

“Take it ... This is life.”

The Akébou New Testament was launched in Togo, West Africa on 2 August 2025. Koudjovi, a motorcycle mechanic, was there, and tells of its impact:

“I was born into a pagan family and was therefore a pagan myself, but on the day the New Testaments were dedicated, I was there. During the ceremony, one moment made a deep impression on me: all the pastors and priests gathered around the table where the copies of the New Testament lay. They prayed together, and at the end, the priest raised the book high, surrounded by the entire pastoral body. This solemn gesture touched me deeply. I then asked myself a question: in our traditional ceremonies, do we see such mobilisation, such unity among the people around a sacred book? This image remained engraved in my mind. That night, I had a disturbing dream. A huge man dressed in white approached me. He was holding that same book in his hands and handed it to me, saying, “Take it, take it, take it... this is life.” I took it, and at that moment, I woke up. This dream moved me deeply. The way this man spoke to me, with such authority and gentleness, convinced me to change my life. I decided to abandon my old ways, bought the book, and accepted Jesus as my Saviour. ‘I give thanks to God for this transformation, and I sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this project. This book is a blessing.”



Akebu language Project leader Jacques Sossoukpe - Togo-Benin

I love hearing people’s testimonies like this one of how God brought them to himself, how unique each one is and what God uses in people’s lives.

Thank you so much for your support and prayer for my ministry in Bible Translation.

This month Scott and I went to El Paso, TX for his youngest son Peter's wedding. Like his brother who got married last year, Peter and Emily had a small family ceremony and plan a larger reception later. I'm seeing a pattern. We stopped in Dallas TX to visit Scott's sister Davida.

Next month I have two work trips: The first to Ohio to meet with my IT leadership team and the second to Madison, Wisconsin (at InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's headquarters) to meet with a other Christian Technology Leaders from various Christian mission organizations. Pray for good connections and that I would be encouraged and encourage others in both meetings.



... no wedding photos to share (yet) but here we are in El Paso. Mar 2026

For Prayer...

- Continue to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers (all workers, but specifically the technology skilled kind) into his harvest field (Matt. 9:37-38).
- Pray for more communities to have God's Word available in their own language.
- Praise God that we were able to attend Peter and Emily's wedding, that I continue to be able to participate in God's mission (because of support from you!), and for two new workers joining my team since January.

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