



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**LITERACY & EVANGELISM, GHANA**  
*"Sharing the gift of Christ through reading"*





**Country Director's Opening Remarks:**

*"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou has been, Thou forever will be."*

We join the hymn writer, to express our sincerest gratitude to God our Father, for keeping faith with us throughout the year under review. Challenging and buffeting situations confronted us but the Lord saw us through.



Country Director,  
Rev. Samuel B. Lawerteh

As a trusted catalyst parachurch institution, we strived with you, our partners despite the economic bites, to achieve our mandate of sharing Christ through reading. Thank you for making it all possible. To learners who strived hard and graduated, we appreciate you. Keep reading and learning!

Literacy ministry remains a need for more than 8million in our country Ghana today, and Mother tongue literacy must surely engage the attention of our leaders and churches. Together we can make all the difference in people's lives.

Online learning is here to stay and digital technologies continue to engage us to ensure we can reach more. As we tell our stories of the wondrous deeds of our God, we pray that He shows mercy to bestow on us eternal blessings to serve in the years ahead. To Him be the glory!

**Ministry Highlights for the Year**

**January/February:** We devoted these months to feverish preparations towards upcoming Teacher Training Workshops (TTW) to train more Teachers, Primer Constructions and Training for three team members scheduled to take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA. We also gave our support to our partner the Bible Society of Ghana during their **Bible Week** celebrations within the month of February.

**March:** We organized a TTW for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (PCG), New Achimota District from March 2-6. Languages taught were Ga, Asante-Twi and Akuapem-Twi. Thirteen (13) participants from five (5) congregations attended the training.

During the training we gave opportunity to Miss Abigail Owusu, our Administrative Assistant, who had completed Part 1 of the LEI's International Literacy Training Institute course, to teach a couple of the TTW courses. She taught the courses to our admiration.

**March 3-6:** We facilitated Teacher Training Workshop for COP Agormanya Area. Languages taught were Dangme, Ewe and English. Mrs. Elizabeth Agah our Volunteer Tutor Trainer assisted Rev S. B. Lawerteh at that Workshop and Thirty-eight (38) Teachers were trained for the Church of Pentecost (COP) program.

We started work on **Nzema Primer 2** from March 13-25 at Prof. Irene Odotei's place at Oyarifa. We had worked on the Primer 1 from June 3-13, 2022 and completed it for final editing in December 2022. Working on the fifty lessons of the Primer 2 and combining that with other equally pressing and time bound programs in March stretched the team and entire volunteer staff to our very limits.



Teacher Training Workshop at Presby Achimota District



Teacher Training Workshop Participants at Presby Achimota District



TTW at COP Agormanya Area



Nzema Primer Construction Workshop 2



As part of our partnership program with the Church of Pentecost (COP) upon their request, we planned Refresher courses for their literacy Coordinators and Teachers countrywide. Languages taught were Asante-Twi, Akuapem-Twi, Ewe, Ga, Dangme, Mfantse, and English

Most of the **refresher courses run concurrently. Our teams handled the refresher courses in Dambai, Ho, Koforidua, Kumasi, Tamale, Sunyani, Tarkwa, Cape Coast, Agormanya and Accra.** In some of the areas, more participants than the actual number of Teachers we had trained in 2021 and 2022, attended the refresher course.

We observed that the refresher course was very timely. A number of the Teachers we trained were yet to start their literacy classes and as a result had forgotten some aspects of the methodology. These were all corrected during the refresher courses in all the COP areas. **A total of 573 participants took part in the refresher courses across the country.**

**April: We are grateful to God that our team (Ellen, Angelica and Nat) were able to raise funds to buy their tickets and left for Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 10 to attend the 10-day training program on LEI's Desktop Publishing.** They were joined by a participant each from Togo and India. The course was very intensive with exams at the end of each day. All three from Ghana passed the final exam with flying colours. The course enabled the Ghana team to put the Nzema Primer 2 and subsequent Primers into the right template.



*One Day Refresher Training For COP Koforidua Area Teachers*



*LE Ghana Team at DTP Training at LEI Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma*



*COP Refresher Training at Dambai*



*COP Refresher Training at Agormanya*

**May:** Mrs. Dorothy Konadu, our Assistant Program Manager, continued working with the LEI on the new English language Primer for non-English speakers. Nat Nunoo, the Programs Director, also continued with **teaching Primer Construction (online)** to the fresh intake of students for the May-August ILTI course.

Rev. Samuel Lawerteh, the Country Director, followed up on the literacy program with The Apostolic Church and visited literacy groups in the Dangme area.

**June:** We assisted COP to organize TTWs in Accra (Haatso and Odorkor), Kumasi (Old Tafo, New Tafo, and Suame), Takoradi. We set questions for their final exams, marked them and recorded their individual marks in our database. We are excited about their performance. They will receive their certificates after they have set up their literacy classes and completed teaching their learners all 82 lessons in the Primer.



**July:** We organized a TTW for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Kaneshie District from July 17 – 21 at the Kaneshie Congregation. Languages taught Asante-Twi, Akuapem-Twi and Ga. Twenty-eight (28) people from six (6) congregations participated. The PCG Kaneshie District Minister who visited each day of the training was so impressed with the LEI methodology of teaching non-literate people that he introduced us and our program to the Chairperson of the Ga West Presbytery of PCG.

We also visited Tema Market Women's Literacy Class being handled by the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. They have English and Akuapem classes. We were very happy with the progress of the learners.

**August:** On August 27 we met for the first time with the Teachers and learners of the Kaneshie Presby Literacy Twi and Ga Classes after church service to encourage them to continue with their literacy classes. We also assisted the Bible Society of Ghana to organize a one-day refresher course for literacy Teachers at Ho.

On Thursday 24th August we organized a One day refresher Training for The Apostolic Church Ghana Teachers for the Odumase Area. Language taught was Dangme. Elder Obloni one of the Tutor Trainers of Church of Pentecost assisted Rev. S. B. Lawerteh for that workshop where 15 Teachers received refresher training.



TTW at Kaneshie Presby



LE Ghana Team with Kaneshie Presby TTW Participants



One Day Refresher Course for The Apostolic Church, Agormanya Area Teachers

**September:** We partnered the Church of Pentecost and the Bible Society of Ghana to observe the International Literacy Day (ILD). On September 4, 6 and 8, Rev. Joseph MacCarthy, Rev. Reuben Mensah Adrakpanya, and Mrs. Ellen Adjetej-Sowah took turns to join panelists from the Church of Pentecost to discuss literacy related topics on Pent TV (The Church of Pentecost's TV station). Rev. Samuel Lawerteh and Mrs. Rosemary Sackey together with a graduate of the Dangme literacy class in Noaso were also hosted on Obonu TV as part of the ILD celebrations.

On September 8, the International Literacy Day, Rev. Samuel Lawerteh, Mrs. Rosemary Sackey, Miss Abigail Owusu and Mr. Nathaniel Nunoo teamed up with the staff of the Bible Society of Ghana to observe the day at Adukrom. During the colourful function at Adukrom, the chiefs through the Paramount Chief's linguist pledged their support towards a Primer construction in the Okere language, the heart language of the people. The Bible Society has started the translation of the Bible into the Okere language.

On September 10, the Church of Pentecost and Literacy and Evangelism Ghana graduated 14 Literacy Teachers and 43 Learners (English 7, Twi 29, Ewe 8). The graduation ceremony was covered by Pent TV. It was a joy to behold learners read selected texts from the Bible Study material of the Church of Pentecost! We are grateful to God and say Ayekoo, well done to our learners!



Aunty Ellen (LE Ghana) & Apostle Dr. Gakpetor (COP) on Pent TV discussing World Literacy Day



Graduation of COP Learners & Teachers  
10th September 2023



From September 20 - 26, Rev. Samuel Lawerteh, Mrs. Ellen Adjetey-Sowah, Mrs. Rosemary Sackey, Rev. Joseph MacCarthy and Mr. Nathaniel Nunoo represented Literacy and Evangelism Ghana at the second LEI Member Nations Gathering (MNG) held at Belo Horizonte in Brazil. Participants at the MNG praised Ghana for our report and good literacy work. Team Ghana had very fruitful discussions with colleagues from other countries as well as contributed effectively in the Africa caucus meetings.

**October:** We visited and encouraged the Kaneshie Presby Ga literacy class on two occasions. We observed that good progress was being made.

After the LEI MNG in Brazil, the Member Nations Council decided that countries that were to be inducted into the Member Nations who were not able to attend the meeting in Brazil due to some challenges, should have their orientation and be inducted into the MN in Ghana. These countries were Togo and Burkina Faso represented by Kojovi M. Bessan and Boro Ibrahimia respectively.

Even though Literacy and Evangelism in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was already a full Member Nation, the New Country Director, Sila Junior and Rigo, a veteran literacy teacher, were invited to attend the orientation. They arrived in Ghana on Oct 22 and had the orientation from October 23 - 25.



*LE Ghana Team at Int Literacy Day 2023 celebration hosted by BSG at Adukrom*



*Chiefs & Guests at the ILD Celebration at Adukrom with Bible Society of Ghana*



*LE Ghana Team with participants in Brazil for LEI Member Nations Gathering*

The LE Ghana Board Chairman, Mr. David Hammond and Management facilitated the orientation. On October 25, Very Rev Kofi Owusu, LE Ghana Board member, officiated the short but very impressive induction with the support of Mr. David Hammond on behalf of the LEI MN Council.

The teams from the three Francophone African countries expressed their sincere gratitude to LE Ghana for the warm reception and worth of knowledge in governance imparted to them.

**November:** The LE Ghana Management had its annual planning retreat on Nov 9 and 10 at the historic town of Dodowa. This year, the attention was focused on our five year (2024-2028) Strategic Plan.

We had very fruitful prayer time and discussions on the strategic plan. The management was able to prepare a draft strategic plan which was presented to the Board for their perusal and initial comments.



*Orientation of new Member Nations (Togo & Burkina Faso) in Ghana*



**December:** On December 9, Mr. Nathaniel Nunoo, on behalf of LE Ghana addressed the District Session of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Mayera on the need to embrace literacy in their respective congregations and to sponsor people for training as literacy Teachers.

**Items for praise & prayer**

- 1 Praise the Lord with us on the completion of the Nzema Primer and workbooks for Hausa, Gonja and Dagaare. Pray that God will open doors to train Teachers and get people reading the word of God and writing in these languages.
- 2 Pray that literacy classes all over the country will be sustained by the churches, the volunteer Teachers and the learners themselves.
- 3 Pray with us for travelling mercies and resources as we travel around the country to supervise and encourage learners and volunteer Teachers.
- 4 As we go for another Election in Ghana that our Lord will guide us to choose the best leader and guard the election process.
- 5 Pray with us and commit upcoming programs including new Primers for Fulani, Okere and fundraising activities into God's hands. A lot remains to be done.
- 6 *We are exceedingly grateful to the Lord for what He gave us the ability to achieve together. To our Institutional and Individual Partners, Volunteers and Board members, we can not thank you enough.*

**Staff & Volunteers Corner**

We're grateful for **Madam Angelica Crabbe** who joined us in 2023 on a full time basis, upon retiring from public service. She is currently assisting as our Administrative officer and also a Certified trainer.



We're delighted to introduce **Aaron Lawerteh** our Intern, as the latest member of our team. With his passion for Graphic Design and IT, we're confident he will thrive and make a valuable addition to our team. Here's to a successful journey ahead.



**Statistics 2023**

- Learners in Classes 1,311
- Learners Graduated 46
- Teachers Trained 187
- Old Teachers Refreshed 588
- New Primers Completed (Nzema) 1
- Primer Workbooks Completed 3
- Primers/Manuals Printed 1,000 +
- Primers in Library 16

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023 (PROVISIONAL) GHS		FINANCIAL REPORT 2022 GHS	
General Income	67,229.00	General Income	86,748.00
Project Income	66,270.00	Project Income	220,886.00
Sales Income	38,114.00	Sales Income	67,151.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>171,613.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>374,785.00</b>
Direct Expenses	117,704.00	Direct Expenses	116,389.00
General Expenses	142,420.00	General Expenses	92,194.00
Reserves	(88,511.00)	Reserves	166,202.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>171,613.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>374,785.00</b>



## Testimonials

Beloved, we share with you a beautiful story of Vida Agbenyega, one of our learners at Big Ada. She has never experienced formal education. But through our literacy ministry she rose through the ranks to be 'ordained' a prophetess. Vida enrolled with Nathaniel Alipue's class in 2017 at age 40.

Her seriousness and brilliance paid off, as she took her lessons seriously and never defaulted in her class work and home assignments, as can be found in her exercise book. She is a member of the Global Divine Power Ministry and reads her Bible fluently. She trained at Adabraka, Accra, as a certificated prophetess for her church. To God be the glory!



## Upcoming Programs!

- 1 We look forward to preparing a Primer for Okere Language and a new Fulani Primer which is a joint project between LE, Ghana and LE, Burkina Faso to minister to the many Fulani peoples in the two countries. We look forward to your support in making these happen.
- 2 Celebrate with us **International Literacy Day** on **08 September 2024**. We look forward to graduating our hardworking Learners and Volunteer Teachers. 🙌
- 3 Look out for the **Africa Regional Literacy Institute Training** from **16-30th October** in **Kenya, Nairobi**. This training is targeted at Literacy Officers/Cordinators/Teachers from Bible Agencies, Churches, Christian Organizations and Member Nations' Leaders in Africa.
- 4 Look out for the various **Teacher Training Workshops** lined up for the year on our Website and other social media handles. These Trainings are targeted at Volunteer Teachers and Literacy Co-ordinators in Ghana.
- 5 We look forward to meeting you at our **Maiden Fundraising Breakfast meeting** Scheduled for **Saturday May 25, 2024**.



### **Our Mission**

We exist to equip the church and communities to share the message of Christ through reading. This we do, by training Teachers, to run literacy classes and preparing or construction primers (teaching text books) in various languages for our learners.

### **Language Primers In Our Library**

Akwapem Twi , Asante Twi, Bono, Dagaare, Dangme, Esahie (Sefwi), Ewe, Ga, Gonja, Gurune, Hausa, Kokomba, Mfantse, Nafaanra, Nzema, Tangale (Nigeria) and English Language.

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