



LITERACY & EVANGELISM, GHANA

REPORT FOR JANUARY TO JULY 2020

Preamble: “Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.” Hebrews 12:2.

January: We started the year 2020 with the Ga primer construction on January 4 as scheduled in our 2020 plan of work. It took a team of eight people five days to finish drafting the thirty (30) lessons of primer book 1. The team, aside three commuters, was in residence for the whole period. This year also, we had Prof. Mrs. Irene Odotei footing the bill for our meals. We're so grateful for her contributions toward our primer construction programs. Two 2019 graduates (Omonor Wade from Nigeria and Tonya from USA) from the International Literacy Training Institute, Tulsa Oklahoma, joined us in the Ga Primer Construction. They assisted us with the word control aspect of the work.



February: We continued with the editing of the Bono Primer which was constructed in 2019. Nat Nunoo went to Sunyani to spend some days with the Bible Society's Translators to complete the editing.

We started the Ga primer book 2 which has fifty-two lessons (creative stories, letter writing, Arithmetic, 16 Health and Farming lessons and 36 Bible Stories) a few days after completing the book 1. It took the team another 15 days in February, excluding week ends, to complete drafting the book 2.

Literacy and Evangelism Ghana (LE Ghana) spent thirteen thousand Ghana Cedis (¢16,000.00) on the Ga primer up to the camera-ready stage. We currently need a further thirty-one thousand, two hundred Ghana cedis (¢31,200.00) to print the first two thousand copies of each book at ¢7.80 per copy.

LE Ghana, represented by the Country Director Rev Samuel B. Lawerteh, the Admin & HR Manager, Mrs. Ellen Adjetey-Sowah, and the Programs Manager, Mr. Nat Nunoo, had a meeting with the new General Secretary of the Bible Society, Rev. Dr. Enoch Aryee and some of his Management Staff on February 20, 2020. The meeting was to welcome him to his new position and to brief him on the operations of LE Ghana and the relationship that has existed between the two organizations. We also took the opportunity to present the Esahie Primer 1 & 2 which we had just completed to the Bible Society through him. The Esahie primer construction was a joint project between the organizations.



March: While working on the editing of the Ga primer, LE Ghana initiated another primer for the Akuapem speaking people. Preparation of the initial materials for the primer cost LE Ghana ₵2,500.00. A twenty-day residential preparation for the Akuapem primer involving six people was scheduled for March 16 – April 4. However, with the onset of the COVID-19 and subsequent restrictions, we had to suspend the Akuapem primer construction was estimated to cost LE Ghana seventeen thousand Ghana Cedis (₵17,000.00) indefinitely. We closed the office and started working from home. As at the time of filing this report, all the “Advance Preparatory Materials” which are, Identification of Alphabets, Clusters, Word Counts, translation of Introductory and instructional materials, Farming and Agriculture lessons, Easy-to-read Bible lessons among others have all been completed between March and May. Printing of two thousand copies each of books 1&2 after the construction will also cost about ₵31,200.00) at ₵7.80 per copy.

The beginning of March was also devoted to setting examination questions in English, Asante Twi, Ga and Ewe for the Church of Pentecost Ablekuma-Anyaa Area’s Advance Classes in the Seven Learning Centers. This was done in anticipation for their examinations and graduation in April and May respectively.

However, with the restrictions and partial lockdown by the Government, we re-strategized our operations. We shifted our focus to developing Workbooks for all our primers. In March, we started work on the Bono language Workbook.

April: We completed the Bono language primer Workbook and then started with the Asante primer Workbook within the same month. We also completed the Bono Primer 2 fully within the same month. However, we started work on the Bono primer 1 & 2 covers later in May. We also initiated work on the Ga Primer Workbook at the end of April.

May: We completed the Asante primer Workbook (work and edit) and received the camera-ready copy within the month. We continued with the Ga primer Workbook to the camera-ready copy in early June. The Programs Manager, Nat Nunoo, completed a course in online teaching from LEI. Rev. Lawerteh continued to supervise a couple of literacy classes in the Dodowa area that are active on one-on-one basis.

In line with LE Ghana’s decision to develop a workbook for each language primer, Management decided to revise the existing Dangme primer to the LEI new standard and then develop the Dangme Workbook to compliment the primer. Rev Lawerteh and the Dangme Team started translation on ten additional lessons to bring the Dangme primer to the LEI current primer standard. They also started translating the materials for the Dangme Workbook.

June: With the completion of the Ga primer Workbook, we embarked on the Mfantse primer Workbook and work on the this is on-going. The Programs Manager was invited by the LEI Online Consultant, Melina Galo, to be one of the facilitators for the LEI online course in Developing a Literacy Ministry. The course run for three weeks in June. One of LE Ghana’s Coordinators, Mrs. Rosemary Sackey took this course as a student. She received her certificate from LEI after taking the final exams and performing excellently.

July: LE Ghana Board Chairman, Mr. David Hammond, visited two literacy centers in the Dangme speaking area to acquaint himself with the progress of the literacy classes, present some items and to encourage the leaners to continue with the classes and to hold fast their faith in Christ during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Hammond was accompanied by the Country Director, Rev Samuel Lawerteh.



Financial Position: LE Ghana has run out of finances and needs funds to operate. On top of old debts of GHS55,000, management needs Four Thousand Cedis (¢4,000.00) to settle outstanding honoraria for Translators (non-LE Ghana staff) who worked on our Workbooks. Working from home is costing LE Ghana an average of Five Hundred Cedis per fortnight using the internet (uploading and downloading heavy documents, having international and local meetings online and teaching, marking scripts and meeting students online on regular basis).

CONCLUSION:

In spite of COVID, we have been able to do the following:

- Bono Primer completed, ready for printing
- Ga Primer completed, ready for printing
- Esahie Primer completed and presented to Bible society, ready for printing
- Preparatory Materials ready to do Akuapem Primer Construction Workshop when ready with funds
- Review of Dangme Primer Ongoing (60% complete)

Work books also completed for:

- Ga
- Bono
- Asante
- Dangme Workbook is also in progress
- Took online Courses and planning to facilitate Online ILTI 2020 3 week course for Ghanaian Group
- Supervised Dangme Area classes
- Prepared revision notes and Exams for COP Program Advance Class

Finance & Administration:

- Finalized Reports for 2019 and 2020
- Reviewed Action Plan in view of COVID
- Fund raising Proposal for Board's Approval

Items for Prayer:

1. Thank God for keeping the Board, Management, Office Staff and Coordinators safe. Pray for God's continued protection upon all.
2. Better and healthier finances for the Ministry.
3. That God should guide LE Ghana to find innovative ways of reaching out to people with the Gospel through literacy.

Humbly Submitted by Management

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