

L&E BURKINA FASO

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 AND OUR PROGRAM AND VISION 2024

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We express our deep gratitude to our Lord Jesus for all his blessings. The year 2023 has been a year of grace for us in our literacy ministry in our country. We bless God because he provided us with manuals in Mooré language which enabled us to reach our objectives of 2023 in the training of teachers and the creation of literacy classes. Several people: men and women, have been trained thanks to the production of these Syllabaries in the Mooré language, which is the national language. Many of these trained people support their churches as leaders. They make a valuable contribution through literacy training, enabling the faithful.

We wanted to present some edifying testimonies in this annual report to attest to the greatness and magnificence of our Lord Jesus Christ in our activities. The lives of many learners have been positively influenced by this literacy program in the Mooré language and we are deeply grateful to the Lord for this successful year.

In conclusion, we are proud of the impact that literacy has had in our communities thanks to the commitment of our team and the grace of God. We will continue to work to ensure access to education for all, in their mother tongue, so that more people can live lives inspired and equipped to become local leaders and committed members of our church and community.

2023 has been an encouraging year for our national Mooré language literacy program. In our landlocked country, where most of the population is illiterate, we have opened classes in various regions to give our fellow citizens the opportunity to learn to read and write in their mother tongue.

In 2023, we opened more than 42 classes, welcoming 800 students. Literacy has enabled our learners to become leaders in their churches and leaders in their communities. They have become a source of inspiration for other literacy classes and have also contributed to the teaching of literacy by supporting the teachers. We are proud to have a total of 80 qualified teachers dedicated to literacy teaching.



At the end of our classes, we organized the certificate award ceremony for 45 learners in the capital, Ouagadougou. After Ouagadougou, we travelled to another town in the south of Burkina Faso, for the same cause. A total of 35 learners received certificates. These certificate award ceremonies were a proud moment, not only for the learners, but also for their families and communities. These successes demonstrate the considerable efforts made by our learners and the positive results of our national language literacy program.

Our literacy program in the Mooré national language has expanded thanks to the great support we received from LEI-US this year. Funding to produce 2,000 syllabaries has enabled us to reach almost the entire country, given that Mooré is the national language. This has enabled our fellow citizens to learn to read and write in this language. The results we are hoping to achieve through the production of syllabaries in the Mooré language are to be able to organize various training courses throughout the country. We believe that this will open the doors to new opportunities and give them the necessary tools to emancipate themselves and actively contribute to the progress of Burkina Faso.





We want to take the opportunity of our annual report to say a big thank you to LEI-US with LEI Brazil who organized the Member Nations meeting in Brazil. Even though the situation did not allow us to travel to Brazil to attend in person, we still benefited from the spin-offs of this great meeting thanks to technology. We note that we were very happy to take part in the feedback from this Brazil meeting which took place in Accra, Ghana.

Thanks to this opportunity, we were able to work closely with the other member nations of LEI and L&E Ghana, benefiting from their knowledge and experience. This collaboration was very rewarding and allowed us to exchange ideas, share good practices and develop strong partnerships.

New Learner's testimony:

My name is Traoré Maïmouna and I would like to share my testimony with you. Some time ago, I couldn't read. This was a great source of frustration for me, as it limited me in many aspects of my life.

My husband, Mr. Traoré, was also illiterate. Unfortunately, this situation created an imbalance in our relationship. My husband did not fully respect me because of my inability to read. It made me feel diminished and invisible within my own family.

One day I heard about your literacy program. I decided to participate and take a big step towards autonomy. Over the weeks, I learned to pronounce my first words, to form sentences and finally, to read.



When my husband saw the progress I was making, he was touched by my determination. He realized how important it was to respect me and value my efforts. Thanks to your program, I regained my self-esteem and my place in our home.

But that's not all. My husband also decided to join the literacy program. He understood that the power of reading could give him a new perspective on life. Today we both learn together, and it has strengthened our bond as a couple.

Not only did I gain my husband's respect, but I was also able to help my children with their education. Now, I can support them in their learning, help them read and understand their exercises. My children are proud of me and I am proud of them.

As a living witness to the positive impact of your Mooré language literacy classes, I would like to express my deep gratitude. Your program changed my life and helped build a stronger family, based on mutual respect and education.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving people like me a chance to regain their voice and dignity through literacy.

YEAR 2024: OUR ACTION PLANS AND OBJECTIVES

Our literacy team is committed to implementing a program aimed at making disciples through our training courses and the opening of literacy classes. We have identified the Fulani community as our main area of intervention, given the political and insecurity situation in our country. To ensure effective management of our activities, we plan to work with the Board of Directors to appoint zone managers responsible for supervising all literacy classes and teachers in areas that are difficult to access because of the insecurity.

In addition, we will be implementing fundraising initiatives to support our work through the involvement of churches, friends, family, and other partners. We are determined to make a positive difference to the lives of these people through these initiatives.

The second group in our program are the Dioulas. They are based more in the western region of Burkina Faso, more specifically in the towns of Bobo-Dioulaso, Banfora and Orodara in the southwestern region. They are also found in neighboring countries such as Cote d'Ivoire, Mali and Guinea. Considering the large population of Dioulas in our country, and in order to reach them, we plan to ask LEI to help us learn Syllabics in Dioula.

The whole western region of Burkina Faso is full of Dioula people, the whole southwestern region is full of Dioula people. They demand this is primers we have literacy classes that are obliged to use French as the language and this region can't make any progress with this language, so they demand the Dioula language, we really needed to print this language to support this part of Burkina Faso to read in their mother tongue.

Request for Dioula Syllabaries:

1- 2000 primers in Dioula.

a) 1000 for Volume 1

b) 1000 for Volume 2

Each primer will be printed at \$1.19.

IN CONCLUSION: We are also grateful to L.E.I for their reassuring support which allowed us to strengthen our capacities and improve our program. We are committed to continuing to work in partnership with inspiring organizations like L.E.I to achieve our goal of promoting literacy for all in our country.

Finally, we extend our thanks to all stakeholders, including learners, teachers, volunteers, and partners of our program, for their commitment and support. Through their hard work and dedication, we have achieved significant achievements and positively impacted the lives of many people. We hope to build on this momentum and continue to make a positive impact in the years to come.