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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

**LITERACY
EVANGELISM
DRCONGO**

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National Director's Message



Dears partners, staff and community members,

The year 2025 marked a decisive turning point in the consolidation of our vision as well as in the fight against illiteracy. Convinced that education is the foundation of all social and spiritual development, we have placed advocacy with religious institutions at the heart of our strategy.

In a national context where educational challenges remain numerous, our mission is to provide urgent guidance : Leave no one behind. The dialogue we have initiated with religious leaders will help break down cultural barriers.

Through awareness-raising efforts, we continue to demonstrate to churches the direct impact of our mission on empowerment of the faithful. The launch of this strategic partnership will enable us to open new centers following training workshops for literacy teachers within the communities, thereby transforming places of worship into true vehicles of knowledge. **Habakkuk 2:2, Brother Sila-ndunda Junior**

Highlights and News

THE YOUTH OF PATMOS

The year 2025 was marked by an intensification of our activities, advocacy efforts, and technical expansion of our training offerings. We conducted visits to strategic sites and churches, always with the goal of spreading the good news through reading ; We received requests for collaboration from several regions of the DRC, particularly in the Eastern part of the country, where the need is somewhat slightly greater than elsewhere.

This year's success rests above all on our ability to convince opinion leaders-namely, the heads of religious denominations as well as on our strong cooperation with the leaders of various organizations. Despite refusals and demands from other leaders, the results lead us to say today, "Glory to God", thanks to request for collaboration from numerous volunteers. More than twenty of them, residing in Bukavu, South Kivu (DRC), and forming a group called "The youth of Patmos" are led by Brother Bahala Rutikanga Elie. Their routine activities include prayer, recreation, sports, worship and bible study are part of their daily activities.



Legend (from left to right) : Brother Bahala Rutikanga Elie & the youth of Patmos

This group of more than twenty members is an association of believers from several local churches whose main objective is to lead teenagers and young adults on the path of Jesus Christ through Bible teaching, spiritual guidance and living testimony. Led by brother Bahala Rutikanga Elie, an active member of the Bible Reading League in the children and youth department and a theology graduate, he has a vision to raise a generation of teenagers and young adults rooted in the word of God, capable of living out their Christian faith with maturity, integrity, and responsibility within society ; the organization quickly recognized the impact and value of literacy in a mission that includes: regular bible teaching, discipleship from a young age. Eager to serve as volunteers in the literacy mission, as a first step, we completed several online training sessions with practical exercises lasting several hours behind the camera. While awaiting certification, which will take place before the second phase (in-person training), the young people of Patmos are teaching in the field through neighborhood groups.



Patmos Literacy center and youth Groups

ADVOCACY WITH CHURCHES

As part of our advocacy efforts with religious institutions, several of these churches are receptive to these opportunities and have received our letters requesting collaboration in evangelism through literacy programs. Despite their satisfaction, some are required to obtain approval from their legal representatives, others do not respond favorably, and still others accept the request and provide us with workspace- as in the case of the MBANZA-MALAWU Church.



A church originally founded by black people, with a very distinctive focus that sets it apart from other black churches ("African independent churches", a term coined by Africans to describe movements born out of a desire to break away from colonial missionary churches) : the focus on accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. As distinctive features, black churches often incorporate local cultural elements (national languages, traditional instruments, dream interpretation) and emphasize the healing and spiritual liberation of black people based on the prophecies and teachings of the prophet SIMON KIMBANGU.

LEGEND : My recent visit to church mbanza-malawu

A church where I was recently invited for the fifth time to speak about Jesus Christ through the holy scriptures and the personal discovery of his love for us through the gift of reading. A surprising reality for a church of black people, most of whom : hate the bible and use their sacred texts, "Nkanda wa Nlongo" or "Sacred Book" in Kikongo, consider Jesus Christ to be merely a prophet sent to the Jews and not the Son of God. Of course, in addition to prayer and faith in Jesus Christ, The Mbanza-Malawu church maintains certain rituals consistent with its doctrines, such as: removing shoes before entering the church, women and young girls wearing headscarves, no pants or skirts-only dresses or loincloths when entering the church.



My recent preaching in MBANZA-MALAWU Church

A church with more than 200 members, praying and singing much more in Kikongo and Lingala ; with its two commonly used languages, it has become a major partner in literacy and evangelism in this community.

OUR LOCAL MINISTRY

Literacy remains, now more than ever, the essential foundation upon which all sustainable development rests. Through out 2025, our ministry continued its long-standing mission with renewed determination, recognizing that proficiency reading, writing and arithmetic is the first step toward self-reliance and civic empowerment. As heirs to a noble vision initiated by our founder, we have transformed this legacy into a modern and inclusive driving force.

This year was marked not only by the consolidation of our achievements in education but also by a deep commitment to responding to the social changes environment. As practitioners on the ground, we see every day how literacy transforms individual life paths by providing our beneficiaries with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-changing society.



Legend 1 : Recycling at Bandal Literacy center



Legend 2 : Training literacy instructors at the Sila Residence

PRINTED LITERACY TEXTBOOKS

It should be noted that the RDC has 5 literacy textbooks in 4 languages : 1 in Lingala, 2 in Kikongo (Kituba), 1 in Tshiluba and another in Swahili. Of these, 1500 Swahili textbooks were printed in 2025 and added to the available stock.



Printed literacy textbooks in Swahili

Points of Praise & Prayer

TOPICS FOR PRAISE

We thank the Lord for the peace in the eastern part of our country, where the conflict claimed millions of lives over nearly two decades and is now gradually coming to an end. May the most high comfort all the families who have lost their loved ones : sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts... during this war.

For the fulfillment of the vision : We give thanks for every step taken in structuring the organization and for the clarity of this year's mission.

Regarding the impact on learners : Let us thank the Lord for the lives transformed through access to reading and writing and for the hope restored to the beneficiaries.

For community support: We extend our gratitude to our partners, volunteers and everyone who contributed to the success of our activities in 2025.

For the determination, love and perseverance demonstrated by the Patmos youth in their mission of literacy, evangelism and christian living in neighborhoods, prisons, refugee camps and even rural areas.

For the promotions of our directors and others missionaries at Literacy Evangelism International.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the displaced populations in eastern DRC who lack food, clothing, assistance etc...

For expansion and outreach : May our efforts in 2026 reach even more areas and may educational facilities multiply.

For the peace and good health of our families.

Impactful testimonials



MUKUNAYI MUTUZI Paul

" I've seen many young people who were shy because they were illiterate begin to share their faith with confidence after the training sessions. Literacy has given them confidence and today some of them are actively participating in bible studies. This method truly enables young people, teenagers and even others to read the bible on their own. This work is not limited to teaching but also contributes to a genuine spiritual transformation. Seeing these young people grow in faith, develop a deep personal relationship with the Lord, and serve as examples to others is a great joy for us. "



ANGELINE RUKEBA Génèreuse

" Literacy has helped me understand who i believe in, why i believe and how to explain my faith. I am very happy today because i see many people being blessed by it, even those who could neither read nor write. Many other people and members of the church have been encouraged to learn to read so they can better understand the words of the songs and hymns. So I give glory to God for every step of progress made and i remain convinced that this work will continue to bear much fruit. "

Glory to the Lord!

Projections & programs

For the coming years, projections and programs will focus on consolidating achievements while incorporating pedagogical innovations. Here is a summary of the planned strategic priorities :

1. Consolidation and Sustainability

The main objective is to ensure the long term sustainability of the results achieved in the previous fiscal year. This involves strengthening the organization's internal capacities to guarantee that existing programs continue to operate autonomously and effectively.

2. Pedagogical Innovation

A transition to digital technologies is being considered to modernize learning.

This includes :

Digitalization of materials : Creating digital teaching materials to facilitate access to information.

Accessibility : Using technological tools to reach more remote areas or audiences with mobility constraints.

3. Literate Environment and Post-Literacy

To prevent new learners from slipping back into illiteracy due to a lack of practice, the program provides for :

The creation of a local library : Making appropriate books available to encourage daily reading.

Reading Clubs : Organizing spaces for discussion to maintain the skills acquired.

4. Expansion and Mobilization

The commitment to expand the scope of activities :

New sites : Identifying new areas of intervention to reach a larger number of beneficiaries.

Calls for partnerships : Strengthening communication to attract volunteers and financial partners to support this growth.

Statistics & Financial Reports

STATISTICS

	1500
Printed textbooks	
	07
New Centers	
	23
Trained teachers	
	88
Trained leaners	

FINANCIAL REPORTS

INCOMES	AMOUNT
	2300\$
Printing Textbooks	
	110\$
Sale of Textbooks	
	300\$
C.E.B.C (Church)	
	2 710\$
Total	

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
	2000\$
Printing Texbooks	
	100\$
Transport & Storage	
	200\$
Other Expenses & Réserves	
	410\$
C.E.B.C & Reserve	
Total	2710\$

Conclusion

In short, the roadmap for the coming year places the learner at the center of a strategy for profound transformation. By shifting from a purely educational approach to a model that integrates digital technology and post-literacy, the goal is to break the cycle of exclusion once and for all.

The success of these plans will depend on our ability to turn these ambitions into concrete actions on the ground. More than just a educational program, this project serves as a catalyst for human dignity and an indispensable foundation for the socioeconomic development of the communities involved. It is by strengthening our partnership and remaining faithful to this vision of excellence that we will succeed in making literacy a tangible and sustainable reality for all.

Glory to the Lord!

Brother Junior SILA-NDUNDA
LE-RDC Président

