



“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 28:19



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With the increasingly hostile environment to the gospel in which we live in West Africa, we see that the church, especially in Francophone Africa, is under two pressures: the rise of Muslim fundamentalism and the proliferation of religious sects.

It is in this environment hostile to the gospel that the NGO Literacy Benin was born. This NGO wants to contribute to the construction of the Reign of Jesus Christ on this earth by relaying the vision of Literacy Evangelism International in the French-speaking countries of Africa. More specifically, the aim will be to open the eyes of the illiterate through the development of literacy programmes and the Primers construction with a biblical content in local languages and in French.

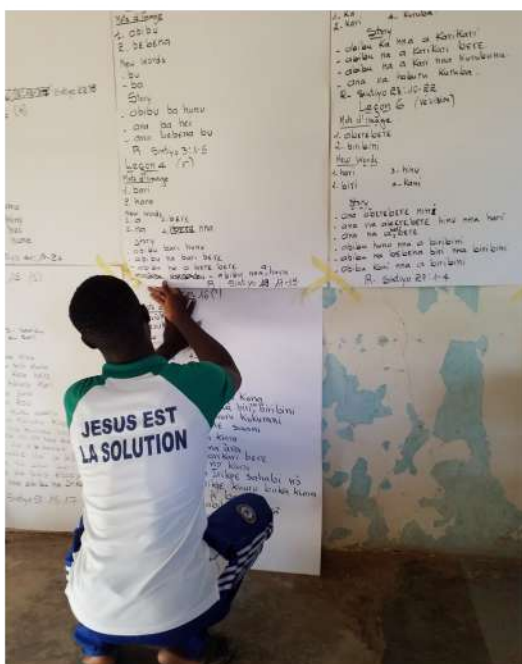
Evangelization through literacy is a very effective means in these countries where 60-70% of the population is illiterate.

Times are becoming more and more difficult and the church must commit itself to prepare its faithful to face the storm.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Two major events marked the year 2019: the Primers construction in Dendi language and the revision and the printing of Primers in Lopka language.

1. The Primers construction in Dendi language

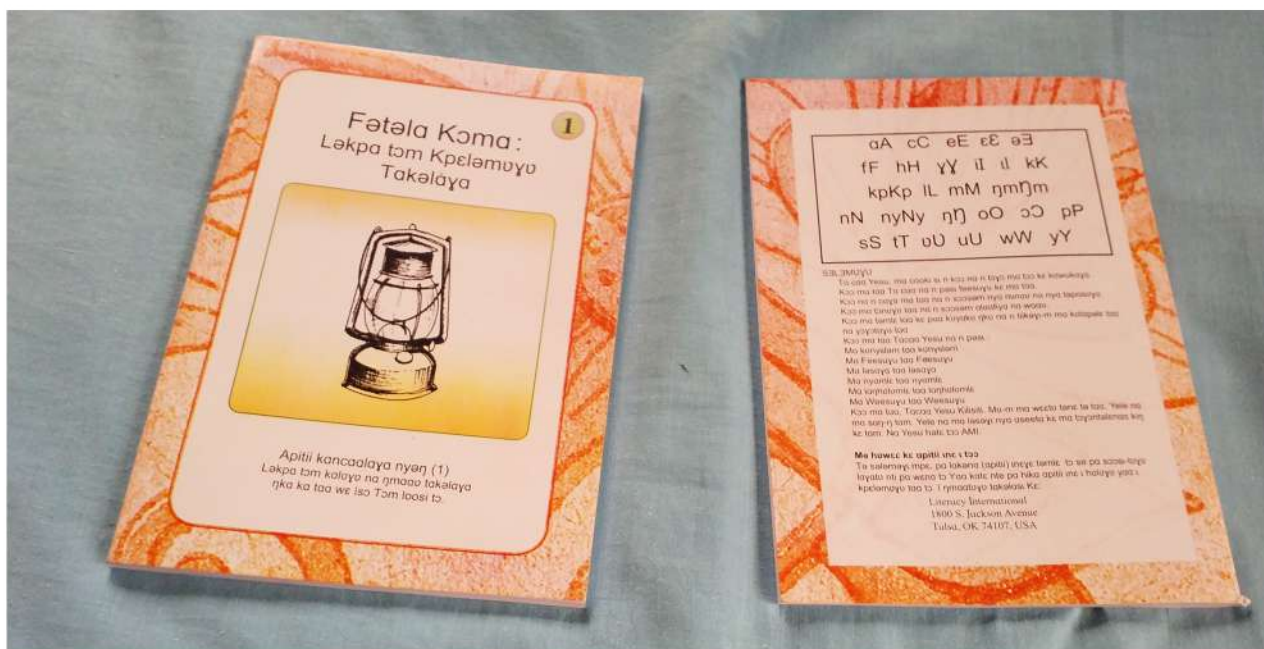


Dendi primers construction workshop

These Primers in Dendi language were the result of a partnership of three organizations, namely: Literacy Benin, SIM Benin/Togo and Literacy Evangelism International. The Primers construction workshop took place at the SIM station in Djougou, Benin from 10 to 30 June 2019. This primers is being tested in literacy classes.

2. Revision and printing of the Lokpa Primer

Dear partners in prayer, thank the Lord for his blessings. Thanks to your prayers and financial support, the Lokpa primers has been revised and Book 1 has been reprinted. Its use has begun in the classrooms. Due to lack of funds, Book 2 has not yet been printed. Also the Fulani primers which had been planned to be printed during this year has not been done.



Book 1 of the Lokpa primers revised and printed

3. Activities in the villages

The literacy activities in the villages were carried out with the support of the partners: the local churches, LEI, SIM and the AWOLOU Family Ministry. Thus at the end of 2019, 143 classes were opened by 298 teachers, 2518 students participated in the classes and 2312 has finished the Book 1.



Literacy classes in Tokobio village.

HERE IS THE TABLE BY REGION

A. TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS (TTWS) AND CLASSES

| Sponsor/host/ Partner/Church | Literacy or FSL | Town and Country | # TTWs | # Tutors Trained | # Classes | # Students |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| LEI/Literacy Benin/SIM/ Union of Evangelic Churches of Benin | Literacy Lokpa | - Bajoude Benin - Massi Bakou Benin - Teoukpara Benin - Foyoo-Benin - Wewe 2 Benin | 5 | 127 | 64 | 1085 |
| LEI/Literacy Benin/SIM/ Union of Evangelic Churches of Benin | Literacy Yom | - Daringa Benin. - Bariénou Benin - Djougou Benin | 3 | 73 | 39 | 708 |
| LEI/Literacy Benin/SIM/ Union of Evangelic Churches of Benin | Literacy Fulani | - Boukoussera Benin - Bougou Gah Benin | 2 | 30 | 13 | 209 |
| LEI/Literacy Benin/SIM/ Union of Evangelic Churches of Benin | French as a Second Language | -Parakou Benin -Gaounga Benin -Kpessou Samari Benin | 3 | 68 | 27 | 516 |
| Total | - | - | 13 | 298 | 143 | 2518 |

B. PRIMERS CONSTRUCTION AND PRINTING

| Language and Country | Status of Primer Completed or In Process | Printing | Language and Country |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Dendi Benin | In process | | Dendi Benin |
| Lokpa Benin | Review and second edition completed | 1000 copies of book 1 re been printed | 1000 copies of Book 2 need to print. (\$2 a Book) |
| Fulani Benin | Review in process | | 1000 copies of Book 1 and 1000 copies of Book 2 need to be printing (\$2 a book) |
| French as Second Language Program | Book 1 and Book 2 are completed | | 1000 copies of Book 1 and 1000 copies of Book 2 need to be printing (\$3 a book) |

TESTIMONY OF A LEARNER



Bibles gift. Adija's on the far right.

During the follow-up of the literacy classes in the villages, many testimonies were heard about the transformation of lives thanks to the investment of the NGO in these villages. Among these testimonies, we have that of Adija, mother of two children.

Adija wanted to encourage the new learners who registered for this new session with her testimony in these terms:

"A few months ago I enrolled in the literacy course as you are doing today. On my first day of class, I was among the learners who didn't know how to open a book. The Bible that I have in my hands now, its inside was as black to me as its cover because I could not read anything. I can now read this Bible and I read it twice a day: in the morning and in the evening before going to sleep. During this time I spent in these places as a learner, God gave me grace and I received Jesus Christ as my saviour and Lord. I enrolled in the baptismal classes with the purpose of getting baptized. The fact that I could read, write and calculate was able to improve my small business. I am very happy because I can read the Bible to my children and my whole family. I will pray for you so that you can read, write, and calculate like me."

OUR PROJECTIONS FOR 2020

A- Institutional support from LEI Tulsa to Literacy Benin

1. The training of Literacy Benin team members.

The aim is to train members in the following modules: Literacy Program Development (LPD) and Ministry Partnership Development (MPD)

2. LEI Tulsa's technical support to Literacy Benin in the development of a five-year strategic plan.

OUR PROJECTIONS FOR 2020 (CONTINUED)

- B- The construction of Primers in Sola language and Baatonu Language.
- C- The construction of French as a Second Language Program (Book 3).
- D- The opening of new classes in Lokpa , Yom, Fulani, Dendi and French languages.
- E- The design and implementation of innovative projects based on Literacy and aimed at the acquisition of skills related to the needs and wishes of the learners. (Literacy as a means to improve relationship with God and to be useful to community).
- F- The development of digital tools for Literacy.
- G- The regularization of Literacy Benin with Beninese institutions.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LITERACY BENIN

| Designation | Amount | Comments |
|---|---------|---|
| Contribution from the Ministry of the Awolou Family account | \$4,420 | Monitoring and supervision of literacy classes |
| Contribution from LEI Tulsa | \$2,000 | Printing the Lokpa Primer |
| Contribution of the Local Churches | \$3,763 | This is an estimate of the funds used by the churches to feed the participants in the different TTWs. |
| The storeroom | \$200 | Primers selling |