

# The Bunge Bulletin

ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR  
TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION,  
AND FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.  
2 TIMOTHY 3:16

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## Chaldean Translation Update

The Aramaic Bible Translation (ABT) board has been seeking ways to reach various Aramaic communities in the world and provide them with translations. There are some positive prospects on the horizon of individuals who have skills to assist in this. The ABT board will discuss this at the March board meeting.

Last year Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) assisted the Chaldean Church in recording the Gospel of Mark. Recently FCBH entered into partnership with Lumo that allows them to produce the Lumo project with the recorded Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Lumo project is more of a documentary that goes along with the literal reading of the Scripture. The actual words spoken by the actors have been intentionally lowered in volume so that the narration from the scripture catches the imagination and the hearts of the people. The Chaldean Church in Detroit has given approval to look for people who can help with the recording of Matthew, Luke and John. Once completed, the Chaldean dialect of Aramaic will be included in the list of languages that people can listen to as they watch the film. The Lumo website has more information, including a trailer (<https://lumoproject.com/>)

## Chaldean Church History

Timur dealt the death blow to the Nestorian church. A Mongol-Turk and a fanatical Muslim, he dreamed of an empire that would surpass that of Chingiz Khan, ruled from his capital of Samarkand. At his death, his realm stretched from Syria in the west to Chinese Turkestan in the east, from Delhi in the south to the gates of Moscow in the north. When he was finished his work of conquering Asia, only the church in Malabar would be left standing, and this only because his campaigns did not reach that far south into India. In his barbarous campaign of conquest, he wiped out most of what remained of the church in Central Asia and Persia. Hundreds of thousands of Christians, Muslims, Hindus and pagans were indiscriminately slaughtered as his troops burned whole cities and left pyramids of skulls as a testimony to their military prowess. It was a mortal wound from which the Church of the East would never recover. Unfortunately, the tumultuous atmosphere of the time provided little opportunity for writing historical accounts, so virtually nothing is known of what happened to the church during this period. At the same time, many earlier documents of the church were destroyed in the carnage. [Adapted from *The Church of the East* by Mark Dickens ([www.oxuscom.com/ch-of-east.htm](http://www.oxuscom.com/ch-of-east.htm))]

**Pray for interest and people to record Matthew, Luke and John.**

**Pray for additional workers to assist in translating and recording.**

**Pray for additional funding sources for Aramaic Bible Translators.**

**Thank God for all who help sustain Bunge Ministry at LBT with gifting and prayers.**

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