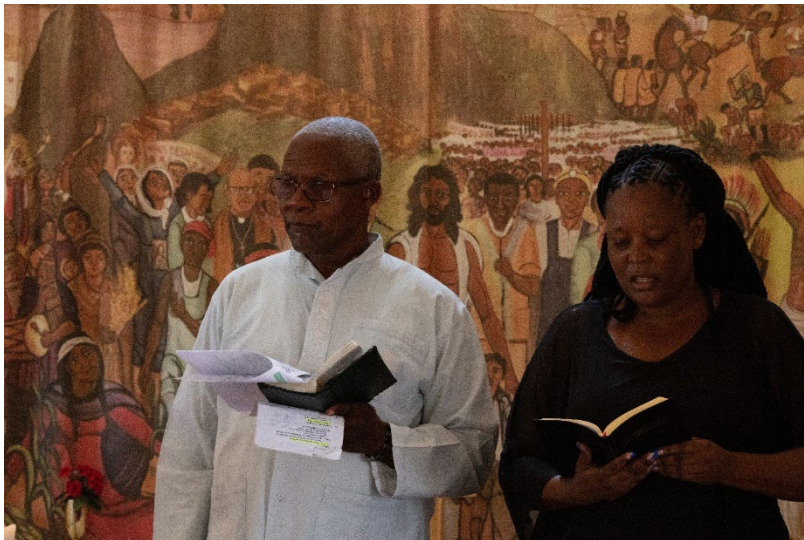
#1 Newly Dedicated Shekgalagari Bibles, Botswana



#2 Dedication Ceremony of the Shekgalagari Bible



#3 Komba New Testament Dedication, Ghana



4 First Service with New Testaments being used in Shekgalagari Language Community, Botswana

More Pictures, Description, or Videos available upon request

Dear Sisters in Christ of the LWML Michigan District,

Warm greetings from your fellow servant in Michigan, where the Lord continues to use your prayers and generosity to reach hearts across the ocean in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

As a long-serving missionary engaged in Bible translation, I've had the privilege of walking alongside several language communities for many years—laboring together to bring God's Word into their heart language. By God's grace, we are now approaching a momentous milestone: the dedication of newly translated Scriptures in multiple communities in 2027. These celebrations will mark not just the completion of linguistic work, but the beginning of spiritual transformation as the Holy Spirit speaks through His Word in ways never before possible.

Your gift of \$5,000 toward our \$30,000 goal to replenish the Bible Printing Fund would be a profound blessing. It is more than ink and paper—it is hope printed and bound. It means that God's Word will no longer be confined to computer files or translation notes, but will be held in the hands of mothers, pastors, children, and elders. It means that the years of faithful translation work by local teams—often done in remote villages with limited resources—will finally bear fruit in the form of printed Scripture that can be read, preached, memorized, and cherished.

Your support would ensure that the Word of God will not be delayed in reaching those who have waited a lifetime to read it in their own language. It helps us say “yes” to printing, and “yes” to the Spirit's work of creating hope, life, and transformation in communities that have endured war, poverty, and spiritual hunger.

Thank you for being part of this sacred journey. Your partnership is a testimony to the unity of the Body of Christ—where sisters in Michigan can help bring the Word to life in West Africa. May the Lord bless you richly and continue to use you to shine His light in places near and far.

With deep gratitude and joy in Christ,

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October 2, 2025

To whom it may concern:

Ref: Appeal for Financial Support / Bible Printing

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sincere compliments and best wishes from the Bible Society of Liberia (BSL).

The Bible Society of Liberia is a member of the United Bible Societies (UBS), a world Fellowship of Bible Societies united for consultation, mutual support, and action in their common task of providing Bibles to churches and Christians throughout the world.

The Bible Society of Liberia is currently implementing three translation projects, the Maan, Dan and Bandi. The Dan and Maan projects started in early 2015 and will be completed in 2026. Upon the completion of these projects, Dan and Maan Bibles will be printed and distributed to the Dan and Maan communities in Nimba county, Liberia.

In light of this, the Bible Society of Liberia is appealing for financial support for the printing and distribution of these language Bibles for the first time to communities. Putting the Holy Scripture in the hands of the Dan and Maan speaking people will bring God's Words to their hearts.

We praise God for the many years of work on these two local language Bible translation projects and that the Dan and Maan communities in Liberia, Guinea and Ivory Coast will now have God's words in their mother tongue.

In His service



Paul F. Stevens

General Secretary/ BSL