

# All for the Glory of God



**...whatever you do, do it all for the  
glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)



## 2024 Annual Report

## **A Note from Managing Director, Carey Jo Johnston:**

In 2024, LEI Canada continued to equip churches to share the message of Jesus through the gift of reading and conversational English. As we help with the development of local language literacy primers (beginning readers), facilitate on-line trainings, hold in-person trainings, and share at conferences, we always want to remember why we are doing this. Yes, we want to provide a much needed skill for non-readers and non-English speakers to have an abundant life here on earth.



But more importantly, we want students to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth admonished them, “whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31). Here at LEI-Canada, we also want this to be our battle cry... “For the Glory of God!”

So whether we are developing curriculum, training teachers, or training teacher trainers, we can confidently proclaim that whatever we do, we do it all for the glory of God, for the praise of his Glory.

## **LEI-Canada Staff and Volunteers:**

Lorna Tatomir, missionary

Sari Jn-Francois, volunteer





# Canada

## The Ministry of Prayer

### 40 Days of Prayer



We continued our 40 days of prayer during Lent. Prayer items were sent out by email weekly to 57 people who registered to participate.

### Prayer Networks:

Besides the weekly prayer calls and monthly Day of Prayer with the global Literacy & Evangelism network, we also participate in the monthly prayer calls for Southern Ontario Cooperative for English Ministry (SOCEM) and Ottawa ESL Prayer Network (OESLN).



### Sharing the Vision in

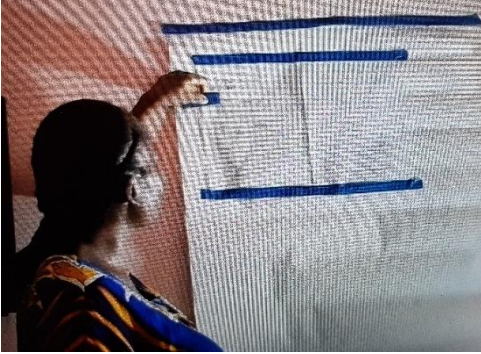
### Churches and Conferences

Rev. Carey Jo Johnston presented the LEI ministry at various churches around the Ottawa Valley in 2024. Board members also shared the ministry with their church connections.

We also participated in the Southern Ontario Cooperative for English Ministry (SOCEM) annual conference in October. Carey Jo presented a workshop on the new *Light of the World* ESL curriculum.

# Training

## On-line Training:



In cooperation with LEI-USA and other Member Nation trainers, Lorna Tatomir and Carey Jo Johnston co-facilitated on-line courses for the Literacy & Evangelism training.

Carey Jo co-facilitated 4 courses:

- Local Language Literacy (8-weeks with 16 trainees),
- Developing a Literacy Ministry (4-weeks with 16 trainees),
- Primer Construction: An Introduction (3-weeks with 14 trainees)
- Primer Construction: Nuts and Bolts (6-weeks with 9 trainees).

Trainees included people from Ghana, Nigeria, Chad, Kenya, Malawi, DRC, Myanmar, Macedonia, Ethiopia, and Canada.

Lorna Tatomir co-facilitated the ESL 8-week on-line training.



## In-Person Training:

We had 2 in-person ESL trainings in 2024. One at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Arnprior where 5 participants learned how to

teach English as a Second Language using the Light of the World Bible-content curriculum. Lorna Tatomir, LEI Canada's missionary living in Leamington, Ontario

joined Carey Jo Johnston as a trainer for this workshop. The goal is to connect with the seasonal workers on nearby farms as well as those refugees who have settled in Arnprior.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> in-person training was at Rehoboth Inner Healing Church in Toronto. The Rehoboth congregation is currently Eritrean refugees and immigrants. Their plan is to reach out to other refugee and immigrant groups by offering English as a Second

Language. Sari Jn-Francois joined Carey Jo Johnston as a trainer for this workshop. Sari had just completed several of the on-line classes and was eager to help with the training. We trained 4 people at the church, but they want to train more.



## Teaching:

Sari and Lorna in the meantime are teaching ESL on-line to 7 of the women from this congregation. Sari (in the middle of the picture) was able to meet several of the women in-person at the training.

In addition to the Eritrean women's on-line class, Lorna also teaches on-line a couple living in Guatemala and a woman from Ukraine living in Florida.



## The Healing Place ESL Ministry:

Nancy Kingdon, currently Chair of the LEI Canada board, continues to be on the leadership team for the ESL ministry at The Healing Place (formerly Evangel) in Oshawa. This year, the team has conducted their own teacher training workshops. The ministry continues to thrive with more classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays with about 100 ESL students from 17 different countries.



This group also traveled to Cuba where they led a teacher training workshop for a local church connected with The Healing Place.



## Supporting Primer Construction

While our Canadian missionary, Carey Jo Johnston, did not travel to help develop primers in 2024, she has supported groups in our Member Nation partners in their primer efforts through video calls and editing primers. She continued to work with the Y primer in Brazil as well as the M language for developing workbooks. She is reviewing primers from Ghana and Nigeria as well.

Plans are in process for an in-person primer workshop for the Serbian language in April, 2025.

*Note: Y and M - Name abbreviated for security reasons.*

LEI Canada hosted Rev. Mathew Kuldip from India on his visit to Ontario. Mathew trained at LEI's in-person International Literacy Training Institute in Tulsa, OK



in 2018. Rev. Kuldip's church, Church of Hope in Feroziner has a ministry to the slums of his area where

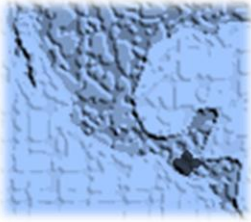
they do medical, food, and literacy ministries. His church is also teaching ESL since English is one of the national languages of India.



Carey Jo also had an opportunity to visit with Nat Nunoo and Angela Crabb, staff with L&E Ghana. They were visiting family in Pennsylvania, USA. Carey Jo and husband Paul traveled from Canada while Penny Feters traveled from Florida for a day visit.



# Ministry Partners



## Latin America Guatemala

**LAMP** <http://www.lampliteracy.org/>



Our national missionary, Director Byron Feliz in Comitancillo, and staff Maria, Herminio. and Eliceo, carry on enabling and promoting Mam literacy. They continue with GEC “Grupos En Casa” (House Groups) for family literacy and discipleship.

- The editing of the hymnal continued and progressed.
- Literacy classes continued with two

groups of women

- Radio programs have continued sharing Bible studies in the mother tongue, reading the Old and New Testaments.
- other Audio and visual material is being worked on to continue promoting the use of the mother tongue and the word of God in the language of the heart.

The completion of the Mam Old Testament Translation. Jan 25, 2025 the dedication of the complete Mam Bible. Now more unity in the church, an answer to prayer.





# L&E Guatemala

- Yovany & Esmerelda Hernandez, Guatemala City



L&E Guatemala has now been accepted as a member nation. They are in the process of completing their government registration.

Yovany and Esmerelda traveled promoting literacy and doing Bible distribution. They traveled to San Juan Sacatepéquez to promote literacy, Bible reading through Bible distribution, and ESL.

They are taking English classes with Lorna (via Zoom) twice a week using the Light of the World ESL curriculum. They are almost finished with the A1 level.



## Colombia - Carolina Perdomo



Carolina has been leading teacher training workshops for literacy in Spanish and local languages in Colombia. She has assisted groups in developing literacy materials in their local languages.

She worked with Yukpa language materials in Venezuela. She is training

Venezuela refugees in her church how to teach literacy.

The Koreguaje primer is now complete and teacher trainings being held.





# Africa

## L&E Malawi –

Supporting literacy in Malawi as Maxwell Mpitanyanga trains teachers in Lambya, Chewa, Yao and Sena languages.



Maxwell, Geoffrey and Chancey assisted in supporting cohorts of the LEI on-line training from Malawi. Maxwell held a teacher training in Lilongwe, while Geoffrey and Chancey had a 1 day workshop in Blantyre area.

Maxwell visited classes to give out certificates and held teacher training workshops.



The students at a class under the shade of the Ndamela.

# L&E Ghana –

[www.literacyevangelismghana.org](http://www.literacyevangelismghana.org)

Supporting Literacy & Evangelism Ghana – particularly in primer construction.



The Ghana team completed the Nzema primer and is working on the Okere language primer. Rev. Carey Jo Johnston assisted in reviewing and editing materials via email and Zoom.

L&E Ghana staff carried out Teacher Trainer trainings with the Pentecostal church in many areas of Ghana. They followed up on some classes started where new learners completed their reading courses.

They are also developing workbooks for languages and preparing the newest edition of the Teaching Guide for many of their language primers.

They also celebrated World Literacy Day on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



# L&E Benin –

[www.literacybenin.org](http://www.literacybenin.org)

Daniel and Leocadie Awolou manage Literacy & Evangelism Benin.

They printed the Sola primer and began training literacy teachers for this language.

They continue the training of evangelists, pastors, and church members as literacy teachers in the Lokpa, French, Fulani, Sola and Yom languages.



**Chabi Leke Minsi**

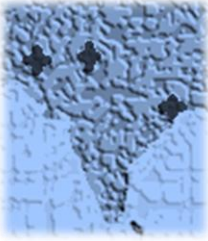


*"My name is Chabi Leke Minsi. I didn't have the chance to go to school, but today, literacy classes are a golden opportunity for me. I'm learning to read and write in my mother tongue, and the Sola application allows me to revise at my own pace after class. The Bible teachings shared in the WhatsApp group also help me enormously in my faith and learning. I encourage all young people, like me, to join these online courses. It's a unique opportunity not to be missed!"*

They continue to develop French as a Second Language lessons.

Also they are developing an app so that literacy learners can practice and learn to read in their language. Currently in Sola, they are also working with Asante in Ghana.





# Asia

## Literacy International India

—Gyan M. - Director



- Hephzi D. assisted with ESL online training. Continuing to teach ESL on-line and in-person.
- Gyan teaches ESL to 24 children at the Little Flock Discipleship School as well as oversees literacy classes in the tea district.
- Continue to edit the Bru primer for publication.
- Doing Teacher Training workshops

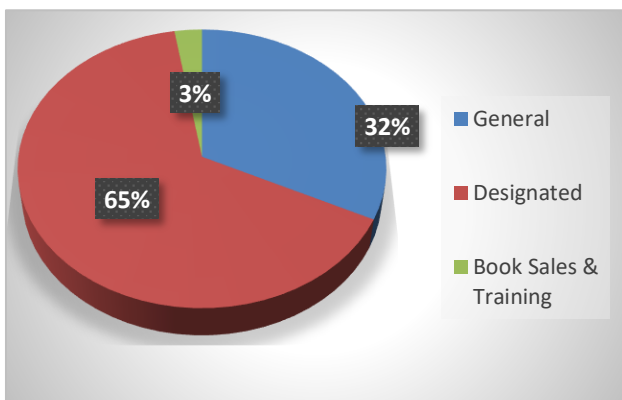
- Ministry centre for office and holding trainings almost complete: final needs, water tank and system and gate for compound.

- Becoming more difficult to do Christian Ministry.





# 2024 Financials

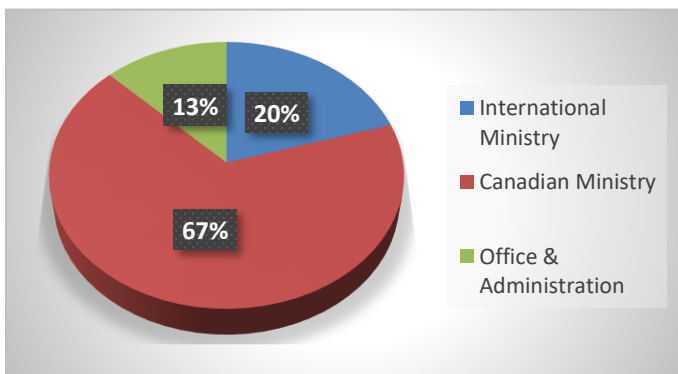


## Income:

General	-	\$ 12,030 (35%)
Designated	-	\$ 24,358 (65%)
Book Sales & Training	-	\$ 978 (3%)
<b>TOTAL INCOME. ....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,366*</b>

\*Includes \$1,568.38 from Retained Funds

**To Retained Earnings ..... \$ 5,900**



## Expenses:

International Ministry:	\$	6,061.25 (20%)
Canada Ministry:	\$	20,107.80 (67%)
Curriculum Printing	\$	529.21
Public Relations	\$	554.19
Other	\$	1,475.67
Payroll	\$	17,548.73
Office & Admin.	\$	3,735.60 (13%)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,904.65</b>

# The Mission

Literacy & Evangelism International equips the Church to share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading and conversational English.

## 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 that expand the mission of LEI.

### Canadian Board of Directors:

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