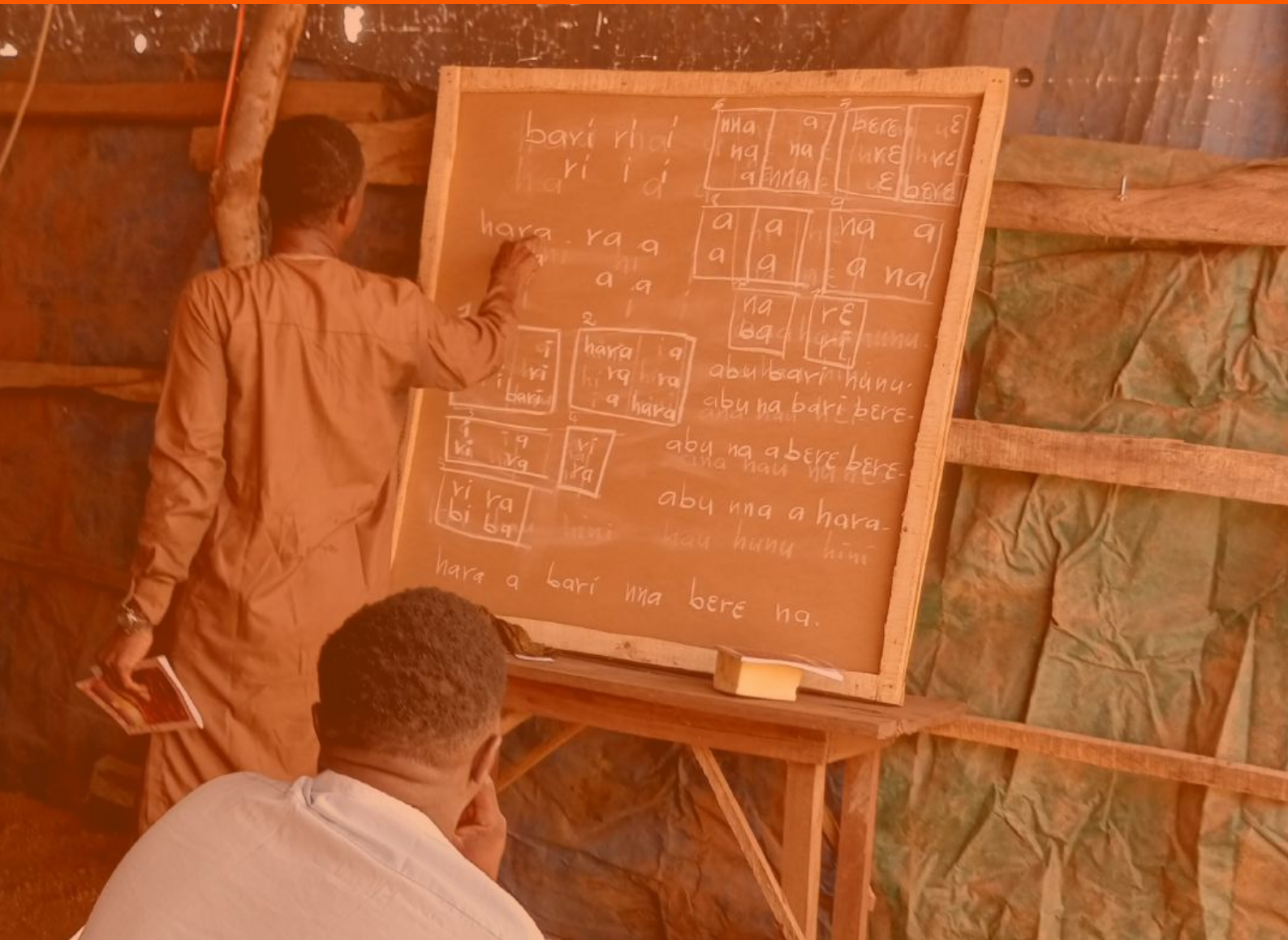


# Annual Report, 2025



# Introduction

"Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies."  
(Psalm 103:2-4)

First and foremost, we want to give glory and honor to the Lord our God. This passage from Scripture expresses what fills our hearts: deep gratitude to the One who showers us with His blessings and surrounds us with His goodness every day.

Throughout 2025, we have seen God's faithfulness manifested in so many ways. His presence has accompanied us in our mission; his protective hand has watched over us and our families. He has kept us safe during our travels, he has sustained us when we were tired, he has strengthened us in the face of challenges. The fruits we see today bears witness that everything comes from Him and is accomplished for His glory.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our precious partners. Through your faithful prayers, encouragement, brotherly love, and constant commitment, you contribute directly to the advancement of the Lord's work in Benin. Thanks to your spiritual and material support, the love of Jesus Christ is proclaimed and shared within communities through our literacy and evangelism programs. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We give thanks to God for the privilege of walking together in this mission.

## A year of divine favor and provision

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." (Psalm 23:1)

2025 will remain etched in our memories as a year of exceptional favor. In the twenty years of our ministry's existence, we had never experienced such a rapid and complete mobilization of the resources needed for our programs among the Fulani and Dendi peoples. This provision enabled us to secure all the activities planned for the first months of the year.

During the same period, God provided the logistical means we really needed. The acquisition of a vehicle transformed our ability to move around and work effectively in the field. These blessings clearly show that God intervenes at the right time, and often beyond our expectations. They have strengthened our faith and confirmed that the Lord fully guides and supports the work He has entrusted to us.



Literacy Benin's new vehicle

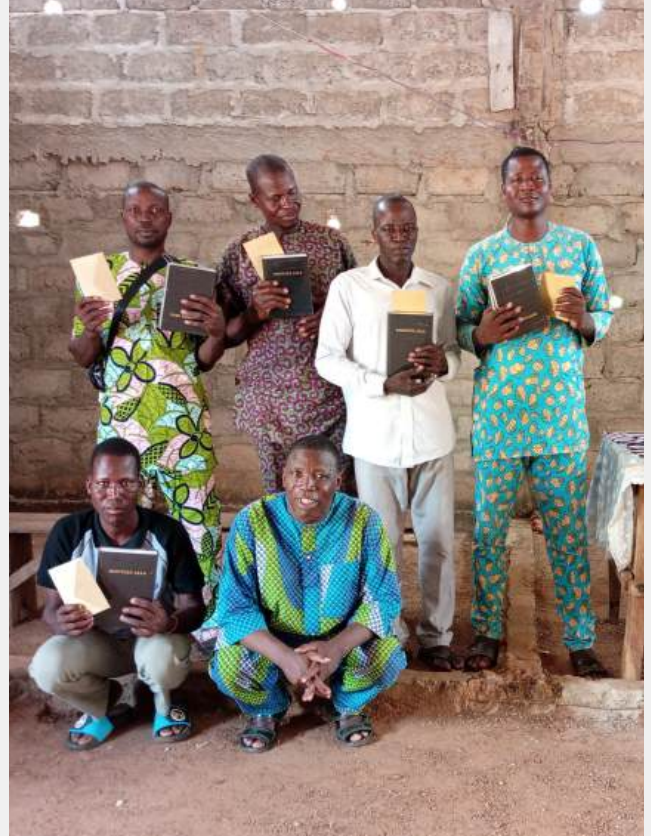
# Ministry among the Fulani people

## Results and achievements in 2025

The year 2025 was a season of consolidation for our ministry among the Fulani people. After laying the foundations in recent years, we witnessed a remarkable acceleration in God's work. Thanks to Him and your faithful support, our work has gained greater structure and reach. The commitment of our teams in the field, now equipped with a dedicated vehicle, has enabled us to reach more isolated nomadic camps than before.

Between February and August 2025, training sessions for literacy teachers were organized in the Bethlehem and Bougou areas. The objective was to strengthen their teaching skills and equip them to lead Bible reading clubs. Particular attention has been paid to conducting **inductive Bible studies** in order to ensure structured and participatory facilitation tailored to the learners' level.

Each teacher received a Bible, which serves as their main teaching tool for their activities in the field. At the end of these training sessions, **16 reading clubs were created: 5 in the Bethlehem area and 11 in the Bougou area**. In the months that followed, these clubs brought together more than **230 participants**. The clubs mainly welcome students who already know how to read, having completed at least level 2 of literacy classes, ensuring strong pedagogical continuity and deeper learning.



Literacy teachers from a training session holding their bible and financial envelope in Bethlehem



Literacy teachers from a training session holding their bible and financial envelope in Bougou



Consultation before a training session in Frignon



The 10 new literacy teachers

Monitoring and evaluation were carried out continuously throughout the year through regular field visits, learner assessments, and discussions with teachers. These activities made it possible to measure progress, correct what was not working well, and ensure alignment with program objectives.

To keep beneficiaries motivated, we organized incentive activities after the assessments, distributing kits and gifts. Appropriate teaching materials (textbooks, teaching aids, and tools) were distributed to classes and teachers to facilitate course monitoring. We also provided financial incentives to 13 literacy teachers, which helps to stabilize the teams and ensure the continuity of activities.

With the sustainability of the program in mind, 10 new teachers were trained in 2025. They will be mobilized for the opening of 10 new classes starting in January 2026, which will expand the geographical coverage of the project. They have already received materials to start the new classes.



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We are filled with immense joy and give thanks to God, because this ministry is bearing fruit far beyond literacy. Remarkably, this work is even inspiring pastoral vocations among our own learners. Four people from our literacy classes, after encountering the Lord as their Savior, felt a clear call to ministry. They decided to enroll in the Fulani Bible School in N'Dali to prepare to serve as pastors. New pastors, perhaps for new churches... because a new Fulani church has been born in Frignon, composed of new believers formerly from Islam. Praise be to God

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I always dreamed of having a Bible, but since I couldn't read, I lacked the motivation to buy one. Now I have one at my disposal. I am improving my reading skills at the club and reading at home. Day by day, I am gaining a better understanding of God's Word through the club's Bible study.

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# Ministry among the Dendi people

The first and certainly the most delicate step was to identify and recruit people willing to become teachers and evangelists in a community where about 99% of the population is Muslim. This search was done in prayer and with great dependence on the Lord. The response was miraculous.

The Lord led us to **Mohamed**, a young man whose search for truth led him to compare the Qur'an and the Bible. This journey culminated in his conversion to Jesus Christ.

Today, Mohamed is actively involved in translating the Bible into the Dendi language. This is fundamental work for rooting the Word of God in this community. We have recruited three other teachers to work alongside him, bringing the team to four members. Among them is a young muslim woman who decided to join us, motivated by the memory of similar work her grandfather had done with the youth in her neighborhood. It is beautiful to see how God prepares hearts across generations.



First literacy class in Djougou, led by Mohamed (right)

The operational phase began with a teacher training workshop in Djougou, where four instructors received the pedagogical and spiritual tools needed to lead the program. To support their work, we distributed 2,000 Dendi-language primers with biblical content, which serve as the core learning material.



Training of Dendi literacy teachers

We chose a flexible, discreet, and innovative approach to reach diverse audiences. On the one hand, we set up home-based literacy classes, adapted to the socio-cultural context and allowing learners to be taught in a familiar and safe environment. On the other hand, we have developed a strategy specifically targeting young people. To this end, we have rented two community broadcasting centers, locally known as "canal+," where young people regularly gather to watch international soccer matches. We now organize literacy classes just before the sports broadcasts begin.

This approach allows us to capture their attention in an environment they enjoy frequenting and to introduce them to reading and writing in Dendi, while creating a space for dialogue and sharing around biblical values. All this is done in a dynamic that is educational, relational, and culturally relevant.



A Dendi class, led by Mohamed in a Canal+ center

The opening and effective functioning of the classes were made possible through the distribution of complete teaching materials (educational kits, blackboards, supplies) and the implementation of monthly motivational support for each of the four teachers, in recognition of their valuable commitment. A regular monitoring and evaluation system was established, including supervision visits and learning assessments and adapt methods to learners' real needs



The distribution of teaching materials



One of the Dendi classes led by Madelaine during a follow-up visit



A woman reading a few sentences in Dendi

We give thanks to God for these significant advances, which lay the practical foundations for the emergence of the first Dendi Christian community. We continue to pray fervently for teachers and learners, that the Lord may strengthen their faith, guide their steps, and open their hearts wide to His message of love and salvation.

## Teaching and supervision mission of Pastor Michael Lee and Dr. Jennifer Edic in Benin

From December 2 to 6, 2025, Pastor Michael Lee of Encounter Church and Dr. Jennifer Edic carried out a mission of teaching, supervision, and encouragement in Benin. They traveled to the heart of the Fulani and Dendi communities where our literacy and evangelism programs are implemented. The main purpose of this field visit was to strengthen the capacities of church leaders, evaluate the impact of ongoing activities, and meet with beneficiaries.

### Day One: Conferences for Fulani Pastors and Women in Bethlehem

The mission began in Bethlehem, key center of our Fulani ministry. Pastor Michael Lee, assisted by Mason Bryant, led a conference for Fulani pastors and church leaders on Forgiveness, addressing a crucial need within the communities and among the leaders themselves. This teaching explored forgiveness as an indispensable pillar for unity among leaders and healing of collective memories. It offered biblical and practical tools for exercising reconciliatory leadership, thereby promoting greater cohesion among the Fulani.

At the same time, Dr. Jennifer Edic led a rich and practical conference dedicated to women, and more specifically to pastors' wives, on the education of children. It was a wonderful opportunity for women to collaborate and strengthen the community.



Conferences for Fulani Pastors with pastor Michael Lee



Women's conference with Dr. Jennifer



Group photo with participants

## Day two: Visit to Frignon and Djougou

The second day focused on an in-depth field visit to the village of Frignon. The objectives were to assess the progress of activities, meet with beneficiaries, and celebrate together. A highlight of the visit was the official presentation and educational demonstration by 10 new literacy teachers trained in 2025. In front of the community, they demonstrated their mastery of the method and their commitment to opening new classes in January 2026.



Visit to Frignon with the notable presence of the King of Frignon



Handover of materials to ten new literacy teachers

In the afternoon, the delegation traveled to Djougou to visit the Dendi language literacy classes. This visit was an opportunity to meet the four teachers and their students. In a warm and encouraging atmosphere, the visitors were able to observe the remarkable progress of the program, discuss the challenges, and offer words of support and motivation to the entire team. A particularly moving moment was when learners themselves read simple Dendi texts aloud, demonstrating tangible early fruits of learning and reinforcing the vision of a future literate Dendi Christian community rooted in God's Word.



Here with all the Dendi literacy teachers and a local authority



Dendi literacy classes during the mission.



### Day Three: Institutional visits

The delegation visited the Fulani Bible School in N'Dali, a pioneering theological training institute dedicated to preparing Fulani pastors and evangelists, allowing fruitful exchanges with staff and students. They also visited the Evangelical Hospital of Bembéréké, a major Christian institution in the Borgou region.

This mission greatly revitalized and encouraged Literacy Benin in all its activities.

## A Few Words About Other Ministries

### Lokpa ministry

In 2025, the Lokpa ministry continued to grow through the active engagement of local churches, which opened new literacy classes. To support this expansion, a major reprinting of Lokpa Primers was undertaken: 2,000 copies each of Book 1 and Book 2. Numerous Lokpa Bible reading clubs were also established, bringing together former and new learners. This dynamic led to improved biblical engagement and culminated in a certificate and awards ceremony held in Kakikoka from August 30–31, 2025.



Lokpa Primers



Participants proudly receiving their certificates and awards during the ceremony in Kakikoka.

### **Sola ministry**

The Sola ministry maintained steady progress throughout the year. Local churches continued literacy classes, complemented by online WhatsApp courses involving learners from several West African countries. These distance courses rely on the ongoing use of the Sola application developed by Literacy Benin.

### **Yom ministry**

Literacy among the Yom people showed strong dynamism, marked by the opening of new classes. In response to growing demand, Yom Primers were produced and supplied to partner NGOs and government services, introducing the Gospel into other secular institutions through biblical content.

## **Family News**

We give thanks to God for His faithfulness to our family, for His constant protection, and for the good health He grants us day after day. The past year has also been marked by great family blessings. A source of joy and deep gratitude.

We also praise God for the lives of our sons, Schallom and Jeremie, and for their faithful commitment to ministry.

We give special thanks to God for the birth and first birthday of our little daughter Jemima, Schallom and Latifa's daughter. A deep reason for thanksgiving for our whole family. We are also grateful for Jeremie's marriage to Benedicte, which took place in very good conditions, in peace and joy. These family milestones encourage us and strengthen us in our commitment and service.



Daniel, Leocadie, Schallom, Latifa and Jemima



Jeremie and Benedicte

**TABLE 1. LITERACY TEACHERS AND EVANGELISTS TRAINED**

| Languages | Number | Comments   |
|-----------|--------|--|
| Fulani    | 45     | 23 literacy teachers<br>22 pastors and evangelists |
| Dendi     | 4      | Literacy teachers                                  |
| Total     | 49     | -  |

**TABLE 2. READING CLUBS**

| Languages | Number | Number of participants | Comments                                |
|-----------|--------|------------------------|---|
| Fulani    | 16     | 230                    | -                                       |
| Lokpa     | 51     | 1,502                  | Youth of the Lokpa Evangelical Churches |
| Total     | 67     | 1,732                  | -                                       |

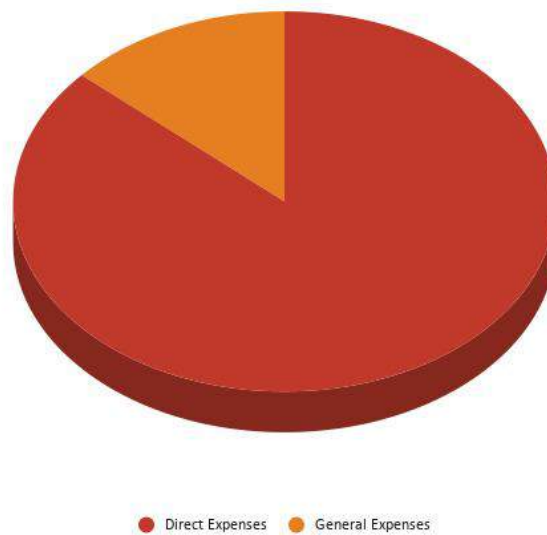
**TABLE 3. LITERACY CLASS LEARNERS**

| Languages | Number | Number of learners | Comments                          |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fulani    | 13     | 468                | Number of learners in 13 villages |
| Dendi     | 6      | 93                 | -                                 |
| Total     | 19     | 561                | -                                 |

## TABLE 4. 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

| Category                            | Amount (USD)    | Comments  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>INCOME</b>                       |                 |   |
| <b>Other Donations &amp; Grants</b> | \$9,950         | Individual donors & project grants  |
| <b>Encounter Eastside Church</b>    | \$17,000        | Monthly support + special projects  |
| <b>Barzillai Foundation</b>         | \$1,400         | Monthly support   |
| <b>Total Incomes</b>                | <b>\$28,350</b> |   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                     |                 |   |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>              | \$24,500        | Literacy projects supported by EEC, Primers Print Fund, Asante Language App   |
| <b>Direct Expenses</b>              | \$3,800         | Literacy campaigns (Lokpa, Yom, Sola) , supervision, travel & living expenses |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               | <b>\$28,350</b> |   |

Expenses Breakdown — 2025



For the full detailed report with monthly breakdown, [click here](#).

# Outlook And Prayer Topics For 2026

As we look ahead to 2026, we see exciting opportunities for expansion. We ask for your prayers for:

## **Continuation and expansion of activities**

Pray for the opening of new literacy classes among the Fulani, Dendi, and other languages, the welcoming of new learners, the birth of new churches, and the development of new Bible reading clubs.

## **Ongoing training for leaders and their wives**

Pray for the regular organization of training sessions for pastors and evangelists. These trainings are essential for equipping our local leaders. Pray for the mobilization of resources and that these times will bear lasting fruit.

## **Development of a Fulani mobile app**

At the request of the Fulani community, we want to develop a Fulani Primer app (similar to the one created for the Sola people) to launch distance learning classes and get more young people involved. Pray for wisdom, the necessary financial and technical resources, and that this tool will touch the hearts of many young Fulani people.

*Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our work. Together, we are seeing God's work progress among these peoples. To God be the glory!*

## Let's stay connected

Have a question, an idea, or a partnership opportunity? We'd love to hear from you.

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If you feel led to support Literacy Benin's mission and help expand access to learning, here are a few ways to join us:

- Pray / encourage: for our team, learners, and the programs ahead this year.
- Give: your support helps fund training, learning materials, and community follow-up.
- Share the mission: spread the word and help us reach more communities.
- Get involved: volunteer, mentor, trainer, local ambassador, every contribution matters.