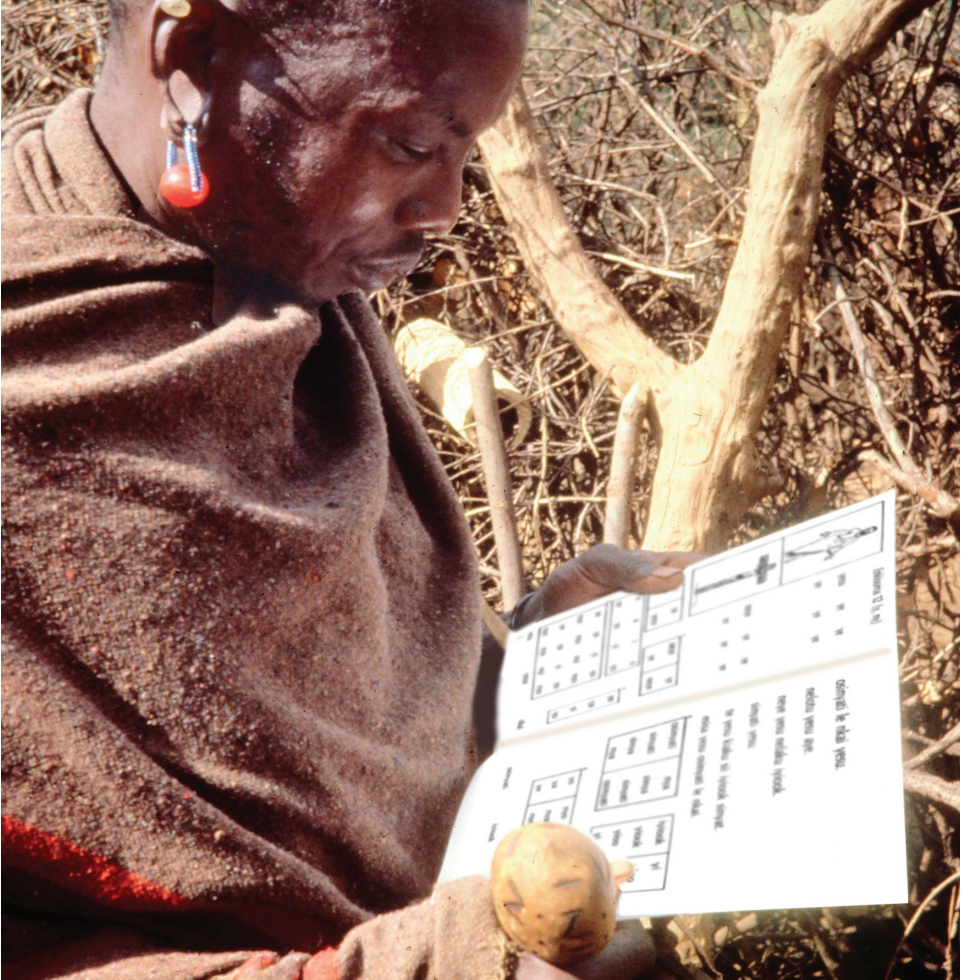


Annual Report

2022

Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, "Please read this." And he will say, "I cannot read." | ISAIAH 29:12 NASB



Literacy & Evangelism
INTERNATIONAL

- Established 1967 -

The Mission

Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) equips the Church to share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading.

The Strategy

- We develop Bible-content materials to teach basic reading in local languages and conversational English.
- We train church leaders and missionaries to use LEI materials for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.
- We develop partnerships to expand the mission of LEI.



LEI Kenya, Member Nation, Africa. Photographer - Joseph Matheka

Dr. Sid Rice



Dear Ministry Partners,

2021 was an amazing year. As I step back and look at all the new and creative things God is doing at Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI), I am reminded of God's word to us through the prophet Isaiah:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV.)

This Annual Report looks at some of the "new things" God is doing through LEI. Our core ministry focus remains the same. We continue to develop Bible-content curriculum, and people, to raise up the Church in every nation to effectively reach new readers for Christ. As the Spirit of the living God helps the worldwide missionary staff of LEI and its partners to do things with greater creativity than ever before, new opportunities are springing up! "New things" are taking shape at LEI.

In 2021, LEI and our partner network continued our global leadership role in Bible-content literacy. We finalized Bible-content primers in a number of new languages, but one in particular was developed, "virtually," in partnership with LEI Brazil. This new thing helped us overcome covid restrictions and, at the same time, helped us better steward the funds God entrusted to us.

A new L&E organization was established in Ukraine in 2021, making this the 12th country to establish an L&E indigenous, autonomous organization with an independent board. Our 12 Member Nation partners are like-minded teams joined together by our common mission and vision.

Level 1 of LEI's new *Light of the World*, English as a Second Language (ESL), curriculum was completed this year under the direction of Dr. Melina Gallo, LEI's Director of ESL. Six levels will follow in the future.

2021 was a great year for LEI. "New things," reflecting God's creative Spirit, are enhancing how we accomplish our mission. Thank you for partnering with us in the "new things" that are "springing up." Your faithful investment is vital to our ministry, allowing us to share, worldwide, the gift of reading and the even greater gift of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Always your grateful brother,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sid Rice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

LEI: Continuing to Expand Resources To The Nations

With new Online Distance-Learning Courses and Curriculum.

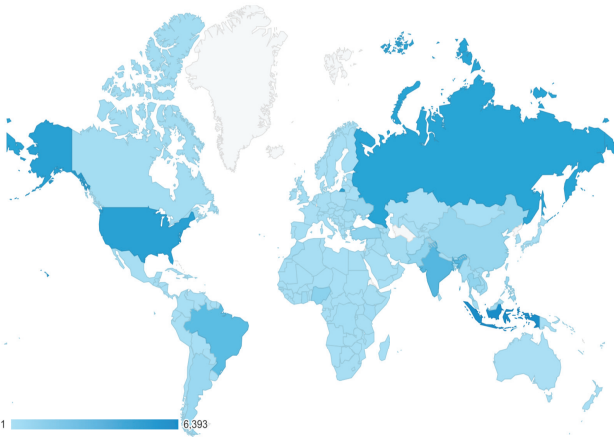
In 2021: LEI Recorded...

Individuals from **196** countries and territories visiting LEI's website.

In 2021: Patrons Found...

227 Primers digitally-available for FREE DOWNLOAD.

794 Primers were downloaded at NO CHARGE.



Global map depicts 196 countries around the world that visited the LEI website January 1 through December 31, 2021.

Dark blue represents higher usage. Light blue represents lower usage.

View All Of LEI's Online Trainings
www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training

Impact

"LEI teaches people to read the written Word
so they can know the Living Word."

~ Bob Biederman



Tanya Griffin

Newest LEI Missionary

Tanya Griffin joins the LEI ministry having a wide range of teaching expertise. With a Masters in Literacy and a love for the Lord, she is a significant member of the LEI team.

Tanya was introduced to LEI while attending an online Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO) gathering. After looking at the LEI website, she submitted an application to join LEI as a missionary and was readily accepted.

Planning to work with LEI's online courses, Tanya is currently taking the Online International Literacy Training Institute. In addition to taking classes she is also tutoring an international student using the new *Light of the World* curriculum. We are grateful for Tanya and consider her presence a special answer to our prayers.

Rev. Bob Biederman

Celebrating 30 Years with LEI

Bob Biederman joined Literacy & Evangelism International as a missionary over 30 years ago and was recently honored for his years of service.

Bob said, "It is a great privilege to have served the Lord with LEI over these past three decades. When I first joined the mission, I had no idea of the scope of LEI's work around the world. This work continues to grow through our Member Nations, online training, and new curriculum (such as *Light of the World*).

"I came to LEI as a single man and met my wife, Ana, there in the early years. After marriage in Brazil, it was a privilege to live there for nine months and see LEI's ministry take root and grow throughout the country. Upon returning to the U.S., Ana and I continued to participate in primer construction and tutor training workshops overseas.

"It's been a wonderful experience to serve the church worldwide by helping Christians learn to read God's Word and equipping them to share the Good News through literacy ministry. I hope in the years ahead many more people will join our mission and find an exciting and fruitful field in which to serve the Lord. As I look back over these 30 years, I can only say I am very thankful for the opportunity and to God be the glory."



12 Member Nations

AFRICA

L&E BENIN
L&E D.R. CONGO
L&E GHANA
L&E KENYA
L&E MALAWI
L&E NIGERIA
L&E TOGO

EUROPE

L&E UKRAINE

ASIA

LEI SOUTH KOREA

SOUTH AMERICA

AEI (LEI) BRAZIL

NORTH AMERICA

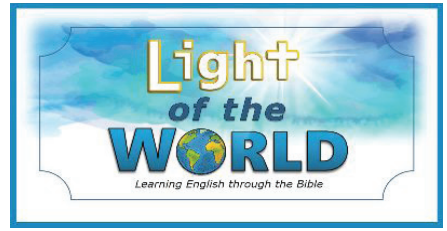
L&E CANADA
LEI U.S.

The first L&E Member Nation partner in Europe, L&E Ukraine, was born in 2021 thanks to the diligent efforts of LEI missionaries Martha and Georg Ort: Director of Europe. Vika, of L&E Ukraine, conducts workshops, teaches literacy and ESL classes, and helps with primer construction. A 2018 graduate of LEI's International Literacy Training Institute in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vika returned to her homeland to serve as a literacy missionary. With a heart devoted to the Lord and to reaching the Roma (Gypsy) people, Vika works closely with the Orts. Please pray for Vika, her family and students, and L&E Ukraine.



Light of the World

New ESL Curriculum



Light of the World (LOTW) is LEI's newest, free, Bible-content, English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum. Dr. Melina Gallo, LEI's Director of ESL, and her task force of 30 volunteers completed Level 1 of 7 in 2021. Having 50 lessons per level, LOTW will take a student from zero English to passing the "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL) university-recognized, standardized English exam.

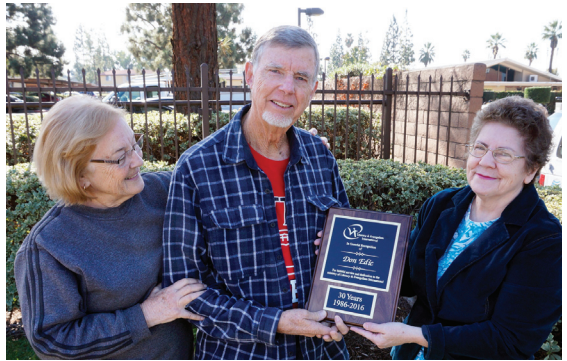
Ten members of the task force, who worked on Level 2 this past year, were interns from Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Gallo trained and supervised these interns along with other task force volunteers.

LOTW, Level 1, is available in powerpoint, on YouTube, and in paperback book formats. 2,400 views on YouTube and downloads from 38 countries have been recorded already. An 8-week teacher training class is also available.

Dr. Gallo shares, "*Light of the World* teaches English Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing, and Grammar to people who do not speak English as their native language. This is a great way of sharing the message of Jesus with people who want to learn to speak English."

Celebrating the Life of Don Edic

The Reverend Don Edic joined Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) as a missionary over 35 years ago. After spending 11 weeks attending LEI's Fall Literacy Institute, he returned to his home in California to begin a Bible-based literacy ministry for immigrants.



When Don started using LEI's English as a Second Language (ESL) Bible-based curriculum, *Passport to the World of English* (PWE), his ministry exploded. For the next 20 years, he trained church leaders throughout the world to use PWE to teach others to speak and read English while sharing the love of Jesus.

Eventually, Don developed other ESL materials: a supplemental workbook for PWE; *Nation to Nations*, and *Using Everyday English*.

Don went to be with his Lord in 2021. This faithful Literacy & Evangelism servant will be greatly missed, yet the seeds he planted will continue to produce results. Don's daughter, Jennifer, is carrying on his legacy.

Primer Construction

Africa

"A" (Ethiopia)	Final Edit
Akuapem (Ghana) & Workbooks	Final Edit
Anufo (Togo)	Final Edit
Asante (Ghana)	Revision
Chichewa (Malawi)	Printed
Dangme (Benin) & Workbooks	Final Edit
Dagaare (Ghana) & Workbooks	Final Edit
Dendi (Benin)	Revision
Ébembe (DR Congo)	Final Edit
Ewe (Ghana) & Workbooks	Revision
Fon (Benin)	Final Edit
Fulani (Benin)	Printed
Ga (Ghana)	Revision
Gonja (Ghana) & Workbooks	Complete
Kagulu (Tanzania)	Final Edit
Konkomba (Ghana)	Final Edit
Kuria (Kenya)	Revision
Lokpa Bk 2 (Benin)	Revision
LuSamia (Uganda)	Printed
Maasai (Kenya)	Revision
Meru Bk 1 (Kenya)	Revision
Samburu (Kenya)	Final Edit
Swahili Bk 1 (Kenya)	Revision

America

Huambisa (Peru)	Revision
Light of the World Level 1	Printed
Urarina (Peru)	Revision
"Y" Bk 2 (Brazil)	Final Edit

Europe

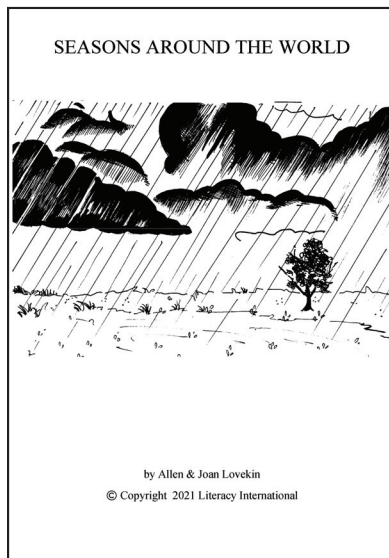
Russian (Russia)	Printed
Ukrainian (Ukraine)	Printed

LEI distributed over \$66,000 in 2021 for primer printing and development. This budget was, in large part, due to estate gifts received.

90 LEI post-primer booklets, called shell books, are available in English for translation into other languages. LEI shell books are hosted on www.bloomlibrary.org/browse.

Allen and Joan Lovekin have completed *Why Do We Have Day and Night* and *Seasons Around The World*.

Pictured here is the cover of *Seasons Around the World*.



Primer Construction

ANUFO LANGUAGE PRIMER


The Anufo-Chakosi are a people located in Benin, Ghana, and Togo, Africa. With a population of about 230,000 people, less than 3% of the Anufo are Christians.

"The Anufo have a complete New Testament with audio scriptures," shares Dr. James Kigamwa, LEI Managing Director: Africa & Middle East, yet they are in need of literacy materials. In partnership with L&E Togo, the Anufo language primer construction workshop, hosted by David and Rose Nabine in Lomé, Togo, Africa, brought together a team of Dr. Kigamwa and other LEI-trained literacy experts, and Bible translators to develop primers in the Anufo language of Togo. The newly written Anufo primers will help church leaders share the love of Jesus while teaching reading to their non-reading members and neighbors.

This page of LEI's Anufo language primer shows Lesson 67, the lesson titled "Jesus Dies on the Cross." The translations for the words Pilate, Rome, and Nazarene are similar to the English words.

LEI primers are Bible-based and include Scripture and short stories about Jesus and God.

Kadatii 67



Yudafom Yuda
Yuda Yu

Pilato Pila
Pila Pi

1	Roma	Ro
	Ro	Roma

2	teretereform	te
	tere	tere
	te	teretereform

3	sereya	se
	sere	sere
	se	sereya

4	Nazaretifo	Na
	Nara	Nara
	Na	Nazaretifo

5	moani	mo
	gomina	go
	yusu	yu
	siiri	sii
	kore	re
	kereeri	ree
	waabieso	waa
	tiengu	nggu
	suwu	wu

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Literacy

Teacher-Training Workshops

AFRICA

Total Teachers Trained: 1,197

LATIN AMERICA

Total Teachers Trained: 205

ASIA

Total Teachers Trained: 2,169

NORTH AMERICA

Total Teachers Trained: 93

EUROPE

Total Teachers Trained: 33

UNDISCLOSED REGIONS

Total Teachers Trained: 216

WORLDWIDE

**TOTAL TEACHERS
TRAINED: 3,913**

**TOTAL NEW BIBLE
READERS: 22,506**

NEW BIBLE READERS


AFRICA: 10,648

ASIA: 11,045

EUROPE: 3

LATIN AMERICA: 688

UNDISCLOSED LOCATIONS: 122



Statistics represent a fraction of those learning to read with LEI's materials. Since our materials are shared freely online, the global impact is impossible to determine.

English Language Ministry

ASIA	<i>Total Teachers Trained: 90</i>
NORTH AMERICA	<i>Total Teachers Trained: 26</i>
UNDISCLOSED REGIONS	<i>Total Teachers Trained: 6</i>
WORLDWIDE	<i>Total Teachers Trained: 122</i>



These members of the Light of the World, Level 2, task force were Moody Bible Institute interns who worked under the training and supervision of Dr. Melina Gallo, LEI English as a Second Language Director.

International Literacy Training Institute Online | 2021



Dr. Rebecca Foote has recently stepped into the essential role of LEI's Director of Distance Learning having previously served as Coordinator of the Tulsa Literacy Center and Director of LEI's Tulsa-based International Literacy Training Institute (ILTI).

This past October, ILTI instructors and guests celebrated the accomplishments of LEI's Online 2021 International Literacy Training Institute participants with a special virtual graduation ceremony.

Representing the 19 countries of Bosnia, Canada, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Haiti, Herzegovina, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sweden, and the U.S.A, fifty students completed online courses from October 2020 to October 2021.

To understand the magnitude of this program, a list of instructors and available courses during ILTI Online, October 2020 to October 2021, follows.

We look forward to hearing how participants and graduates use the gifts of literacy and ESL instruction received to share the loving message of Jesus Christ in their international communities. Congratulations to all!

English Literacy Tutor Training Workshop
January - February 2021
Bob Biederman & Larry Buell

Local Language Literacy Tutor
Training Workshop
January - February 2021
Nathaniel Nunoo, T.L., James Kigamwa,
Bruce & Jaye Hansen
May - June 2021
Bruce & Jaye Hansen

Developing a Literacy Ministry
March 2021
Nathaniel Nunoo, T.L., James Kigamwa,
Bruce & Jaye Hansen

Primer Construction 1
March 2021
Nathaniel Nunoo, James Kigamwa,
Carey Jo Johnston, G.M.

English as a Second Language
Tutor Training Workshop
April - May 2021
Melina Gallo, P.C. Giri, R. Grijncu,
H. Davidson, Jean Ato, Rigobert Kobele
Eyenga, Tracy Meddaugh

Primer Construction 2
May - June 2021
Nathaniel Nunoo, James Kigamwa,
Carey Jo Johnston, G.M.

Inductive Bible Study
July - September 2021
Carey Jo Johnston & Penny Fetters

Leadership
September 2021
Sid Rice & Greg Bennett

Facilitating Online Courses
September 2021
Melina Gallo

Primer Printing and Development

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TOGO, AFRICA

KABIYE

ANUFO



Kabiye

BENIN, AFRICA

FULANI



Fulani

KENYA, AFRICA

KURIA



Guarani

MALAWI, AFRICA

CHICHEWA

GHANA, AFRICA

DYSON TRAINING

MANUAL

BRAZIL, S. AMERICA

MAXAKALI

GUARANI

PORTUGUESE



Maxakali

Refugee Ministry

Rev. Bob and Mary Mulloy



For the past 12 years, LEI missionaries Bob and Mary Mulloy have reached out to many refugees in the greater Atlanta area. Bob meets with men from Myanmar in an ESL and discipleship group. Mary teaches the Bible and English skills to a group of young "Karen" women. (Karen is a tribe in Myanmar-Thiland.) Bob and Mary host neighborhood gatherings in their garage, showing gracious hospitality to their many international neighbors and friends.

English Language Ministry Benin, Africa

Pat Lindsay

LEI missionary Pat Lindsay serves in English language ministry among the French-speaking people of Cotonou, Benin, Africa. She teaches Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced, and Online English classes. In 2021, Pat had 89 students, 65 of whom earned learning certificates.

Pat shares, "Students have re-directed their lives to Christ. They have become more committed to the word of God and to prayer. One student indicates his life had been really changed by this ministry. Another student continues to come to the weekly Inductive Bible Study even though he has not been a student during the last six months. Students are learning how to study the Bible together and how to put their needs before God in a smaller group setting. Many are encouraged by the joy of the Lord they see demonstrated at the Center."



Tulsa Literacy Tutoring Andrew

with George Hertensteiner



After George Hertensteiner transitioned to retirement, he was inspired to take an LEI tutor training workshop hosted by his church. Since being trained in LEI's literacy and ESL methodologies in 2012, George has tutored two men learning to read and two men learning English.

One of the young men George has tutored is Andrew. Andrew is a quiet, hardworking young man, and was a volunteer at the Alen Davis Ministry Center, a ministry managed by South Tulsa Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ministry Director Alice Bones suggested Andrew receive LEI tutoring in reading. George volunteered to help.

Meeting about once a week, beginning with the Pre-reader of LEI's *Firm Foundations* primers, Andrew has completed all seven books of the series. Now, Andrew and George read a chapter of the Bible at each meeting. They also read the state driver's license manual so Andrew could earn his driver's license. Of course, during covid, the Ministry Center was closed, and tutor sessions were paused for a time. Now, these partners in literacy have started again.

George says, it "has been a lot of fun and very rewarding to see Andrew be able to do more with his life. Andrew is a Christian, and we have some great discussions after reading different Bible verses."

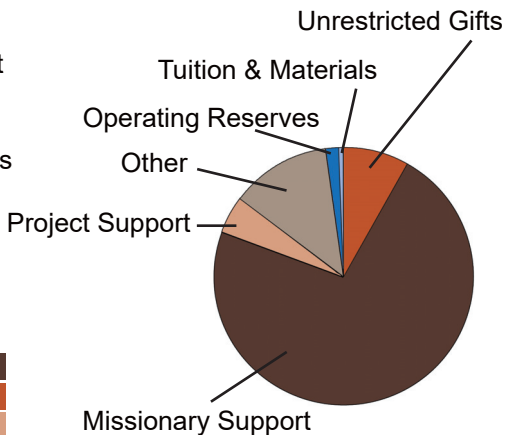
Andrew "appreciates that someone is taking the time to work with him on his reading skills. It meant he could get his driver's license." George says tutoring has helped Andrew "with his walk as a Christian and I believe made him a stronger Christian."

We are so proud of Andrew and George and all they have accomplished together. We thank God for our tutors who share the love of Jesus while sharing the gift of reading.

Financial Report 2021*

INCOME

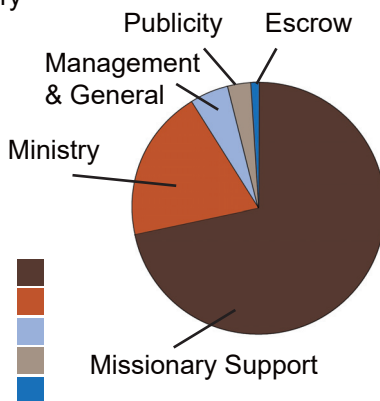
\$ 78,173	Unrestricted Gifts
\$694,788	Missionary Support
\$ 44,660	Project Support
\$ 1,920	Tuition & Materials
\$ 19,746	Operating Reserves
<u>\$119,005</u>	Other
\$958,292	TOTAL



Missionary Support	72.5%
Unrestricted Gifts	8.2%
Project Support	4.6%
Tuition & Materials	.2%
Operating Reserves	2.1%
Other	12.4%

EXPENSES

\$686,924	Missionary Support
\$187,985	Mission Mobilization & Ministry
\$ 48,543	Management & General
\$ 28,841	Communication & Publicity
<u>\$ 5,999</u>	Escrow/Reserves
\$958,292	TOTAL



Missionary Support	71.7%
Mission Mobilization & Ministry	19.6%
Management & General	5.1%
Communication & Publicity	3%
Escrow/Reserves	.6%

* Unaudited

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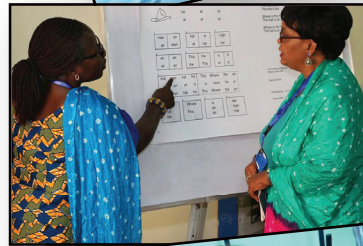
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Patty Hickman Retires

...Yet Not Quite!

Patty Hickman was eight years old when she stepped forward at the Salvation Army chapel near her home to accept Christ as her Lord and Savior. Since then she has drawn many into fellowship with Jesus through her work with Literacy & Evangelism International.

After receiving her Associate's degree as an adult, in 1984, she joined the LEI staff as a secretary and computer operations specialist. That was over 36 years ago.

In the beginning, "I did not have enough work to keep me busy," Patty recalls. "At first, all the primer work was done overseas in the country where the primer would be printed and used." Eventually, desktop publishing software was purchased for LEI's Tulsa office and Patty began inputting primers into LEI's computer. "As software became more sophisticated and user-friendly, we kept updating."

"One year," Patty says, "I was in charge of most of the tasks for the Literacy Institute, since everyone else was traveling overseas doing primer work, and I have been in charge of various office and clerical tasks."

"I love my job the most because we share the Bible in our materials and teach people to read so they are able to read the Bible. I sit and cry sometimes when I am proofreading the Bible stories in a different language; these are so precious."

Though Patty has retired from LEI "officially," she continues working as a volunteer. "I am still doing the desktop publishing of the primers. Most of the input is done overseas and I polish them."

Congratulations in your "retirement," Patty. We are thankful the Lord sent you to LEI. The world is a better place because you serve among us.



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