

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading in English and local languages



Class of 2022 in Rendille and Swahili



FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

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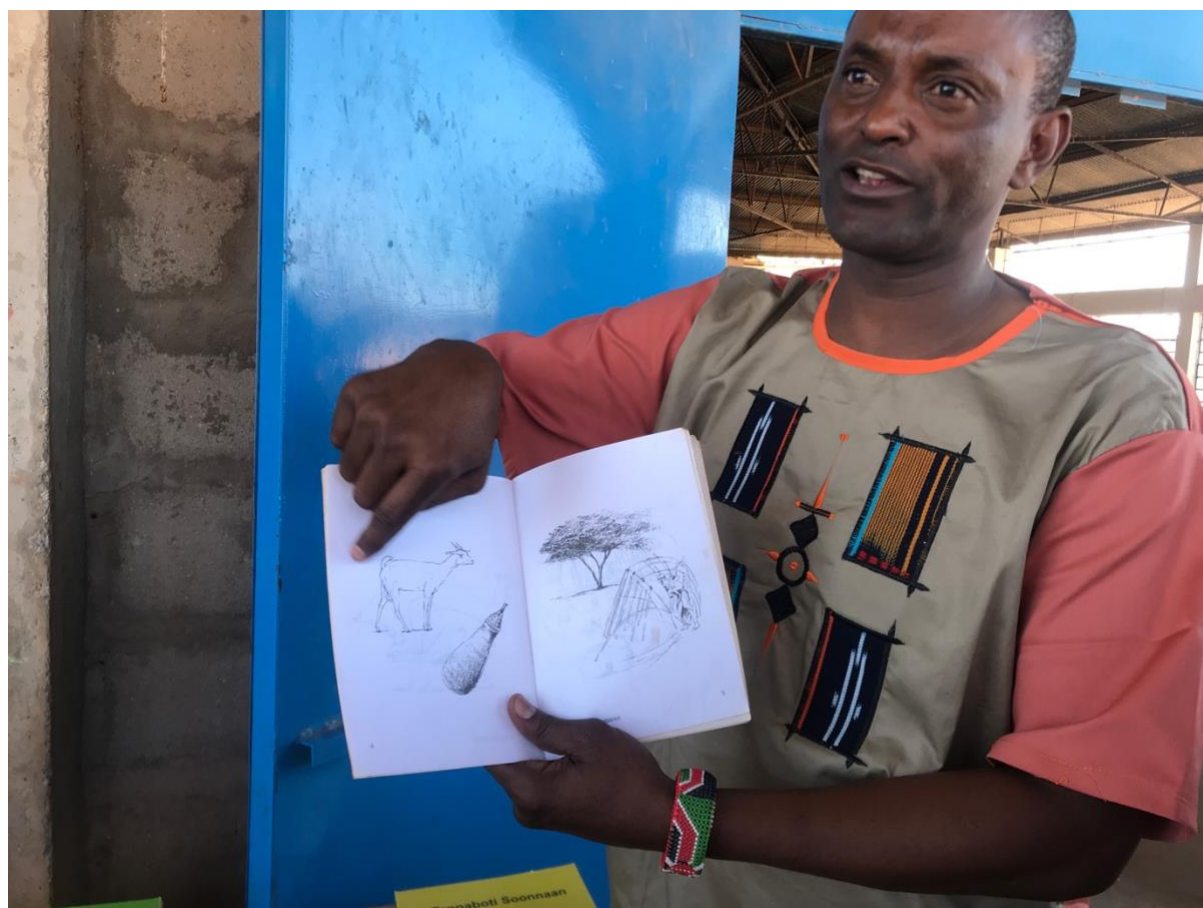
“I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink...”
(Matthew 25:35 GNT)

We are in our third year of our policy on constructive engagement with individuals and organizations who, just like us, are working to fulfil the Great Commission. We continue to mobilize local resources for the benefit of the ‘hungry and thirsty’ in our literacy classes.

Learning to mobilize resources locally

We thank God that in 2022, L&E Kenya was able to mobilize local resources to the tune of \$ 3,199: \$210 for Bible translation and literacy, \$1,040 for skills training for our ESL program for refugees from DR Congo, \$386 for two teacher training workshops, \$300 for the Annual Bible reading Marathon and \$1,263 in support of our New Readers program among the Rendille. What is significant is not the amounts involved but the fact that the resources were mobilized from among our partners and supporters in the country.

Literacy as a tool for evangelism and church planting



Pastor David Gargule

Our new partners, Tirrim (a faith-based organization in Northern Kenya) graduated 98 Learners in Rendille and 6 in Swahili. In his

remarks during the graduation, Pastor David Gargule, the CEO of Tirrim, noted that “as a result of the literacy program we have **planted 5 churches** in the last three years. Many of those graduating today came to know Jesus as their personal savior as they attended the classes”

The gift of reading improves learners’ financial and social status



This is Lkuul (center holding certificate), one of the only 2 male graduates of the class of 2022 in Rendille literacy program. In 2020, Lkuul was recruited by a local animal conservation outfit in a program to study the habitats of the Grey’s Zebras. He was given a cell phone to enable him to collect data: the numbers of zebras he spotted daily, where they were located, what they were feeding on and so on. He was required to send frequent reports to his employers. He soon realized apart from using the cell phone for calls, he could not operate any other function. That’s when he joined the Rendille literacy class. At the end of two years, local government administration (left in

uniform) and his employers (lady on the right) are now very happy with his performance. Lkuul says “I am now confident of my employment and my status in the community has improved thanks to my literacy skills. I can now read and write in Rendille and Swahili”

Literacy improves the welfare of women



This is Swari: a new reader in Rendille

19-year-old Swari, is married with two children. She can now read and write in Rendille.

She is reading from the book of Matthew 5:25-34 (The story of the woman with the issue of blood). During the graduation ceremony she received a female goat from the elders of the community.

Traditionally, she is not allowed to own livestock but her status as a new reader has elevated her in the eyes of her community. Livestock is the main source of livelihood for the Rendille.

Swari says: “I can write down the dates for antenatal clinic visits and also send and receive money on my phone”

Skills Training for ESL students who are ‘The Light of the World’

Our skills training program for students in the ESL class of the Church Restoration Power Church in Nairobi is up and running. There are 11 members (8 women and 3 men) all refugees from DR Congo who are in this program. We meet twice a week for two hours: to learn English and a skill.

Currently there are three skills open to them: Dress making, Cookery and Beauty and Cosmetics. L&E Kenya provides the teacher and the ESL materials. We also mobilize local resources for the skills training program. Learners are examined and receive certificates from central government



Foods prepared by the cookery class students.



Pastor Elijah Mughisho: Trainer for Dress Making class

Financial Report: Income 2022

International program support	\$7,200
International Missionary support	\$ 3,640
Local program support	\$3,199
Local Administrative support	\$1,500
Others	\$1,121
International Adm. support	\$480

Total	\$13,941
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Financial Report: Expenses 2022

Missionary Expenses	\$ 3,640
Programs.	\$ 5,759
Management & Admin.	\$ 2,542
Reserves	\$ 2,000

Total. **\$ 13,941**

New Readers Enrolment and Graduation in Local Languages

This is an aggregate report from our partners.

Partner	number in class	Graduates in 2022
• Caris	908	17
• Tirrim	272	104
• KELC	173	89
• AIC	22	-
• Others	47	13
Totals	1,422	223

Enrolment and Graduation in ESL

Partner	number in class	Graduates in 2022
• CPRC *	16.	-
• NBC*	3	-
Totals	19.	-

- * CPRC (Church Power Restoration Church)
- * NBC (Nairobi Baptist Church)

Teachers Trained in the year

ESL	Local Languages
10	11

Total number of teachers trained 19

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The Bible is still a closed book to many speakers of local languages. Literacy & Evangelism Kenya works with the Church to make the gift of reading in English and local languages available to all.