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*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”*

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT: SID RICE**

Literacy and Evangelism International (LEI) has partnered with hundreds of ministries, sharing the message of Christ through the gift of reading. Working together with partners around the world, LEI maximizes opportunities to open the eyes of the most needy through literacy, so they may read the Word of God and His salvation message for themselves and improve their circumstances. We are honored to highlight our partners in this edition of *The Messenger*.

LEI partners at different levels of involvement with Christian entities to impact literacy and evangelism worldwide, making itself available to its partners to provide linguistic expertise for materials development, training, and consultation. Our partners include Member Nation Partners, Strategic Partners, and Partners.

Member Nation Partners are organizations that have become incorporated in a given country such as LEI Canada, Literacy International - Sierra Leone, Alfabetização e Evangelização Internacional (Brazil), Evangelización por Alfabetización (Peru), and Global Literacy Mission (South Korea). These partners embrace the mission and vision of LEI and are our equals in every way as they minister with us in literacy mission. Autonomous, indigenous and independent, each has a local board of trustees for the purpose of governance, and each expands LEI, with cultural sensitivity, in its respective country.

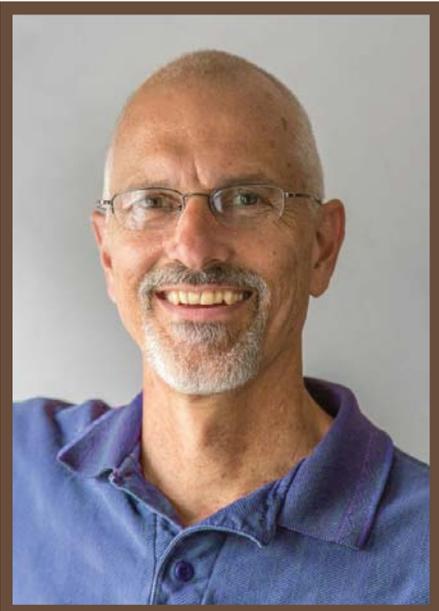
While many have existed for years, new Member Nation Partners are emerging continually. Member Nation Partners constitute the most effective way for LEI to leverage its ministry and may be the most significant strategy for expanding the LEI franchise worldwide.

The second level of partnership, the Strategic Partner, is an ongoing partnership with non-LEI agencies. We have developed this kind of relationship with India Literacy Trust, India Bible Literature, Bible League International, United Bible Society, and The P.E.A.C.E. Plan: Saddleback Church. Strategic Partners assist LEI in accomplishing its mission through their organization.

The third level, Partners, is a Christian ministry or other entity which requests LEI materials or training. Over 300 organizations have partnered with LEI in this way.

Developing our expansive list of partners would not be possible without individuals, churches, ministry, and business partners who financially support the work of LEI. We are truly grateful to our Lord for each of our ministry partners.

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# MEMBER NATION PARTNERS

LEI Incorporated in a Given Country

## LITERACY & EVANGELISM INTERNATIONAL - CANADA



**FOUNDER:** Reverend Carey Jo Johnston

**MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Reverend Carey Jo Johnston

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

- ◆1989 - Carey Jo Johnston joins LEI - USA, training under the founder, Bob Rice.
- ◆2004 - Carey Jo begins LEI - Canada upon moving to Bobcaygeon, Ontario.
- ◆2008 - LEI - Canada is registered as a charity with the Canadian government.

**FOCUS:** *We cherish two preeminent values: Passion for God and Compassion for People. We desire to see the Church in every nation effectively reaching the illiterate, bringing them the Living Word, Jesus Christ, through enabling them to read the written Word of God.*

**MINISTRY:** In Canada, LEI - Canada works in English, using *Firm Foundations* to teach people who speak English how to read English. Using the English language curricula *Passport to the World of English* and *Using Everyday English*, we teach people who want to learn to speak, read, and write English. As an international ministry we help develop literacy materials in indigenous languages and lead literacy and English language training.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION:** Malawi, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Ghana, India, and Pakistan

**WEBSITE:** <http://leicanada.ca>

**HEADQUARTERS:** Bobcaygeon, Ontario, Canada

## ALFABETIZAÇÃO E EVANGELIZAÇÃO INTERNACIONAL (AEI) - BRAZIL

**FOUNDER:** Ana Maria Cantão Biederman

**DIRECTOR:** Christiano Pena

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

- ◆1994 - Ana attends LEI's Fall Literacy Institute, joins LEI as a national missionary, and becomes a missionary of 1st Presbyterian Church Belo Horizonte.
- ◆1995 - Ana returns to LEI's Fall Literacy Institute for more literacy training.
  - Ana returns to Brazil to lead AEI Brazil.
  - 1st Presbyterian Church provides office space.
- ◆1998 - Ana marries Bob Biederman, and they conduct LEI's first International Literacy Training Institute in Brazil.
- ◆1999 - Ana moves to the US and turns leadership over to other nationals - Sandra Sueli then Ellen Goes - and remains an active consultant.
- Present - Christiano Pena leads the ministry.



**FOCUS:** Teach others how to read so they can read the Bible. Teach English as a Second Language to enable Christian workers to go to the mission field and nationals to improve their English.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION:** Angola, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, India, Latin America

**HEADQUARTERS:** Belo Horizonte, Brazil

# STRATEGIC PARTNERS

## Ongoing Partnerships with Non-LEI Agencies

### INDIA BIBLE LITERATURE: IBL

### LITERACY INDIA TRUST: LIT



Left to right: E. Velayutham, Sid Rice, and Dr. Bill Scott

**FOUNDERS:** Dr. William Scott and Dr. Joyce Scott

#### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

- ◆1950 - Bill Scott and Joyce Scott came to India.
- ◆1962 - A small office is set up in Peddapalli, Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆1975 - The office shifts its base to Madras, Tamil Nadu.
- ◆1984 - Literacy India Trust is formed, becoming a registered social organization within IBL.
- ◆1999 - The leadership of IBL is handed over to Indian colleagues making it indigenous in leadership and administration.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** E. Velayutham

**VISION:** IBL's vision is for every home in India to have God's Word. Their prayer is for every reader to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**MISSION:** The mission of IBL is to advance the Kingdom of God in India through

◆Translating, producing, and distributing Bibles, scripture materials, and other Christian resources.

◆Leading training in literacy programmes, children's ministries and leadership.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.iblministries.in/index.html>

#### **HEADQUARTERS:**

Kilpauk, Chennai, India, with regional branches in four locations:

South India Bible Literature, Guntur, A.P.

North India Bible Literature, Faridabad

East India Bible Literature, Kolkata

Central India Bible Literature, Mumbai

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Over 50 years ago IBL (India Bible Literature) came into existence, founded by Bill Scott, with a mission to put the Bible in every home in India. Over 30 years ago it was determined that only 26% of the population of India could read. This need gave way to the formation of Literacy India Trust (LIT). The history of LEI and LIT includes LEI's work in 17 different languages creating Bible content primers (basic readers). What God has done through our partnership with LIT over the 30-year period is nothing short of amazing.

◆IBL has impacted 2,000 people groups in 18 states of India.

◆820,467 illiterates have become Bible readers.

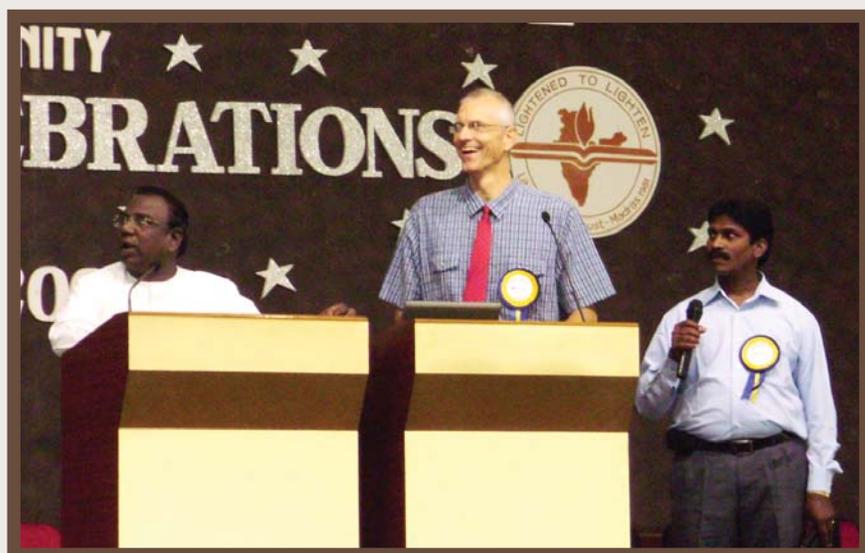
◆Many of the learners came to believe in Jesus Christ and began to follow him.

◆20,000 house churches have been formed.

It is a privilege to partner with Literacy India Trust over more than 30 years to transform hundreds of thousands of lives across India.

*~from Sid Rice*

*To read more about Literacy India Trust's 25th Jubilee Celebration in 2008 please see <http://sidrice.blogspot.com>*



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## Organizations Which Request Help with LEI Materials or Training



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY TRAINING INSTITUTE 2013

The International Literacy Training Institute builds new partnerships with organizations around the world. This year partnerships were developed with 18 people serving with 15 organizations such as Ambassador Fellowship, Benin; Hands Across Nations, Uganda; Carmel Ministries, India; and Charlotte Street Wesleyan Church, Guyana.



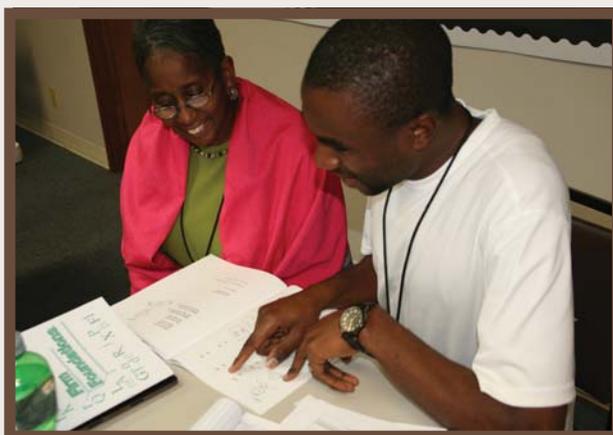
Prayer and Christian fellowship are vital parts of the International Literacy Training Institute experience.



We appreciate the twenty-two groups from seven area churches who partnered with LEI to bring and serve lunch for ILTI.



This is "at." Read "at." Tricia demonstrates the **Firm Foundations** teaching patten she has mastered.



Students practice to perfect the memorized "teaching patten" and the five steps for instruction.

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### PAT LINDSAY ILTI 2010 & 2012



*ILTI graduate Pat Lindsay teaches in Benin, West Africa, with **Using Everyday English**. An older gentleman is peeping through the window to see what is going on inside the church.*

The International Literacy Training Institute (ILTI) is the fertile soil from which many of our LEI partnerships grow. Pastors, missionaries, and church leaders from all over the world come to our Tulsa campus to be trained in evangelism, primer construction, the use of LEI's literacy materials, literacy ministry program implementation, English language ministry, project management, leadership skills, and inductive Bible study. Inspired by the five-week training, ILTI graduates return to their home countries or countries of service and have a tremendously positive impact as they share the love of Jesus while sharing the gift of literacy.

This year's ILTI, led by Latin America Director Tedd Lodes, included 18 participants representing 12 countries. These literacy ministry partners will take their vision for literacy and evangelism ministry to the oppressed, the marginalized, to the nations.

Last year's ILTI graduating class has already established programs worldwide. The picture above represents one of these new programs in Benin, West Africa, established by Patricia Lindsay. She is developing an English Language Ministry with *Using Everyday English*, in a church in Kotossou. Young Fulani men and women attend the class. Pat says, "While teaching English, I will also weave in the message of the gospel. They will have the opportunity to learn more clearly what it means to follow Jesus and how he can help them in their daily lives."

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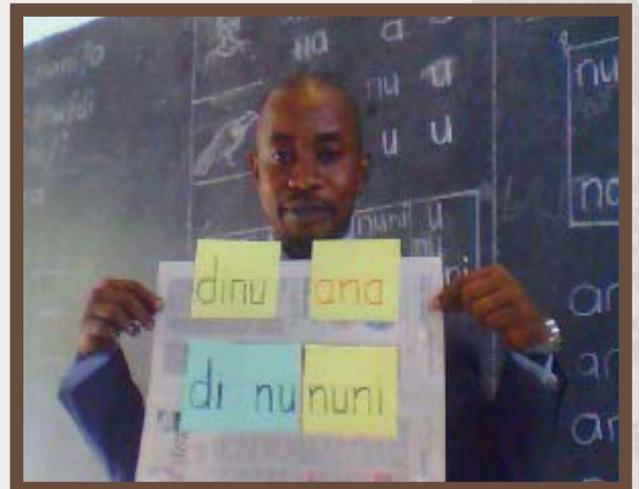
### ILTI IMPACT

#### ALEXIS MATA ILTI 2011

Pastor Alexis Mata, ILTI 2011, serves in Congo Brazzaville, Africa. He has had a busy training schedule this summer holding a training for church representatives in Brazzaville in late June



and a second training for women at Pointe-Noire in mid-July. He says, "This training is important because in my church more Christians, particularly women and youth, cannot read and write. They cannot read the Bible themselves and are waiting for the pastor's interpretation. In this condition they cannot grow in their Christian life." Kikongo is Alexis' mother tongue, but he also speaks fluent French, Lingala, and English. Literacy training is offered in Kikongo and Lingala, and Alexis' program also offers ESL training for those who want to learn English. English may be a third or even fourth language learned by Africans who are usually fluent in several local languages.



*A student from the June Brazzaville Tutor Training Workshop demonstrates what he has learned.*

*"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."*

PHILEMON 1:4-7 NIV

PRAYER REQUESTS

**MONDAY:** Please pray for LEI missionaries throughout the world who faithfully share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of literacy.

**TUESDAY:** Please pray for our Member Nation Partners serving with **LEI - CANADA**, **Literacy International - Sierra Leone**, **Alfabetização e Evangelização Internacional (Brazil)**, **Evangelización por Alfabetización (Peru)**, and **Global Literacy Mission (South Korea)**.

**WEDNESDAY:** Please pray for our Strategic Partners especially those with **India Literacy Trust**, **India Bible Literature**, **Bible League International**, **United Bible Society**, and **The P.E.A.C.E. Plan: Saddleback Church**.

**THURSDAY:** Please pray for our **ILTI 2013 graduates** as they return to their ministries and implement what they have learned.

**FRIDAY:** Please pray for our **former ILTI graduates** as they implement literacy evangelism programs around the world.

**WEEKENDS:** Please thank our Lord for **Partners** serving throughout the world as they share the message of Jesus through the gift of reading, improving the social and economic situation of the poor, but most importantly enabling them to read the Bible for themselves. Thank our Lord for those who support LEI.

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