



LITERACY & EVANGELISM (L&E-TOGO)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



INTRODUCTION OF ACTIVITIES

The year 2021 was for us a year of multiple challenges. First of all, we want to thank the Lord for all that he has done for us by allowing us to finish, in good condition, our respective professional careers and to lead us to retirement. God has granted us his grace: Rose and I are retired since December 31, 2020. Thus we remain very grateful to our Lord who has allowed us to see the year 2021 despite the difficulties, pains and sorrows that we went through during the year 2020 with COVID 19. The Lord in his love has reassured us with his word in Isaiah 41: 10: ***“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”***

I- PROMOTIONAL MEETING FOR A TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP (January 31, 2021) TTW

January 31, 2021, Promotional meeting with members of more than 10 churches gathered for a Literacy Teacher Training composed of pastors, evangelists, Sunday school teachers and lay people.



(Photo of the promotional meeting of February 28, 2021)

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP (TTW)

On February 8, 2021, we started our first Literacy Teacher Training Workshop. At the end of the workshop, the number of trained teachers was twenty (20). This was a great challenge for us at the beginning but in the end a great success.



(Literacy Teachers' Training Workshop (TTW))

II- OPENING OF THE FIRST LITERACY CLASS BY A TRAINED TEACHER



On March 1, 2021, one of the trained Teachers, named Evangelist Stephane NOUMONVI, opened a literacy class upon the request of a Pastor of a local church. According to Evangelist Stephane, the Pastor came to complain that in his church no one can read the Bible in the Ewe language and that he is seriously praying to God to show him a literacy trainer to come and train the members of his church. God having answered the prayer of the Pastor, the Evangelist quickly made the

announcement in the church and more than 23 members registered for the literacy class.

Results obtained after 3 months of classes:

- 13 learners were attending.
- 5 students of the (13) learners can read and write Ewe correctly.
- 2 of the 5 students who can read and write Ewe are not Ewe.
- The pastor in charge of the church was very satisfied.
- With the results the pastor encouraged all the members of his church to register for the literacy classes in the coming year.

We thank God for his word that has been fulfilled in the lives of these learners according to Jeremiah 33:3 "***Call upon me, and I will answer you; I will tell you great things, hidden things, which you do not know.***"



TESTIMONY OF PASTOR PHILBERT

“After my pastoral training in one of the Bible Institutes of the Pentecostal Church in Lome, my wife and I were sent to be an assistant in one of the Pentecostal church. The first challenge we faced in our ministry was language. We are of Kabiye ethnicity and the vast majority of our members are of Ewe ethnicity. How will we communicate easily with our members? So the Senior Pastor gave us the mission to find a trainer in Ewe language to open the classes of literacy. One month later, the Lord led Evangelist NOUMONVI to us. On March 1, 2021, the literacy class was opened in our parish. My wife and I committed ourselves to learn to read and write Ewe.

III- RESULTS OF THE LITERACY TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP (TTW).

> LOME (The Capital)

- We trained a total of 25 literacy class teachers.
- We were able to create 5 literacy classes in Lome during the year 2021
- In total we have trained 60 learners in Ewe Language.

➤ TSEVIE

- One promotional meeting attended by 35 participants.
- Due to the pandemic, several appointments for the Literacy Teachers' Training Workshops were cancelled. Nevertheless, we were able to train 10 literacy teachers who are waiting for an in service training (IST) before committing to the opening of literacy classes.

➤ TOHOUN

Tohoun, a district located at 104 km from Lome, was a great opportunity for L&E-Togo to experiment with the Aja language which does not yet have a primer.



With the commitment and determination of the community we managed to organize the TTW from April 12 to 16. A total of 15 teachers were trained and equipped in literacy classes. After the training, 2 literacy classes were created with 11 and 15 learners.

- It is worth noting that before our arrival, the teachers were training the learners using the school pedagogical method. By the end of the training, they mastered the LEI method of teaching that we taught them.
- The need expressed by the participants during the workshop is the construction of the primer in Aja in order to allow them to give lessons in their own language.

IV- MEETING WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF HOUN DISTRICT

As soon as we arrived in Tohoun, the L&E-TOGO team was welcomed by the chief of the district and the Director of Social Affairs of the locality. Our discussions were focused on the organisation of the training of literacy teachers, not only for Christian communities but also for members of the community, including Muslims who also need to know how to read and write in their own language (Aja). After meeting with the mayor who considered our presence in his district as important. "I will make this literacy project one of my priorities during my term of office," declared Mayor Mr. Pierre Mensah D. AWITY. The last meeting was with ecclesiastical authorities of different religious denominations who expressed their gratitude to God for the initiative undertaken by L&E-TOGO.

V- PRIMER CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP FOR THE ANUFO LANGUAGE (TCHOKOSSI)



The workshop to design the Anufo primer took place from December 6 to 17 under the supervision of LEI consultant James Kigamwa PhD, Director of Research and Management for Africa & the Middle East. Dr. James led the workshop from the beginning to the end. The Anufo translation team that started the preparatory work of translating the documents to be used during the workshop was present and took an active part during the whole workshop.

The management team was composed of myself assisted by Rose and Esoham.

The workshop ended on December 17, yet the work continues to be edited especially on the two volumes until printing.



THANKS AND PRAYERS

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Patty for her kind assistance, Dr. Carey Jo and all those who prayerfully supported us in the implementation of this project. The translation team and the Anufo people are looking forward to seeing the primer ready for use. To this end, we greatly appreciate the presence and leadership of Dr. James, LEI Consultant, and the commitment of the Anufo translation team.

- We look forward to the completion of the two-volume primer.
- We pray for God to help us to finish the two volumes of the primer and to open the doors so that we get funding for printing them in the year 2022.
- In addition, we pray for our Lord to provide resources for L&E-Togo to hold a TTW among the Anufo people.

OUR PROJECTIONS FOR 2022

1. The finalization of the projects initiated in 2021, notably the project of printing Primer in Anufo, Tamberma and Lama to proceed with the organization of training workshops for Literacy Teachers in these communities where these 3 languages are spoken.
2. Project for Primer Construction Workshop in the Bassar language (N'Cam).

3. French as a second language teaching program.
4. Request for funding for the revision of the 3 volumes of the French Primer because many of us have noted that the French Primer is often problematic during Teacher Training Workshops so we would like to do a revision at the level of Francophone countries.
5. 3 Literacy Teacher Training Workshops are planned for July, August and September in the district of Golf and Zio.
6. The Baptist Convention Church of Togo has set up a Literacy Training and Church Planting program in Togo. In order to carry out its program, the Executive Board of the Baptist Church requests that L&E-Togo carry out the training based on the LEI Method.

CONCLUSION:

We say that despite the COVID 19 pandemic, God has been with us. The year 2021 has been a successful year for L&E-Togo which has seen the full commitment and participation of David and Rose, now full-time missionaries. We have seen the promise of God fulfilled. We invite you to remember this promise of Jesus to all: "Mark 4:35-41." In spite of the pandemic of COVID 19, in spite of the difficult times, the Lord Jesus made us cross over to the other side, He allowed us to reach our goals.