



The WAM Report

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News from Central African Republic!

Translations dedicated

The Bhogoto and Banda-Linda had a ‘Mega-Dedication’ for both New Testaments in Bangui at the beginning of March. SIL-CAR Director Jacques Sossoukpe noticed a young man carrying a whole stack of Banda-Linda New Testaments under his arm. “I was intrigued,” he says, “and asked him why he had so many of the New Testaments. With a determined smile, he replied, ‘I want every member of my family to have a copy, because it’s God’s Word *for us.*’”



Thanks to Jacques Sossoukpe for the photo.

At the big Banda-Linda New Testament Dedication in Ippy, Pastor Cheffou Georges who served as chair of the committee planning the dedication said: *it was wonderful to see people from every part of our society taking part – and especially seeing young women reading God’s Word in our language without hesitation, without embarrassment, and following all the punctuation... they showed that they’d really mastered reading aloud despite the huge numbers of people present!*



Thank you to Orphée-Magloire Gounoukon for this photo, taken from one of his videos.

I’m infinitely grateful to God for what he has done in allowing His light to shine on the Banda-Linda people in their own language! I pray that his Spirit will use this translation well, to wholeheartedly transform my Banda-Linda brothers and sisters still lost in darkness. I’ve already seen this beginning to happen through the JESUS Film and the Walking with Jesus film, as many Banda-Linda have given their hearts to Jesus; now the New Testament has come and it will solidify, give concrete form, to what has already begun.

Two New Testaments ready for printing

A few weeks ago Nzakara translation coordinator François Saboundou and my colleague Will Sawers signed off on the New Testament, declaring that the typeset version is now ready for printing! It will be printed in Europe, along with the Mpyemo New Testament (which finished their typesetting last year). After printing, the boxes of both New Testaments will be shipped together to the Central African Republic. Please start praying already for safety in travels and that they would make their way quickly through customs at the port in Cameroon.

News from Waxhaw

"To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun?" —
Katherine Graham

I (Michael) find the above quote to be true in my work with the SIL Global Helpdesk. There's nothing quite like seeing a member's frustration turn into joy when a computer trouble is finally fixed. Whether I'm logging on late at night to reach someone on the other side of the globe or helping someone just a few time zones away, the opportunity to help our global team overcome their digital hurdles makes every hour worth it.

Ten years ago, I helped build a system designed to give our global teams a secure, seamless way to request and manage wire transfers and ACH bank transfers—complete with a clear audit trail for every approval. It has served us well, but with the software's end-of-life approaching, it's time for a new chapter. I've spent the last few months helping to build and test several prototypes to ensure whatever we build next is just as robust as the original. Please pray for me and others on the team for wisdom and insight for building this system well.

Wendy and Mike Buchanan



We praise God:

- For the dedication of the Bhogoto and Banda Linda New Testaments.
- For the completion of two New Testament translations in Mpyemo and Nzakara!
- For all of you, our partners in ministry, who give and pray for us in this work.
- That our personal monthly financial needs are being met.

Please pray:

- For wisdom for Michael and his colleagues building the new payment request system.
- For the printing and shipping of the Nzakara and Mpyemo New Testaments.
- That the Holy Spirit uses these new translations to transform hearts and bring light to those still in darkness.

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