



How do we respond when we hear this message of God's grace and salvation?

- Isaiah 12:5a \_\_\_\_\_

In many parts of the world, when people hear the Good News of the Messiah, they like to sing and dance joyfully, grateful to God for what He has done. In many African churches, the members respond joyfully to the message given by the pastor by singing and dancing as they bring their offerings and place them in the offering plate at the front of the church.

How do we show our joy when we hear the Good News of the glorious things God has done for us?

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This is the second way in which we can respond to God's salvation.

- Isaiah 12:5b \_\_\_\_\_

When we know what God has done for us, we want to share this Good News with others. List some ways to "let this (the glorious things the Lord has done) be known to all the world." \_\_\_\_\_

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Lutheran Bible Translators has been working for over 40 years to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. This is the way of helping people all over the world see what God has done for them through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son.

It takes an average of 12 years to translate the New Testament into another language, and longer to translate the Old Testament. The process includes training people from that language group to do the translation work, helping them put the language in writing, and then carefully translating God's Word from the original Greek and Hebrew into a written form that the people can clearly understand.

To illustrate the importance of being careful in translating Scriptures, LBT missionary Rev. Chuck Tessaro gave the following example: in some parts of Nigeria, if the translators were to do a literal translation of Psalm 23:1, the people might understand it to say, "The Lord is a small boy who does the dirty work around my house (their view of a shepherd). I, on the other hand, am self-sufficient."

While many things in life are transient, what one thing is not?

- Isaiah 40:8 \_\_\_\_\_

We can join LBT in sharing the unchanging Word of God in the following ways:

- Praying for those who do not yet have God's Word in their language.
- Praying for missionaries and national translators who are working to provide God's Word in various languages.
- Financially supporting this work.
- Prayerfully considering becoming a missionary with Lutheran Bible Translators.
- Encouraging others to consider becoming an LBT missionary.