



David,

# I want to help double the **\$100,000** challenge grant!



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Dear First Name,

**Mikono mingi kazi haba.** You may not recognize these Swahili words, but I'm sure the concept is familiar to you—**many hands make light work.**

**Bible translation is all about working collaboratively to provide people with Scripture in their heart languages.** People who love God's Word and want to share it—donors like you—play a vital role in that collaboration. **Without God's Word, hearts and lives cannot change.** Without your financial gifts, there would be no translation projects, no literacy classes, no audio Scripture.

**Right now, you can double the impact of your contribution. A generous donor has offered LBT a \$100,000 grant, and a challenge to other LBT donors to contribute a like amount.** Your gifts will help support LBT teams in Botswana, where many hands are working together to the benefit of several language groups.

**Rob and Mical Hilbert** serve with the Shekgalagari project in Botswana, working with **translators Pontsho Mosweu and Tshwari Kgomotso** and **three local literacy specialists** recently hired to produce ten Shekgalagari language books to be printed next year. Rob is also working with the Bible Society of Botswana and community leaders to help develop a **New Testament translation project for the Chiikuhane language.**

**Rev. Tim Beckendorf** is developing **literacy materials for the Khwe** people of northern Botswana. Tim's co-workers on the Khwe translation team—**Morongang and Splash**—along with **Pontsho, Tshwari and Shiyeyi translators Motswasele and Keene, have received training at The Word for the World translator training** in Zambia, where LBT missionary Eshinee Veith was one of the instructors.

Eshinee's husband, **Rob Veith,** is a vernacular media specialist who has helped produce **Scripture songs and audio Scripture for several language groups in Botswana and Namibia.** He has also worked with the Khwe team to determine **how to effectively use media** in Khwe communities.

This is a great team, trained and set to do great things. Join hands with them and **double the impact of your gift. Give toward the \$100,000 challenge!**

In His Name,

David Snyder  
Director for Development



# Together

**“The Gospel had an immediate impact,” said Mr. Kukame Ngwamotsoko. “People couldn’t believe they were hearing God’s Word in their heart language.”**

Mr. Ngwamotsoko is an Advisory Committee member for the Shekgalagari translation project in Botswana. He was speaking about his congregation’s reaction when the Gospel of Luke was made available to them for the first time. **“They were very excited about the progress of the translation and can’t wait to read and hear the complete New Testament.”**

Tens of thousands of people in Botswana finally have access to God’s Word in their languages because faithful donors provide prayer and financial support for numerous translation and Scripture engagement projects.

**Now you have the opportunity to not only continue that support, but double the impact of your gift by helping LBT match a \$100,000 challenge grant.**

Not so many years ago, people would only see Scripture once a translation was completely finished. Today, LBT workers are pooling their talents to provide Scripture resources for several language communities in Botswana—literacy materials for the Khwe, printed and audio Scripture for the Wayeyi, the Gospel of Luke on CD and SD cards for the Shekgalagari. As Mr. Ngwamotsoko observed, **receiving Scripture portions as they are translated allows people to be more invested in the project while providing them with glimpses of who God is and their relationship to Him.**

Next year the Kalanga people of Botswana will receive the whole Bible in their language. At the time of the New Testament dedication in 2009, a Kalanga elder remarked, “This is not a day for the Kalanga community. It is a day for Jesus. Let the Kalanga read and believe God’s Word and let the Spirit change our country. Let all people in Botswana have a translation in their own language.”

**LBT missionaries work together in service to our Lord and together with individuals who, like you, ardently desire to see God’s Word in the hands and hearts of not only the people of Botswana, but people worldwide.** You may be unable to travel overseas, read Greek, or create an alphabet for an unwritten language, but the donations you provide make it possible for others to do so. No gift is insignificant, especially now.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY—MEET THE CHALLENGE!**

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