

Literacy & Evangelism - TOGO (L&E - TOGO)



ACTIVITY REPORT 2019

&2020

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Introduction

Literacy & Evangelism-Togo (L&E-Togo) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce illiteracy in our environment or where we are, whether in our family, in our communities, or in our country. Many people have always thought that illiteracy is for those who did not go to a government school. But L&E-TOGO says that anyone who cannot read in their own language is illiterate in that language. For this reason, L&E TOGO is committed to training people without discrimination of language, religion or race, to ensure that everyone can read and write in their own language.

To bring sustainable improvements to the quality of life of disadvantaged women and youth through literacy for integrated development and gender. For as we all know, literacy is the basis for sustainable development in a community, in a country.



(L&E-TOGO exercises its mission on a territory called TOGO in West Africa limited to the North by Burkina Faso, to the West by Ghana, to the East By Benin next to NIGERIA)

Like any association, L&E-Togo intent to serve the Christian communities by collaborating closely with the churches in the implementation of the programs. L&E-TOGO ensure that many members of the Christian community take part in our literacy training and education classes. L&E-TOGO target more women but men and youth are reached because the inclusive approach is based on the knowledge of God's word.

Activities of Literacy & Evangelism-Togo

In the implementation of its action plan during the year 2019, Literacy & Evangelism Togo worked with Christian communities of Pagouda located in the north of the country and in locality named Elavagnon located in the south-East of the country. Thus, L&E-TOGO have benefited from the support of LEI to print primer in Ewe language. L&E-Togo has also worked in the design of primer in Yom, Dindi languages in collaboration with L&E-Benin. In addition, in order to launch L&E Togo activities awareness meetings in various churches were organized.



(Dindi primer Workshop in Djougou, Benin 2019)

Witnessing the Love of our Lord JESUS

The year 2020 has allowed us to discover and witness the love that God has for us. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our partner Literacy & Evangelism International and not to forget the other local partners who carry us in their hearts for the testimony of the Word of our Lord Jesus, especially in this time of pandemic of COVID-19.

The support you have given us has been very generous and well appreciated. It has allowed us only to organize literacy classes but also on barrier measures against COVID-19 in various localities of the country to organize awareness activities.

Many of the learners have benefited from information on the danger of the disease and have made the decision to protect themselves against the pandemic of COVID-19. It was an opportunity to distribute materials as masks and hand washing gels to fight against COVID-19.



(COVID 19 Measures implementation: hands washing station)

Testimony of Mrs. TABELSSI Rabi (Left)

I used to envy those who know how to read and write in our language and I took it all for a very complicated exercise. Now, I believe that it is rather me who must be envied and I'm looking forward to demonstrate to my husband who also can neither read nor write. He wanted to discourage me from coming to these literacy classes.

Afterwards, my husband understood me well and he is the one who motivates me to continue the literacy classes.



(Testimony of Mrs. TABELLESSI Rabi (Left) At Elavagnon)

I am happy to be able to read the Bible in Kabiye soon. I ask L&E-TOGO to get me a bible in Kabiye because I am a Christian. I must be able to read the Bible in my mother tongue.

Despite of COVID-19 the situation, we managed it to achieve our objectives. We thank God for this grace that he granted us.

- During the last 3 months of the year 2020: 51 women and 30 men have learned the basic notions of Kabiye and Ewe alphabet (reading, writing,).
- 80% of the learners were able to read short stories written in Ewe and Kabiye languages in 3 localities namely: Pagouda, Elavagnon and Kpalime.

- Equal participation of women and men in literacy classes.



(Danga in the middle of a literacy class in Pagouda)

Difficulties encountered:

- The irregular attendance of some learners has been an obstacle for the respect of the schedule of classes which has considerably affected the planned budget.

Recommendations:

- To encourage learners to attend literacy classes regularly, L&E-Togo will initiate projects to motivate them to take an interest in the Word of God.



(The three young people of the Baptist Church are reading the stories in the Ewe Primer)

FINANCIAL REPPORT

INCOMES

- Missionary Support (LEI & Donors USA)	\$ 927.00
- Project Support (LEI USA)	\$ 3,200.00
- Church Partner Support	\$ 367.00
- L&E (Administration Management)	\$ 239.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,733.00</u>

EXPENSES

* Primers training for Coordinator	\$ 427.00
* Operations	\$ 500.00
* Ewe Primer's production	\$ 2000.00
* COVID.19 measures implementation with pear men	\$ 1200.00
* Workshop preparation	\$ 100.00
* Stationeries	\$ 139.00
* Transport	\$ 120.00
* Feeding	\$ 247.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,733.00</u>

CONCLUSION

L&E Togo has projected and set up a large vision for year 2021 based on the accomplishments for the last 2 years. Rose and I have learned a lot from the experience that we had in 2019 & 2020.

Although, we were not fully involved in L&E Togo work and had a limited support/means for L&E Togo to implement the action plan, we realized that the country needs literacy programs which is the basic of development.

By sharing the LEI method with people here, we realized that there are a lot of needs in churches and in rural communities' areas of the Country as well. Based on the needs identified, we have designed good projects to holistically change the lives of adults who cannot read or write. We are already committed to building new local partnerships to teach them the LEI method.

This is an opportunity to inform you that L&E-TOGO, in order to work freely in the country and in all denomination, Christian, non-Christian, Muslim, rural communities, bears another name, which facilitates the access to all areas, called: Literacy & Integral Development (LID-TOGO).

By bearing this name, we are more accepted in all areas, whether in Christian or Muslim areas, and also by Christian names. This allows us to have a greater vision in several sectors of Education and Economic Empowerment: Literacy, Income Generating Activities, Agriculture, Livestock, Gender Equity, and in Reproductive Health, among the rural poor women's groups in Togo.

And in order to have a wider visibility, here is the Contact:

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We plan to do more in the year 2021 with great ambition.

Our Prayer Requests:

- Pray for all our literacy projects
- Pray for the women's groups we work with
- Pray for the Church in general in Togo to participate financially in literacy activities
- Pray for the funding of our projects to design primer in the following languages: Anofoo, Bassar, Moba
- Pray for the funding of the printing of Kabiye primer
- Pray for the partnership between LE-Togo and Togo Literacy department.