

LITERACY & EVANGELISM (L&E-Togo) ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Introduction

The year 2022 has been for us a year of grace and blessings from God. Through this report, we want to renew our gratitude and appreciation to our Lord for all that He has done for us. God has granted us His grace by allowing us to benefit, after several years of accomplishing activities in our respective fields, from a Special Immigrant Visa. With this special visa, Rose and I arrived in the USA on January 19, 2022. Since arrived in the US, the Lord has given us the experience of immigrating to a country, which we have never done. This is the place for us to say thank you to the Lord first of all and thank you also to all those who from far and near have been by our side to allow us to settle. We remain very grateful to our Lord who offered us this opportunity. The Lord in his love has confirmed to us by his word that he will be with us wherever we are. I invite you to read again this passage from Isaiah: 41: 10: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

The « Anufo » language Primer Construction

In 2022 we focused our efforts on completing the "Anufo" language Primer. The Anufo, also called Tchokossi is a Kwa-speaking Akan group of Togo, Ghana, Benin, and Ivory Coast. They refer to themselves as Anufo or "people of Anu," about their original homeland in Anu, Ivory Coast. Their combined population is about 230,000 people. They are predominantly Muslim with less than 3% Christians. The Anufo has a complete New Testament with audio scriptures as well. Since 2017, the LEI-Togo member nation team, guided by the Holy Spirit, sought to develop primers to be used in literacy among the Anufo.

Last year, God answered our prayers and we were able to get the necessary resources and developed the primer of the "Anufo" language. Currently, the primer is finalized and printed. We thank God for assisting us at every step of this process.

Promotion and launch of Primers

We are grateful to God who has faithfully provided through LEI, the funding for the printing of Anufo primers for these people who are thirsty for reading and writing in their language. To introduce the primers to the Anufo people, we are planning to hold a launching ceremony that will take place in Mango, God willing in 2023. Our purpose is to organize a launch to invite churches and then hold a Teacher Training Workshop.



Anufo Primer Construction Workshop in Lome, Togo in November-December 2021

We thank God for the completion of this primer which will help the Anufo people to be able to read the word of God in Anufo. Alleluia! Glory be to God.

Please join us in praying for the Anufo (Tchokossi) people and consider being partners with us in this project.

The “Temberma / Ditamari Language Primer

“Temberma” is a language that is spoken in Togo and in Benin where it is named “Ditamari”.

To provide copies of this primer to the participants of our Teacher Training Workshop in September 2022, we printed some copies of Temberma prima. While working with the printed copies, the Temberma language participants noticed that the primer needs to be revised. We pray for God to open the doors for us to organize a primer construction workshop to revise and improve the existing primer.

Teacher Training Workshops (TTWs)



By the grace of the Lord, I was able to organize 4 (four) Literacy Tutor Training Workshops. All of the workshops were delivered in French to participants who speak French well and have the ability to read, write and teach in their local languages. While doing the teaching practices of the 4 workshops, we were able to use 4 local languages with

the method of LEI.

Practical Activity at TTW in Tikoume -Lome

A total of hundred and ten (110) tutors attended the four tutor training workshops. The workshops took place in different places namely: Tsevie I, with 32 participants, Lomé (the capital) with 18 participants, Baguida with 40 participants, and Tsevie II, with 20 participants. After the first two workshops, four trained participants launched literacy classes in their churches and invited me to attend the opening ceremonies. It was amazing! All Glory Be to God!



Teachers Training Workshop with Pastors in Baguida

My visit to Pat Lindsay in Cotonou

During my mission trip in Africa/Togo, I took the opportunity and visited my colleague Pat in Benin on Saturday, October 8. I shared the Teacher Training Workshops experience in Togo with Pat and learn from her ESL program in Benin as LE Togo is exploring the possibility to launch an ESL program in Togo.

During this exchange visit with Pat, we were privileged to have a zoom meeting with our Africa Director James, who encouraged us to share our experiences in order and also to expand LEI activities in French-speaking countries in Africa. We thank Lord for this collaboration!



David's Visit to Pat in Benin

During the mission trip, I had the privilege and visited the National Director of Assembly of God Church, Reverend Djakoutre Mintré. The purpose of the visit was to share with him the L&E Togo mission and to explore the possibilities of partnering with Assemblies of God all over the country as he is the first Responsible for this congregation in Togo. The discussions went well. He was very glad to learn the LEI approach to literacy and evangelism. He appreciated this initiative and stressed the importance of using literacy as an approach to implant churches.

In our action plan, he proposed that I support him in 2023 with an action plan of tutor training workshops for the Assemblies of God Church Pastors and members in all of the 5 regions of Togo.

IMAGES OF THE LEARNERS' TESTIMONIES



A learner reading the second primer book in Ewe

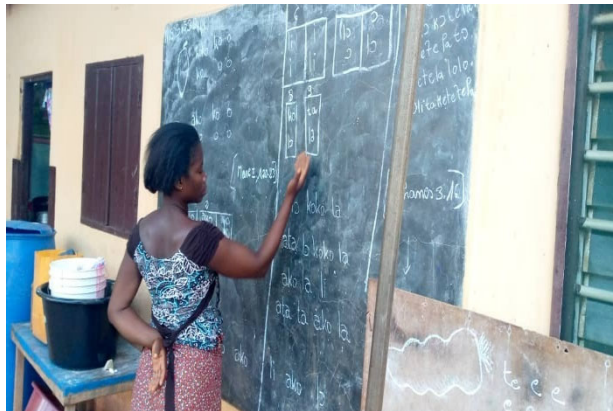
Mrs. Adjovi AYITE Testimony



Mrs. Ajovi Ayite is a student at a Church-based literacy class in Lome, Togo. She has always wanted to learn to read. She notes: *“I used to envy those who know how to read and write in our language and I took it all for a very complicated exercise. Now, I believe that it is rather me who must be envied and I’m looking forward to demonstrating it to my husband who also can neither read nor write. He wanted to*

discourage me from coming to these literacy classes. Afterward, my husband understood me well and he is the one who motivates me to continue the literacy classes. I am happy to be able to write my name, write my phone number. I must be able to read the Bible in my mother tongue (Ewe)”

AFI’S TESTIMONY AND NEED



Afi is currently taking literacy classes in the Ewe language, one of the local languages in TOGO. “I am a Christian and have been going to church regularly since I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I did not go to school to be able to read French. As soon as I learned that LEI has trained Teachers and skilled them in literacy programs, I was very glad and was looking forward to joining literacy classes. When one of these teachers opened a class, I

seized the opportunity and got enrolled in this class in

Afi is a new learner in the class learning how to read and write in Ewe. My specific goal was to be able to read the Ewe Bible after the end of the class. This is my dream.



Graduation Ceremony at Tsevie - Togo

CONCLUSION

We thank God for his goodness to LE-Togo. By the grace of our Lord, we were able to satisfactorily accomplish the Lord's mission. The primer construction workshop, the edition of the primer books (1&2), the Teacher Training Workshops, the partnership explorations to extend our collaboration with other institutions, the nomination of the new Director of LE-Togo (M. Bessan), the promotion of the former LE-Togo Director to the position of "US Missionary, Director of LEI in Francophone Countries in Africa are some of the various blessings of God for LE-Togo in 2022. LE-Togo is very grateful for the goodness of God.

We pray for his mercy to remain upon us as we continue to commit ourselves to take part in his mission as his mercy never fails us.

The whole team of L&E Togo joins me in wishing you a beautiful and happy year 2023! May God bless you and renew you in your walk with Him. May He lead you in the projects of peace that He has prepared for you. In 2023, together, we will continue to bring hope to those who need it through the reading of God's word.

We have faith in our great God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Nothing equals or surpasses Him. He will provide for our needs to achieve our goals again by bringing the light of Christ through the reading of the word of God in their languages.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." *Jeremiah 29:11 ESV*

PROJECT FINANCIAL FOR L&E-TOGO 2023

Designation	Amount	Comments
Financial of printing Primer in Lama.	\$2000	To proceed with the organization of training workshops for Literacy Teachers in these communities where the Lama language is spoken.
Project to have a primer in Bassar and Printing and Lauche	\$5000	Project for Primer Construction Workshop in the Bassar language (N'Cam).
Review French primer	\$7000	Review French primer. Primer Construction Workshop at Lome (Togo, Benin, and 2 authors french speaking Countries).
Planning Work for 2023		TTW with Assemblies of God Church

OUR PROJECTIONS FOR 2023

1. The finalization of the projects initiated in 2022, notably the project of printing Primer in Lama to proceed with the organization of training workshops for Literacy Teachers in these communities where the Lama language is spoken.
2. Project for Primer Construction Workshop in the Bassar language (N'Cam).
3. Project for Review Primer construction Workshop in the French language
4. The Assemblies of God Church of Togo has set up a Literacy Training and Church Planting program in Togo. To carry out its program, the Executive Board of the Assemblies of God Church requests that L&E-Togo carry out the training based on the LEI Method.