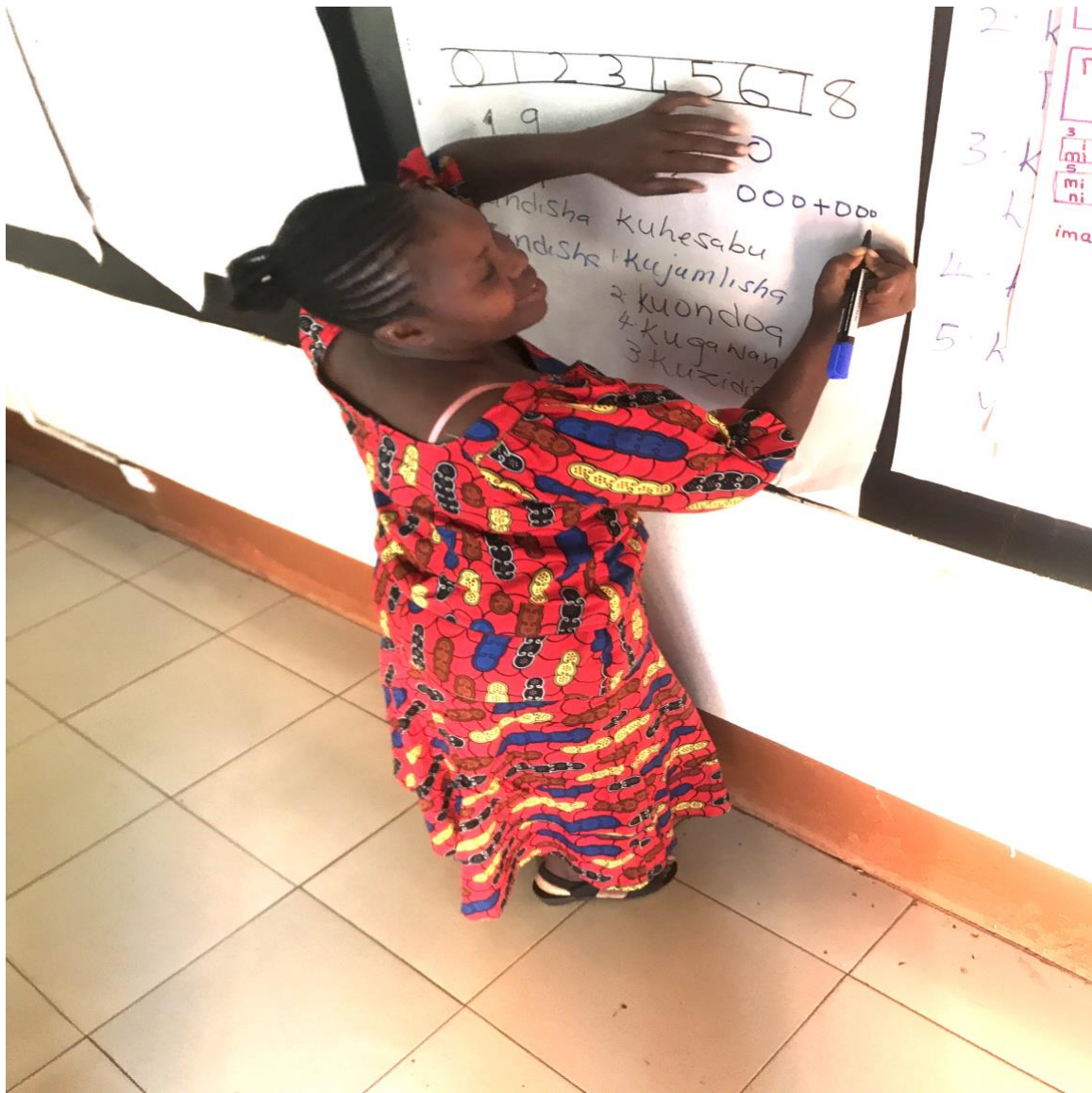
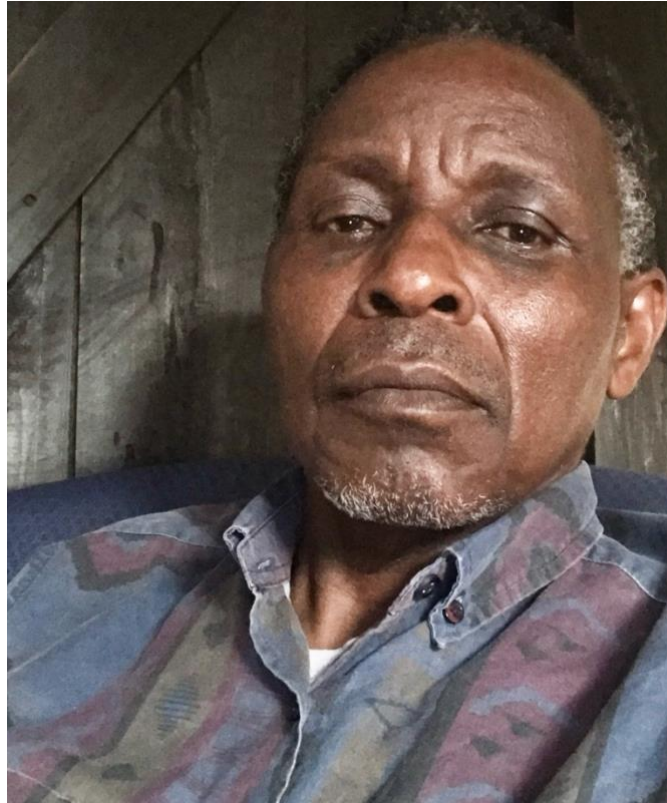


ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading in English and local languages





FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Joseph Matheka

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..... (Hosea 4:6 ASV).

This wisdom from the Scriptures informs our mandate as a Member Nation of Literacy & Evangelism family: to ensure that “they read the words to enable them to read the Word so that they can read the world”.

Over the years, we have proved repeatedly that the gift of reading will change not only that individual, but ultimately their community.

With that in mind we have consistently sought to partner agencies working within our communities to ensure that reading and writing becomes an integral part of their programs.

Last year, we were privileged to partner with *Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC)*. The church has an outreach to single and young teenage mothers.

They help the young women to acquire skills to enable them to earn a living and to take care of their children. Most of these women are either school dropouts or never went to school at all. The logical first step for them is therefore an adult literacy class. In these classes they learn how to read and to write. These skills are a prerequisite for joining the skills program.

We have *trained teachers for the KELC literacy program* and provided easy-to-use primers that will enable the new readers to join the skills training program in less than a year.

Teacher Training Workshops



A trainee practices her skills

Primer Development Workshops

Simple well developed teaching materials are invaluable in mother-tongue literacy program.

This last year we were privileged to partner with *The Word For The World (TWFTW)* in developing two primers for their program in Kenya.



The WFTW Primer Development Workshop

The Malama and Marachi primers were developed by L&EK but we thank LEI for typesetting the manuscripts and for ensuring they conform to the approved LEI structure and layout

Local fundraising Partnerships for Literacy

We again joined one of our best supporters: *Bible Translation & Literacy* in raising funds for Bible literacy in local languages. During the “*Run for The Bibleless 2023*” event we were able to raise \$ 1,265. Thanks to LEI for \$1,500 the matching funds which enabled us to revise and print our Swahili primer: kumekucha



Team L&E at the Run for the Bibleless 2023

Reaching out to the homeless with literacy

In partnership with *Winners Chapel Nairobi*, we have a literacy initiative for young people from the streets of Nairobi. In 2023, we had 3 young people who not only gave their lives to Jesus but also started learning reading and writing in Swahili using the Kumekucha primer.



Christmas feast for beneficiaries of the Street Families Initiative

English as a Second Language Ministry

Learning English as a Second Language has proved to be a vital survival tool for refugees from the Francophone countries in the Eastern Africa. Last year alone we graduated 11 students (9 women and 2 men), mainly refugees from DRC, through our partnership with *The Church Power Restoration Church* in Nairobi. The course was based on the “The Light of the World” Curriculum from LEI.



“What is that?” Refugees from DRC sharpen their skills in English.

We also thank God for our partnership with *Lutherans In Africa*. For the second year running, L&E K has provided both instructional materials (Light of the World) and a teacher for ESL for students from Francophone East Africa and the Arab Sudan who are preparing for *Theological Studies in English*.

Financial Report: Income 2023

1. International program support	\$2,500
2. International Missionary support	\$ 6,230
3. Local program support	\$ 1,890
4. Local Administrative support	\$1,500
5. Others	\$ 760
6. Reserves	\$ 360

Total. **\$ 12,880**

Key:

- 1. Support for specific L&E literacy programs.*
- 2. Support for our missionaries' programs.*
- 3. Local funds for specific literacy program*
- 4. Local funds (cash & kind from partners)*
- 5. Sale of primers and workshops/consultancy*

Financial Report: Expenses 2023

1. Missionary Expenses	\$ 6,230
2. Programs.	\$ 7,390
3. Management & Admin.	\$ 1,200

Total. **(\$ 14,820)**

The balance of \$1,940 was financed from our reserves.

Key:

1. Expenses for individuals for missions and living expenses.
2. Expenses for L&E literacy programs
3. Office & related expenses

New Readers Enrolment and Graduation in Local Languages

This is an aggregate report from our partners who are using LEI/LEK primers.

Partner	number in class	Graduates in 2023
• Tirrim	232	94
• KELC	173	22

• AIC	09	09
• Others	89	23
Totals	503	148

Enrolment and Graduation in ESL

Partner	number in class	Graduates in 2023
• CPRC *	16	11
• LIA Seminary	23	-
Totals	39	11

* CPRC (Church Power Restoration Church)

* LIA (Lutherans In Africa)

Teachers Trained in the year

ESL	0	Local Languages	24
Total			24



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The Bible is still a closed book to many speakers of local languages. Literacy & Evangelism Kenya works with the Church to make the gift of reading in English and local languages available to all.

