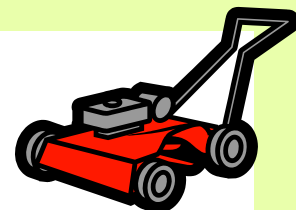


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Dear Friend,



Ah yes, it is late spring and the lawn mowers are buzzing full-steam ahead to keep on top of those dandelions. Well, unless you visit Jane Ford's home.

There the lawn mower is sick. It leaves a strip of grass higher on one side and bends dandelion stems over. No, it is not a case of sharpening or adjusting the blade. The lawn mower has always had an attitude problem. The Fords have talked about a new one but the lawn is so small, it is just easier to "make do". Who wants to spend valuable, hard-earned money to buy something so common? But as we all know, when the lawn mower just doesn't cut it anymore, something has to be done, right?

Something similar has been brewing at the Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada office in Kitchener. It is our photocopier. We bought it "used" five years ago and believe it or not, the counter was reading 998,016 copies. However, unlike the Ford's temperamental lawn mower, this work-horse doesn't owe LBTC a cent. Reluctantly a couple of weeks ago we unplugged it permanently - a decommissioning of sorts - "well done, good and faithful servant!"



Now in its place is a new multi-function copier. We ladies in the office are really excited about this new addition. It copies, prints, scans, lightens and darkens, and we are sure it will even do the dishes when we figure out how to coax it.

For us though, the best feature is that it gives us colour copies for a cost 30% less than having colour printing done at a print shop. What a savings this will be for Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada! Every Martin-and-Joan-Weber Prayer Letter can be printed in full colour so you, who are faithful supporters of the Webers, can see the "colours" of the Kwanja people, their activities and their lives. Also, our convention brochures can be printed right in our office.

At the LBTC Annual Meeting and Translation Encounter in April, the freewill offering presented us with a handsome sum towards the cost of this new copier. But it did not cover the full cost and \$1500 is still needed. We know this financial request may not seem very significant to LBTC's mission and ministry but actually, it is!

Sharing LBTC'S work with you often means printing updates on paper, so you can read them while you are sitting on your lawn chair - or wherever. Your help to finance the remainder would be greatly appreciated. The three of us want to thank you in advance for allowing us to do a better job of printing LBTC news for you.

Here is some more good news to share with you. David Maffett wanted to let you know that he has several people interested in going to IDIOM this August. If you remember from previous LBTC updates, IDIOM stands for In



Depth Investigation of Missions. This weekend-long event takes place in Aurora, Illinois. Hosted by LBT US, the staff at IDIOM explain and describe what it is like to join LBT and serve the Lord as a translator.

Sometimes, we question why new workers, so needed for translating the Bible, do not seem to step forward. Recruitment of workers for overseas missions is definitely the most challenging part of our jobs at LBTC. Then, like what happened a month ago, God presents us with candidates, maybe as many as 4, and we rejoice in His abundant blessings.

The tickets to fly these candidates to IDIOM will cost about \$600 each. Could you consider helping to pay a portion of one ticket? It would be most encouraging if you would because the summer months at LBTC are often slower for revenue; yet we want to make it possible for these individuals to go.

Today, please consider the two projects we have mentioned – the final payment towards the new copier and airfares for candidates to go to IDIOM. A return envelope has been included with this letter for you to use. And please pray that others will respond much as you plan to, so these expenses are not a burden but a wonderful opportunity for Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada. **Thank you so much from “the ladies” who work in the LBTC office.**

May God bless and replenish your spirit and faith this summer!

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P.S.: Have you ever considered making a monthly gift to Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada by arranging pre-authorized giving (making a debit transaction direct from your bank account)? This convenient way to support the work of Bible translation, literacy and Scripture engagement can be arranged through our office and is managed by FaithLife Financial.

We have included a form used by FaithLife Financial which explains how it works. Side 2 of the form should be completed and returned to us if you would like to set this up. Thanks for considering this option.



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