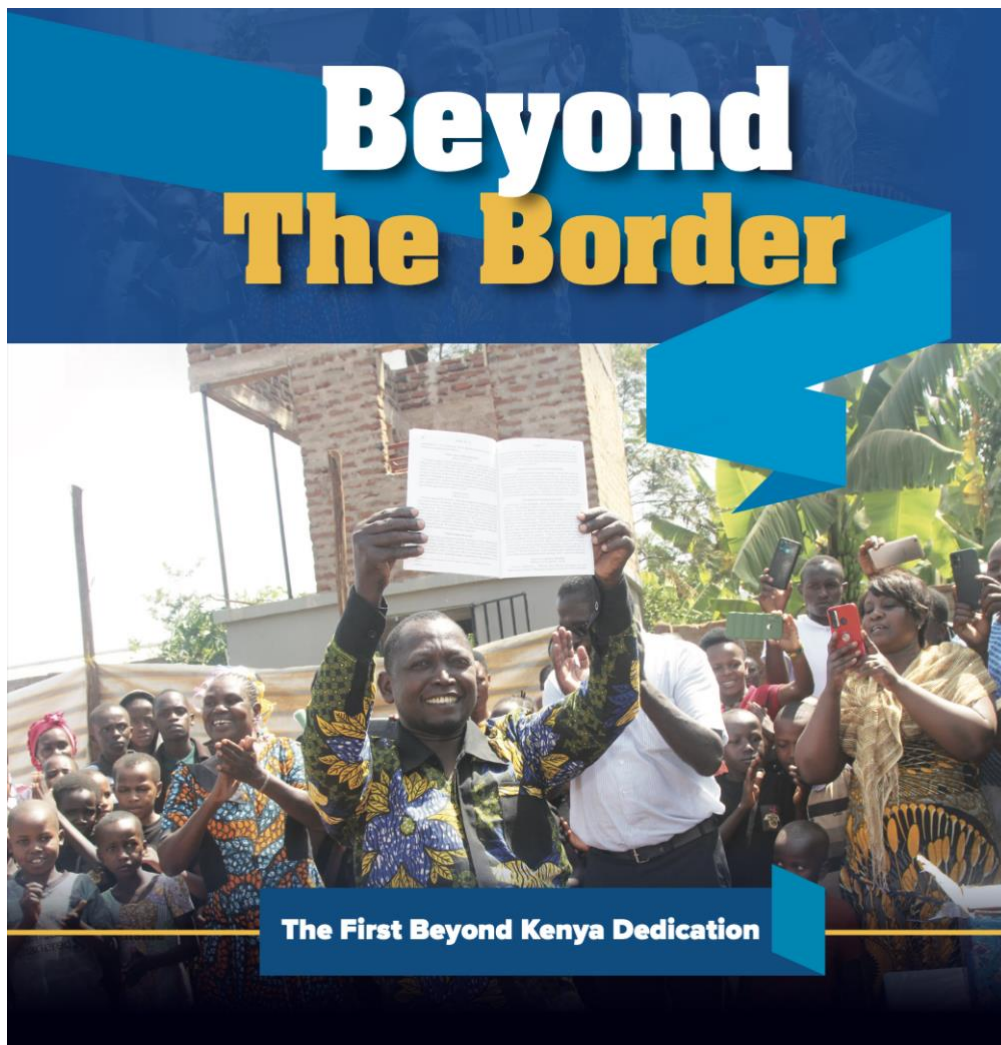




Bible Translation & Literacy (E.A.)

BTL Praise & Prayer Bulletin



Praise God for enabling BTL's desire to provide Scriptures to the East Africa communities come true.

Gitemi Project . BTL's first Beyond Kenya Project based in Tanzania. Translation work had initially started under SIL missionaries but stalled. BTL picked up from where it had been left off in July 2021. The Gospel of Luke and the Jesus film were completed and launched in July 2023.



Gitemi speakers interact with the Gospel of Luke in their language

- Praise God for the word of God in the Gitemi language.
- Pray for transformation as this community interacts with the Word in their language.
- Pray for insight among the translators as they work towards completing translation of the New Testament.

"So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

2. Gweno and Kahe projects –These are start-up projects that BTL is undertaking in Tanzania. Sociolinguistic surveys and community engagements have already been carried out. Projected translation start date in April 2024.



Gweno Project Advisory Committee Meeting

- Praise God as Bible translation begin in these projects.
- Pray for the translation team (translators, linguists, Bible translation consultants, reviewers, Project Advisory Committees, etc) who are expected to contribute to the quality of Scriptures; pray for inspiration and passion.
- Pray for God's help and a good start. Pray for adequate resources.

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13:

3. Gorowa & Nyamusa, Molo and Koma projects - BTL's Beyond Kenya start ups based in Tanzania and South Sudan respectively. Sociolinguistic surveys were carried out between the year 2022 – 2023. Projected language development and translation start dates in 2024.



A Sunday service at Sudan Interior Church

- Praise God with BTL for the open doors to provide the Scriptures to these communities.
- Praise God for a longing for God's Word.
- Praise for smooth set ups
- We are still trusting God for funds. Pray for the Lord to send resources.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

4. Laka Project - It is ATALTRAB's Project (BTL's sister organization based in Chad). BTL played a crucial part in the beginning of the translation of the New Testament. Translation work started in 2013. Laka New Testament dedicated and launched in March 2023.



Joyful moments during the Laka New Testament handing over: BTL's Board Chairman, front, (right) BTL's National Director, front (left); ATALTRAB's Board Chairman, back, (right), and ATALTRAB's Director, center, (back). Also, Kofi, back, (left) from Wycliffe Togo, BTL's sister organization based in Togo.

- Praise the Lord for the word of God in the Laka language.
- Praise God for sending help to see this translation start and to conclusion through BTL and other partners.
- Pray that this Word brings hope and grace as the Laka people interact with it.

Pray for impact and salvation.

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6

5. Pokomo Project – Based in Tana River County in Kenya.

Translation work started in 1985. New Testament dedicated and launched in 2005. Complete Bible dedicated and launched in September 2023.



A Pokomo choir makes a presentation during the dedication and launch.

- Praise God for the recently launched complete Bible in the Pokomo language.
- Praise God for all the support that this Project received to see it to completion.

Pray that this Word brings transformation among the Pokomo people.

"Your words were found and I ate them, and your words a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts." Jeremiah 15:16