

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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



The graduands of the Africa Region Literacy Training Institute, Nairobi 2024



National Director

Joseph Matheka

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

The highlight of 2024 for the L&E family was the hosting of a Regional Literacy Training Institute (RLTI_A) in Nairobi. The two-week institute ran from October 16 through 30 and was attended by 32 participants from 8 nations of Africa.

The Director of Adult Education in the Ministry of Education in Kenya performed the opening ceremony. In her opening remarks she praised Literacy & Evangelism Kenya for the partnership that we have shared with the Ministry of Education. “Over the years my ministry has benefited from the partnership with ministry of Literacy and Evangelism Kenya. Indeed, all our adult literacy primers are based on the Literacy & Evangelism International methodology and our primer construction workshops have also benefited from the expertise offered by L&E personnel in Kenya”.

We are eternally grateful to Rev. Dr. Sid Rice, the Director of LEI, who provided significant financial support for the institute and Dr. James Kigamwa, the LEI MD for Africa and the Middle East, who also made valuable contributions during the preparatory stage and throughout the Institute.

Additionally, members from Literacy & Evangelism Ghana played a major role in planning the RLTI_A 2024.

I hope this RLTI will be the first of many literacy training institutes in Africa.

Local literacy Training Workshops



Learners at the Training Workshop for Church Missionary Aid

The CMA has a total of 18 classes scattered in various Maasai Districts of Kenya. The number of learners per class is determined by the seasons of the year for the majority of the learners have to migrate with their flocks in search of pasture. The learners sometime take as long as 3 years. A total of 13 teachers were trained on how to use the L&E Maasai primer to teach adults to read and to write.

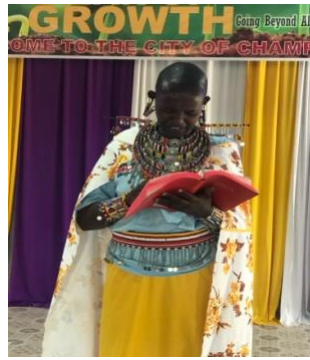
Local Literacy fundraising Partnerships

In the last one year we joined one of our best supporters: ***Bible Translation & Literacy*** in raising funds for Bible Literacy in local languages. During the “***Run for The Bibleless***” We were able to raise \$ 969. Thanks to a matching grant of \$2,000 from LEI we were able to revise and print our Swahili material (500 primers and 100 sets of Lesson charts.

Each A1size lesson chart contains 25 full lessons and is very convenient for teaching large literacy classes.



Part of Team L&E at the Run for the Bibleless March 15, 2024 .



Some of the beneficiaries of free Bibles and primers



Rev. Lawerteh (L&E Ghana) presents a chart



Using a lesson chart in a workshop

Capacity building for local institutions in ESLM and Local literacy

We thank God that over the years L&E Kenya has become the “go to” source of literacy materials and capacity building for literacy workers and institutions in Kenya and the wider Eastern Africa region.

In the last two years, two institutions of higher learning have reached to us to develop their capacities in training for adult literacy programs. A local Lutheran Seminary training student from Eastern Africa (many of them French speakers) reached out to for training in teaching of English as a Second Language. We are currently also running a one-week Workshop, each new semester, for a theological college, run by the Africa Inland Church and training pastors (some of whom benefited from adult literacy classes). We hope the skills

learned will help the pastors to start and develop literacy programs in local languages after graduation.

These partnerships are vital for creating awareness for the great need for literacy as a tool for church planting, evangelism and discipleship



Lutheran Theological Seminary, Kimuka



Africa Inland Church College, Narok

New Reader Testimonies 1: Pastor Nkongoni

Pastor Moses Nangari, The coordinator of the Literacy Program at AIC Narok Theological College writes:

In the year 2023, we received an unusual pastor trainee by the name, Andrew Nkongoni.

He shared how God had called him to plant and pastor a church in his own home. He soon began to experience challenges in his ministry because he was not trained to be a pastor.

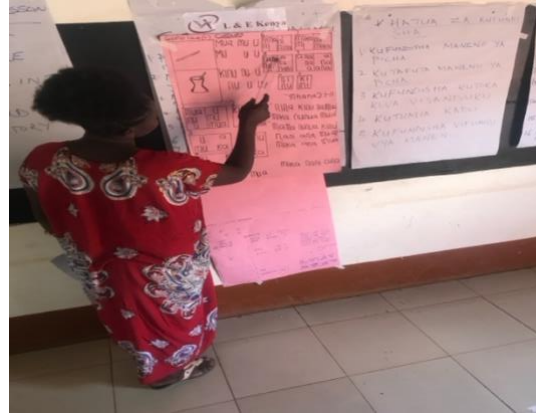
As much as Nkongoni, wanted to study for pastoral studies, he had two very pressing challenges: he could not read or write, and he was a father of three.

Nkongoni testifies: “I have seen God in my journey to serve my people as a pastor. First, Narok College accepted me for a certificate course on condition that I passed my literacy classes in Maasai. In six months, I became a New Reader and could now read and write in my mother tongue. It was not easy but at every turn, I remembered the call of God on my life and that spurred me on. The courses in the

college are in Maasai and Swahili. In September 2024, I successfully graduated with a Certificate in Bible & Theology and was later in the year ordained as a pastor. My congregation are amazed that I can now read the Maasai Bible. Thanks to the ministry of L&E Kenya, I have started a literacy class in my church and hope to graduate New Readers later in the year.”



Pastor Nkongoni in Bible College



Lulu at a TTW

New Reader Testimonies 2: Lulu

Lulu (not her real name) is from the Borana tribe. The Borana are found in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia. They are mainly nomadic pastoralists. This lifestyle prevented Lulu from going to school and it took her slightly over three years to become literate using the Swahili primer Kumekucha. She is one of the very few literate women in her tribe. In 2023 she attended a teacher training workshop organized by Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) in partnership with L&E Kenya.

This is her testimony “My family only allowed me to attend literacy classes because they wanted me to be employed in one of the few faith-based community organizations working among the Borana of Kenya. I became a Christian as I attended the literacy classes. When I converted into Christianity my family wanted nothing to do with me. I thank God that KELC has been there for me. I am now teaching in two classes supported by the L&E Kenya and the church. I also act as a

translator in evangelistic crusades to the Borana. Being able to read and write has provided many opportunities for me to serve God”.

Financial Report: Income 2024

Category	Amount
International program support	\$2,000
International Missionary support	\$8,075
Local program support	\$769
Local Administrative support	\$1,270
Others	\$384
Reserves	\$00
RLTI_A Grant	\$8,125
Total	\$20,583

Key:

1. *Support for specific L&E literacy programs.*
2. *Support for our missionaries' programs.*
3. *Local funds for specific literacy programs*
4. *Local funds for office & administration*
5. *Sale of primers and workshops/consultancy*

Financial Report: Expenses 2024

Category	Amount
Missionary Expenses	\$ 8,075
Programs	\$ 2,769
Management & Admin	\$ 1,270
*RLTI_A	\$ 9,857
Total	(\$ 21,971)

Key:

1. Expenses for individuals for missions and living expenses.
2. Expenses for L&E literacy programs
3. Office & related expenses

*There is an **over expenditure of \$1,388** for RLTI_A occasioned by forex currency fluctuations. The budget estimates for the RLTI_A were based on **Kes. 140 to the Dollar**. By the time the Institute took place the dollar was at **125 Kes.**

New Readers Enrolment and Graduation in Local Language

Partner	Number in class	Graduates in 2024
CMA	449	152
KELC	209	61
AIC	199	78
Others	34	23
Totals	891	314

Enrolment and Graduation in ESL

Partner	Number in Class	Graduates in 2024
LIA Seminary	-	23
Totals		23

* LIA (Lutherans In Africa). The next intake for LIA is June 2025

Teachers Trained in the year 2024

Partners/Workshops	Teachers Trained
Ngong (A.I.C)	10
Naivasha Independent	12
Taveta (KELC)	14
Nairobi (CMA)	16

New staff at L&E Kenya



Judy (right) with a guest speaker at the Institute

We thank God for new Literacy Workers. Judy Wahinya joined us as a volunteer during the Institute. We are glad that she has agreed to stay on as an intern. She has a wealth of experience in hospitality industry and was a great help in the logics of the Institute.

Some memories of RLTI_A 2024





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