



Concordia Mission Institute (CMI)

The Concordia Mission Institute (CMI) summer conference is a joint effort between Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) and Mission of Christ Network (MCN). Staff and missionaries of both organizations will be gathered together July 9-15th in Concordia, Missouri, to attend sessions for professional development, networking, and spiritual growth.

I.D.I.O.M.

From July 12-15th, Lutheran Bible Translators is hosting the I.D.I.O.M. (In Depth Investigation of Missions) conference, where participants will learn more about opportunities for service with Lutheran Bible Translators.

July Birthdays

- Aili Esala
- Jim Kaiser
- Isaiah Wagner
- Josiah Federwitz
- Nathan Esala
- Andrew Beckendorf



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LBT missionaries and staff gathered together last summer to study God's Word and grow together to serve in His mission. Please pray that this year will produce good fruit at Concordia Mission Institute.



1. Praise God for the new literacy materials and their introduction to the Khwe communities in Botswana, South Africa, and Namibia. Pray that the communities will fully support both the literacy and Bible translation work so it goes forward with momentum and continuity.

2. Pray for Rev. Mandita Kunuma as he works with other Ipili speakers in Papua New Guinea to make necessary revisions on Genesis and Jonah.

3. Pray for blessings of wisdom and good interactions for Mission Mobilization Coordinator Emily Wilson as she attends the AFLC's youth convention in Colorado.

4. Praise God for LBT's new financial manager Angela Tayloe. Pray that God will bless her as she transitions into her role in serving with LBT.

5. Give thanks to God for Rev. Nathan and Sarah Esala and their family as they serve in the Komba Bible translation program remotely from the United States.

6. Ask God to guide the Lutheran Church in Tanzania as they proclaim the Gospel on Ukerewe Island and organize the Bible translation effort.

7. Praise God for Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser's service in Ethiopia. As they travel around the United States on partnership development and furlough, pray that they will be blessed with peace and safety.

8. Pray that God will grant His travel mercies to all who are attending the Concordia Mission Institute in Concordia, Missouri. Pray that this year's summer conference will be a positive experience with great interactions.

9. Praise God for the service of Josh and Ruthie Wagner and their family as they work with the Themne people in Sierra Leone.

10. Pray for the Khwedam Bible translation program in Botswana and their plans for teaching literacy classes. Pray that God will bless them as more people come to understand His Word.

11. Pray for all of the individuals who are traveling to Concordia, Missouri, to participate in this year's I.D.I.O.M. (In Depth Investigation of Missions) conference. Pray that God will open their hearts and minds to discern whether they are called to serve with Lutheran Bible Translators.

12. Pray for Rev. David and Valerie Federwitz and their family as they travel in the United States on partnership development. Pray that God will protect them with His travel mercies and grace.

13. Pray for the Nizaa translation team in Cameroon as they check the Gospel of Luke together this summer. Pray that God will inspire their thoughts and dialogue, use their efforts to improve the draft before them, and keep them united as they work.

14. Pray for Becky Grossmann as she travels to Liberia to participate in a workshop with translation teams. May God bless her with His grace and peace.

15. Pray for all of the Concordia Mission Institute participants as they travel back to their respective destinations. Pray that their experiences at the conference will produce good fruit.

16. Praise God for the 100 Mega Voice audio players for the Ogoja languages in Nigeria and for all who donated and facilitated this project.

17. Pray for the International Program Ministries team as they hold meetings today.

18. Pray for safe travel for LBT's partners at LIBTRALO in Liberia during the height of their rainy season when roadways and buildings quickly flood.

19. Pray for Rev. Andrew and Alexis Olson as they begin pre-field training at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics in Dallas, Texas.

20. Pray for blessings of wisdom and discernment for Amy Formella as she continues to transition to life in Sierra Leone. Pray that she will develop good relationships with partners and people in the Mende community.

21. Pray for the planning of the fall recruitment schedule that good connections will be made at college campuses and conferences.

22. Pray for Rev. Carl and Kelsey Grulke and their family as they begin traveling around the United States on partnership development.

23. Pray for blessings upon Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo as he meets with prayer partners and financial supporters around the United States. Pray that God would provide great connections to inspire individuals to participate in His mission.

24. Pray for the translation team members in Liberia as they attend a discourse discovery workshop. Pray that their interactions there will be fruitful over the next two weeks.

25. Pray for Elliot and Serena Derricks and their daughters as they begin to travel around the U.S. to connect with prayer and financial partners.

26. Ask the Lord to raise up the person of His choosing to serve as a fourth member of the Nizaa translation team in Cameroon.

27. Praise God for the work of Michael Erslund as he serves in the Komba Bible translation program in Ghana. Pray that his internet connectivity will improve to provide consistent tools for communication.

28. Thank God for adjunct missionary Michael Megahan working with the Kerewe speaking community in Tanzania.

29. Pray for the individuals who attended the I.D.I.O.M. summer conference in Concordia, Missouri, earlier this month. Pray that they will be strengthened in their faith and discern God's will for their lives.

30. Pray for God's blessings to pour out upon Rev. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf and their family as they faithfully serve in the Khwedam Bible translation program in Botswana.

31. Pray that God will bless LBT's financial assistant Judy Krause as she celebrates her birthday.
