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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.**



Country Director,
Rev. Samuel B. Lawerteh

We welcome you to the latest edition of our newsletter, "**Amanee**". We are excited to share with you our teaming supporters and partners some exciting updates and news from our literacy ministry. Doing missions in this era of Ghana's economic difficulties is challenging and daunting. We trudge down the economic landscape as we are whittled by financial bites. Nonetheless, our faithful Lord has been good to us. We were able to deliver on our mandate despite the grave moments, as you can see from the updates below.

Among others, we have been able to run Teacher Training Workshops (TTW), Primer Construction, equipping churches with our technical expertise engagements, etc. The Church of Pentecost stood tall in all these, as our team remained solid on the ground to provide the needed services. We thank you our faithful supporters and partners, for your donations in cash and kind.

As faithful stewards, we are fired up with your partnership to do more in the ensuing years. A mental picture of our preferred future is to see our proposed literacy center fully operational. We trust the Living Lord for adequate resources for construction.

1.0 Highlights

January: We started the year off in January with a Teacher Training Workshop (TTW) for Trinity United Church (TUC) and the Church of Pentecost (COP) Anyaa-Ablekuma Area respectively. Nine (9) participants were trained to start Literacy ministry for TUC's children's service and thirty-eight (38) participants for the COP Anyaa-Ablekuma Area. Both trainings were done concurrently.

February: In February, in collaboration with Literacy & Evangelism Nigeria, we had the **Hausa Primer construction workshop** from February 3 to 14 in Abuja. We sought to revise the old Hausa Primer. By God's grace we were able to complete the first draft of all the lessons for Book 1 and Book 2. Bro. Nathaniel Nunoo and Aunty Dorothy Konadu went to represent Literacy & Evangelism, Ghana as consultants.



Teacher Training Workshop (TTW), Trinity United Church



Hausa Primer Construction in Abuja, Nigeria

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COP Literacy Project



Nzema Primer Construction Workshop

March: We had follow-up meetings with COP NDLD members on the **COP Literacy Project**. We submitted our **Training Report** for the Greater Accra, Eastern, Volta, Ashanti, Brong-Ahafo and the Northern regions to them and discussed progress and challenges of the Literacy Project.

April: In the month of April, we continued work on editing the **Konkomba and Hausa primers**. We prepared materials for further primer construction and trainings.

May: We started work on the **Esahie primer workbooks** and continued with editing the **Gonja primer workbooks**. Our Country Director Rev Lawerteh led a **Teacher Training Workshop (TTW) for the churches in the Kpong area** within the month.

June: From 3rd -13th June, we partnered the Bible Society of Ghana to work on a primer for the **Nzema** speaking people. The congregations are eagerly waiting to start literacy classes.

July: We had two major training programs in the month. The first training was a **Trainer of Trainers'** program for the Church of Pentecost Literacy Project. This was held in Koforidua from July 4th - 18th. There were 16 participants from the various districts within the Koforidua Area.

The second training program was a **Teacher Training Workshop** for 13 participants from July 25th to July 29th from the churches in Dodowa. Editing work on the Nzema primer book 1 and the Esahie primer Workbook 2 were also carried out within the month.

August: By God's grace we completed the first editing of the Nzema Book primer 1 in August. Rev. Reuben Mensah Adrakpanya continued to lead our team in following up all the Church of Pentecost literacy classes. The Dansoman class had their mock exams within the month.



Demonstration at Teacher Training Workshop at Dodowa



Learner writing her exams (Dansoman Mock Exams)

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September: We joined the rest of the world to observe the **World Literacy Day on September 8, 2022** on the theme, **“Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces.”** We observed this important day at the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Mount Zion Congregation, Dodowa. Rev. Prof. Seth Ayettey, a medical practitioner and a Presbyterian Minister, was the chairman for the occasion. Mr. David Hammond, Chairman of the L&E Ghana Board, delivered the main address.

There were fraternal greetings from our partners (the Church of Pentecost and the Bible Society of Ghana), Members of Parliament for the Shai-Osudoku (Hon Linda Akweley Ocloo), DCE of Shai Osudoku (Hon. Fred Offei), and Ada constituencies, (Hon. Comfort Doyoe Cudjoe-Ghansah & Hon. Sarah Dugbaki Pobee), the District Director of Education for the Shai-Osudoku District, (Madam Harriet Lomotey) and the Chairperson for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana Dangme-Tongu Presbytery (Rev. A. D. Okai, who is also a trained literacy teacher of Literacy & Evangelism Ghana).

We organized a **Literacy Teacher Training Workshop** at Odumase-Krobo from September 12-16 for 30 people drawn from The Apostolic Church, Odumase Area (19), Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International, Tema Chapter (6), The Presbyterian Church, La (3), and Noaso (2). We were visited by the Apostolic Church Area Head, Apostle Seth Gakpetor, the District as well as the local pastors.

The Presbyterian Church, Dangme-Tongu Presbytery Chairperson, Rev. A. D. Okai also visited to encourage the participants. The participants were trained in the Literacy & Evangelism International methodology in English, Dangme, Asante Twi and Ga languages.



Teacher Training Workshop (Odumase Krobo)



8 September, 2022 - World Literacy Day Celebration at Dodowa

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October: On October 6, 2022, we conducted the first examination for a literacy class (Dansoman Area Literacy Class) within the Church of Pentecost Literacy Project. Twenty- nine (29) learners took part in the final literacy examinations (English, Asante Twi and Ewe). Twenty-six (26) learners passed the final exams. We say “Ayekoo” (Well done, congratulations!) to the Learners and teachers as well as the Dansoman Area Head (Prophet Ebenezer Kofi Appiah) who gave both the learners and teachers the necessary encouragement as they went through over nine months of teaching and learning.

On October 18, 2022, we visited and encouraged the Tema Community 1 Market Women’s literacy class that meets at the Oniku Junior High School premises. This class was started by the Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International (FGBMFI), Tema Chapter. Six (6) members of the FGBMFI led by Mr. & Mrs. Osei-Numo, attended our literacy Teacher Training Workshop at Krobo Odumase in September 2022.

They set up the literacy classes for the market women a few weeks after their training. This class of market women only is the first of its kind in our setup. The class also engages in morning devotions, open to all in the market and is led by the ladies of FGBMFI who also double up as the teachers for the evening literacy classes.



*Trainer of Trainers Workshop
for Church of Pentecost Koforidua Area*



Literacy class, FGBMFI at Tema

November: By God’s grace we were able to print and send copies of the **Hausa** and **Tangale** primers to our colleagues in L&E Nigeria for their TTW and launch of both primers. On November 21, we had our annual retreat at the Trinity United Church, Children’s block. We also used the occasion to finalize our Action Plan for the year 2023. On November 24, we conducted the **final exams for the Kasoa Area Literacy Class**. All the five learners passed the exams and are getting ready for their graduation in 2023!

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December: The Kaneshie Area Literacy Class had its **final exams** on December 20, bringing the number of all Areas within the COP Literacy Project which have started literacy classes from the scratch and completed all 82 lessons in the L&E Ghana syllabus to three (3). Indeed, it has been a year long journey since the Teachers were trained at the Pentecost Convention Center (Accra & Kumasi) and Radach Center in Tamale between October and December 2021.



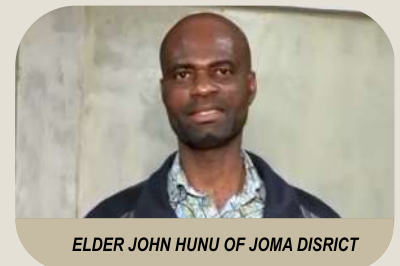
Teacher Training Workshop - Dodowa in July



COP Kaneshie Literacy Class (Final Exams)

Testimonies from the various Literacy classes

"I joined the English literacy class about two months ago when it started. My reading was poor when I started but now, I can read and write appreciably. The literacy class has helped us a lot in our Bible reading. Now I can understand what I read from the Bible. Now I'm able to write my name and read other materials in English also."



ELDER JOHN HUNU OF JOMA DISTRICT



DECONESS IVY OPARE FROM ODUMAN DISTRICT

"I was the first person to enroll in the literacy class when it was introduced in the church. I have benefitted a lot from attending the literacy classes. Now when I take my Bible I'm able to read it."

Madam Sarah Amoako joined the Anyaa-Ablekuma Area literacy class of the Church of Pentecost at its inception. She enrolled in the Asante Twi Class at the Nicobeth center. This was her testimony to Literacy & Evangelism Ghana and Pentecost TV officials two months after her enrollment in the Asante Twi Class:

"Firstly, we thank the Lord and we also thank our leaders for introducing this literacy programme in the church for us. The programme has helped us in a big way. I've never been to school before. I couldn't read and write either English or Twi. Honestly, this literacy programme has helped me a lot. Previously, anytime I went to church and a passage was read from the Bible, I was not able to open my Bible in church because I couldn't read. Now I can open every part of the Bible to read."



MADAM SARAH AMOAKO
OF AGAPE DISTRICT

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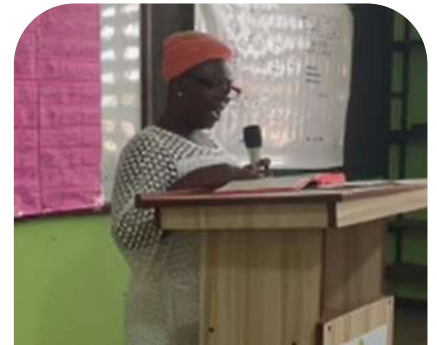
Testimonies from the various Literacy classes.... cont'd



DEACONESS MARY OTABI OF NSAKINA NEW TOWN
ENGLISH CLASS

"I joined this class to improve upon my reading, writing especially spellings and understanding of the English language. Sometimes when I attempt to read I'm not able to understand. When I started attending this literacy class, there's been a tremendous improvement in my reading, writing and understanding of the English language." Deaconess Mary Otabi is now able to read the English Bible and understand it much better.

Madam Agnes Oforiwa is a pioneer student of the Tema Market Women's literacy Class. She is in the Asante Twi class. The literacy class was started in October 2022 by the Women of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI), Tema Chapter. The learners are all women from the Tema market. When Madam Agnes joined the literacy class, she could neither read nor write. Her inability to read and write rather pushed her to focus on becoming a literate person. Her aim of enrolling in the literacy class was to be able to read and understand the Bible as well as be able to record her daily sales in writing.



MADAM AGNES OFORIWA OF TEMA MARKET
WOMEN TWI CLASS

In May this year, the FGBMFI renovated the classrooms where the women have been holding their literacy classes and handed them over to the Oniku Drive Junior High School authorities. During the dedication and handing over ceremony, Madam Agnes Oforiwa read the Bible passage for the occasion in Asante Twi to the admiration of the gathering.

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

- 🕒 We thank God for your lives, Volunteers: Teachers, Coordinators, Administrators, Facilitators, Management and Board Members. You have all worked extremely hard! Thank you.
- 🕒 We are currently looking for Volunteers in the areas of IT & Online Services, and we also continue to recruit Volunteer Teachers and Coordinators. Do contact us, if you are interested.

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Our Mission:

We exist to equip the church and communities to share the message of Christ through reading. This we do, by Training Teachers, to run literacy classes and preparing/constructing primers (teaching text & books) in various languages for our learners.

Items for praise & prayer:

1. We thank the Lord for ending the year 2022 with us and ushering us into the year 2023 successfully.
2. We thank the Lord for the collaboration with our partners and for the literacy classes going on in all the regions of the country.
3. Join us to thank the Lord for the successful final examination of 3 literacy classes and Teacher Training Workshops within the year.
4. Thank God with us for the successful completion, printing and launch of the Hausa and Tangale primers. We are also grateful to the Lord for the successful organization of the Teacher Training Workshop for the two languages simultaneously in Jos Nigeria.
5. Pray with us as we work to raise the needed funds to support the running of this ministry.
6. Pray with us as we implement our plans for 2023.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES 2022

*Please Pray with us and support us
with your donation*

- World Literacy Day Celebration (Sept 8, 2023)
- Visit our website or call our office for information on Teacher Training & Learning Centres.
- Fulani Primer construction workshops is planned. Please pray and support us.
- Completed Nzema & Kokomba Primers will be launched this year. We are excited!

PARTNERS CORNER

Churches, NGOs, Groups please Partner with us to get your members, constituents functionally literate in their Mother Tongue and/or English to change lives!

STATISTICS FOR 2022

- Teachers Trained: 72
- Learners in classes: 1,198
- Learners graduated/ready for graduation: 41
- New Primers completed: 2
- Language Primers completed in our Library so far: 15
- Primers Printed for use: 7,000+



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