



THE LEI MESSENGER 2019 TRAINING EDITION



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*"The book will be given to the one who cannot read,
saying, "Read this, please." And he will say,
"I cannot read." Isaiah 29:12 AMP*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. SID RICE



As was the case in 2018, Literacy and Evangelism International (LEI) continues to do new things to leverage our resources and maximize our global impact. Under the creative leadership of Dr. Rebecca Foote, our 2019 International Literacy Training Institute (ILTI) Director, we changed the training schedule from a five-week to a three-week modular event. This allowed us to expand the course offerings to include a sixth course as well as allowing participants to select courses about which they were most passionate. In doing so, participation levels increased in each of the respective modules. Out of the 17 students, only two expressed a desire to take both primer construction and English as a Second Language which were offered the same week. This provided LEI with the perfect segue to announce the launch of a full slate of online courses which started September 2019.

I know you will enjoy reading this *LEI Messenger: Training Edition* highlighting the 2019 International Literacy Training Institute, online course opportunities, a Member Nation partner's Regional Training, and the impact LEI's ministry has around the world.

We thankfully appreciate all who partner with us in this significant endeavor that changes the eternal future of so many. It is a blessing to see all the Lord is accomplishing as we share the message of Jesus Christ through sharing the gift of literacy.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid Rice". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

“Compared to other institutions, ILTI is the best. I felt really challenged to apply what I learned in the courses. I really liked the student-instructor interaction.”

~ Comment from a 2019 ILTI Student

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY TRAINING INSTITUTE | 2019

BY DR. REBECCA FOOTE, ILTI DIRECTOR



LEI welcomed 17 students and 13 instructors to our 2019 International Literacy Training Institute (ILTI) in June. This year's attendees were from Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, Myanmar, Nigeria, South Sudan, and five from the United States.

Instead of the traditional five-week ILTI format, we adopted a three-week modular training schedule. In addition to courses that all students took, each student chose which of our main course modules fit best with his or her interests and calling. For the first week, students attended either Leading a Literacy Ministry: English or Leading a Literacy Ministry: Non-English. Second-week modules were Primer Construction or English as a Second Language, and third-week modules included Leadership/Team Dynamics and Project Management or Facilitating LEI's Online Courses, a new course offering for 2019.

By changing our annual training to this format, we involved students who could not have attended a five-week training event. Each student in a particular module was more engaged in learning, as the module was directly relevant to his or her ministry goals. Although this format meant students were not able to attend every course, they have the option of completing many ILTI modules online, through the instructor-led and self-paced online courses designed by Dr. Melina Gallo, our Director of Global Distance Learning (<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training>). Based on positive comments from students and instructors, we plan to continue the three-week format for **ILTI 2020**, which will be held from **June 6th through 26th** next year. We are thankful for another successful training this year and look forward to what the Lord has in mind for future training events.

ILTI IMPACT INTERNATIONAL LITERACY TRAINING INSTITUTE | 2019



Marshall & Silvia



Joyce will train interested church members at Saddleback Church to be literacy tutors/instructors who can train volunteers as literacy tutors in various churches in Costa Rica as well as in other overseas countries. Saddleback's ultimate goal is for all to be able to read God's Word.

Silas and Mary's vision is to use literacy teaching skills to reach church members in their congregation, as well as homeless men, women, and children in Ghana.



Richard shares, "I plan to organize Literacy Ministry in all the congregations I work with. There are many in the congregation who cannot read and write and these need help... I have learned to believe that it is possible to teach illiterate adults to read and write and this can have a direct impact on their lives and how they worship God."

As a member of LEI's media team, Wes will focus on spreading the word of LEI's work using literacy to share the Gospel. He plans to use publications, communications, and multimedia to tell the stories of LEI's missionaries as a way to mobilize others.



Shirley shared, "I believe God uses things we love to communicate his love. My two loves are reading and the scriptures. Literacy International combines these to share my passion, the love of Christ. I would like to use the literacy training I received to tutor a student. The encouragement I received here to tackle new things and to trust God is a big part of this decision."



Peter



Omonor



Penny



Mou



Having an overabundance of opportunities to use ESL and literacy in her hometown, Rachel’s vision is to spend intentional time with the Lord, seeking his wisdom and leading in Literacy and ESL.

David says he will keep the vision and mission of LEI alive by evangelism and teaching illiterate adults to read the Bible in their own languages. He explains, “I will do this by introducing evening literacy classes where the adult illiterate can come to learn how to read and write.”



Lian plans to start an English teaching center for children and for adults. Through teaching English, he will share the story of Jesus Christ from the Bible. He says, “This is the best way, we found, to share the gospel message to unbelievers.”

Because women find it hard to leave their farms and children to learn what they were unable to learn as children - such as reading, writing, English, and Bible study - Tonya plans to bring literacy classes to their communities so instruction is attainable for them. “I especially want to make it available to the believers who are unable to read the Bible.”



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY TRAINING INSTITUTE 2020

Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

June 6 - 26, 2020 (3 weeks)

<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training>

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Classroom Instruction



Testimonies



Technology



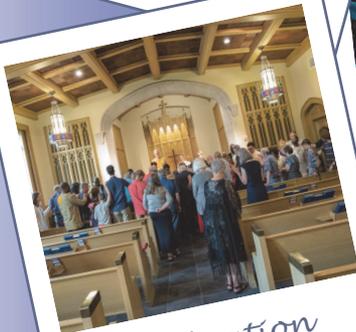
Prayer



Casting Vision



Food & Fellowship



Graduation



Friendship

REGIONAL LITERACY TRAINING INSTITUTE: NAIROBI, KENYA

BY JOSEPH MATHEKA, L&E-KENYA

Most community activities in Africa are communal: women getting together to raise funds, community members negotiating for dowry for a bride... it's called the spirit of 'harambee' – all pulling together.

When it comes to getting literacy skills, the same spirit applies.



Unlike in the West where the “each one teach one” principle is common, in Africa, groups get together to learn and practice reading and writing skills. Planning for literacy is, therefore, planning for a community program.

This philosophy informs the annual Regional Literacy Training Institute (RLTI) in Nairobi, Kenya. This past August, L&E-Kenya conducted its fourth RLTI aiming to build the capacity of literacy workers to start and run holistic literacy programs in Africa. Ten participants from Nigeria, Ghana, DR Congo, Zambia, Malawi, and the host country of Kenya, graduated from this year's RLTI, polishing skills in order to plan for and develop partners for Literacy and Second Language programs.

Module One, Literacy Program Development, equipped the participants with basic skills for planning for community programs that integrate literacy. This module also explored the LEI primer as a tool for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship. The rest of the time was spent helping the participants get a real hands-on experience in developing a program for themselves as individuals or as part of their organizations' development strategy.

Module Two, Fundraising, helped the participants explore the various instruments they can use to raise funds. This module put a lot of emphasis on the Biblical basis for individual and ministry fundraising.

Module Three explored English as a Second Language Ministry (ESLM). This proves to be very popular with Francophone Africans who use ESL as a basis for evangelism and discipleship.

Regional literacy training continues to grow the work Literacy & Evangelism Kenya has been doing for decades, sharing the loving message of Jesus Christ, making the gift of reading available to all in the language of the heart.

LITERACY TRAINING IN EUROPE

BY REV. ROBERT N. BIEDERMAN - NORTH AMERICA/EUROPE DIRECTOR



Training is extremely important at Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI). We provide materials that are easy for volunteers to teach and easy for learners to learn. The key to utilizing literacy and English as a Second Language materials effectively and successfully is training.

Georg Ort, Europe Director, and his wife Martha recently returned from three months of ministry in which they held workshops to train volunteer literacy teachers in Macedonia, Ukraine, and Greece. Trainees can now use LEI primers in the languages of these countries. The LEI primer format is consistent from lesson to lesson; when trainees learn to teach Lesson 1, they know how to teach all the other lessons in the primer! This is important as teachers/tutors may not be professional teachers and may have limited education themselves.

Working with pastors, missionaries, and individuals ministering among Europe's largest minority, the Roma (Gypsies), the Orts conducted a workshop with Vika, a missionary in a Roma village near Odessa. Many Roma suffer from poverty, illiteracy, and the lack of basic services and educational opportunities. One Roma woman, Nona, asked if she could learn to read. Two participants from the workshop began to give her reading lessons with the Bible-content Ukrainian primer. In a few days, Nona learned how to write her name. We pray that she will also give her heart to Jesus as she learns to read and write.

Those who are serving among the Roma are eager to use Bible-content literacy materials to teach people – young and old – how to read and write. Through training workshops, the Orts are equipping people in Europe to use LEI primers (now available in 16 European languages) to show the hope and love of Christ and share the Good News of the Gospel through literacy.

To view LEI's wide selection of primers available for free download, please visit <https://www.literacyevangelism.org/primers>.

LEI'S ONLINE TRAINING NOW AND FUTURE

BY DR. MELINA GALLO

“He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” Matthew 13:31-32 NIV

Jesus teaches us that big things can start from very small beginnings. At this point, LEI's online classes are just in the seedling stage. They are starting to sprout but haven't yet reached their full stature. We have one facilitator and a handful of students and are recruiting more disciples to grow our distance learning program. Classes are also being translated so they are accessible in more languages to more people around the world.

Not familiar with online learning? Don't worry; our LEI classes help to make it simple. One learner reported: “I was nervous about using the computer at first, but you killed my fear!”

There are different types of online training. Some, like the 90-second mini-course about illiteracy, are self-directed. Others like the tutor training courses, allow you to interact with the instructor and classmates via live video calls. This summer at the International Literacy Training Institute, a new course was offered: How to Be an Online Facilitator. This class prepares more instructors to facilitate the online classes as we continue growing.

This summer and fall, eight online courses were offered. Prayerfully consider joining us or inviting a group from your church to be trained together online. You can also get involved by tutoring a new reader or English speaker one-on-one with video calls.

Please contact MelinaGallo@LiteracyInternational.net to learn more.



EXPANDING RESOURCES TO THE NATIONS WITH ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

NON-ENGLISH LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING (ONLINE)

<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training/non-english-literacy-tutor-training-online>

INTRODUCTION TO PRIMER CONSTRUCTION (ONLINE)

[literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training/introduction-primer-construction-online](https://www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training/introduction-primer-construction-online)

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TUTOR TRAINING (ONLINE)

[literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training/english-second-language-tutor-training-online](https://www.literacyevangelism.org/get-involved/training/english-second-language-tutor-training-online)

ENGLISH LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING (ONLINE)

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PLEASE PRAY

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NASB)

MON

For new LEI missionaries with a vision and heart to serve the Lord through literacy evangelism. For those the Lord will bring to ILTI 2020.

TUES

For Rev. Dr. Sid Rice, LEI President & Chief Executive Officer, as he leads Literacy & Evangelism International into the next decade.

WED

For 2019 ILTI graduates, that they will have a positive impact regarding literacy & evangelism efforts in their spheres of influence.

THURS

For L&E-Kenya and other LEI Member Nation partners making an impact on people's lives through regional training events.

FRI

For Regional Literacy Training Institutes across Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and North America.

SAT

For Dr. Melina Gallo and the future development of LEI's online training. Encouragement and perseverance for trainees.

SUN

Thank the Lord for LEI's 52-year heritage of literacy and evangelism ministry, and the impact of its International Literacy Training Institutes.

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<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/Give>

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Front Cover Photo: ILTI 2019 graduates Marshall and Silvia plan to bring the hope of Jesus, literacy, and ESL to countries with limited education opportunities, empowering communities and contributing to social transformation. They'll start a literacy class for individuals of low income and displaced communities on the Caribbean coast of Colombia ... so learners can apply for better jobs and advanced possibilities for education.



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Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) equips the Church to share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading. 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.