

## Lutheran Bible Translators— The Esalas in Mission

*To discover and facilitate excellent practices in Bible translation and missiology in partnership with African colleagues.*

Ten years of talking and imagining a printed Bible, advocating that churches and communities support the project, meetings galore, thousands and thousands of pages of draft copies, lots of red ink, red eyes, sleepless nights, travel by car, travel by moto, travel by air, typing and talking about how to spell, to type, to translate the Word of God! And now Issah Gajah, a Lutheran pastor in the village where our family has lived for ten years and who has been a reviewer during this whole process, sees the typeset print ready copy of the Komba New Testament.

He says softly with a tone of wonderment, “It always seemed like a story on white pages, now it looks like the Word of God.” Our desire is that those beautiful words would jump off the page as they are spoken through mouths, heard through ears, and that those beautiful words would reach into the lives of many Komba people so they too might hear and love the voice of the One Living Word of God, our tiyudaan (head-owner) Jesus.



*Nathan Esala works with a team of Komba translators and reviewers as they read through the New Testament, harmonizing and editing.*

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### Please pray that

- *The Korean Bible society would print the Komba New Testament in the fall of 2013 to prepare for shipment to Ghana, and that the shipment and clearing would happen appropriately.*
- *All preparation for the 2014 Bible dedication would whet the Komba people's appetite for the Bible.*
- *The Lord God would do as He promised and make sure that His Word does not return to Him empty, but that it would accomplish the purpose for which He sent it.*