

Welcoming the Newcomer



I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25: 35 (ESV)



2023 Annual Report



Note from Managing Director

Carey Jo Johnston:

In 2023, LEI Canada continued to equip churches to share the message of Jesus through the gift of reading and conversational English. This year God opened the door for us to equip churches to focus on welcoming the newcomers to Canada through conversational English. Jesus reminds his followers, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35 ESV). We also continued to support our ministry partners around the world in their literacy ministries as well as trained literacy workers through the Literacy & Evangelism online classes. A highlight was our Member Nation Gathering in Brazil. Through it all, we see God’s hand opening doors and providing avenues for touching lives for his glory.



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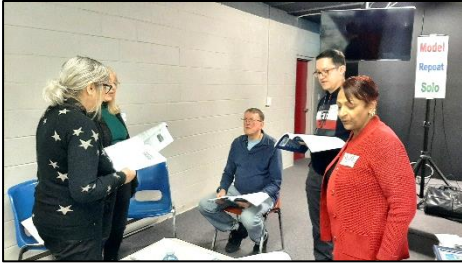
Ottawa ESL Prayer Network (OESLN)

With the LEI Canada office now in the Ottawa Valley area, Carey Jo Johnston with contacts from the Southern Cooperative for ESL Ministries (SOCEM) helped to organize the Ottawa ESL Prayer Network. Now with 24 people on our mailing list, we meet monthly for prayer and the occasional gathering to encourage each other in our English ministries.

Welcoming Newcomers to Canada through English ministry

Since 2018, the arrival of newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees) has almost doubled from about 250,000 a year to 450,000 a year. There is a huge need for many of these newcomers to learn English, as well as make friends, and receive other kinds of support.

Evangel Church in Oshawa (Toronto area) discerned through prayer and a neighbourhood survey the need for English language ministry as a means of outreach and welcome to these newcomers.



Nancy Kingdon, one of our board members, connected LEI-Canada and Evangel. We trained 2 groups of ESL teachers in 2023. They started classes

in March using the new LEI digital ESL curriculum *Light of the World*. Nancy Kingdon and another board member, Marilyn Bainard, along with others from Evangel, began ESL classes with 19 students from about 10 different countries. By September's class registration they had 70 students coming from 17 different countries! Overall about 140 students have at

least started the classes. (see pictures on front cover also).



Online training

In cooperation with LEI-USA, Carey Jo Johnston co-facilitated 3 online courses: *Introduction to Primer Construction* (3-weeks in March), *Primer Construction: Nuts and Bolts* (6-weeks in June/July), and the



premiere of *Introduction to Desktop Publishing* (4 weeks in May). Facilitators included LEI trained personnel from USA, Canada, Nigeria, Ghana, and India.

We had 7 people from 4 different countries take the primer

construction courses, as well as 15 take the desktop publishing course.

Supporting Primer Construction

While our Canadian missionary, Carey Jo Johnston, did not travel to help develop primers this year, she has supported our Member Nation partners in their primer construction efforts through video calls and editing primers. She assisted with several primers in Ghana, India, and Kenya. And she continued to help with the Y primer in Brazil on twice weekly video calls. The Y missionary, Mary*, has been focused on the Workbooks while checking and editing happens with the literacy lessons.



*Note: Y - Name abbreviated for security reasons. *Name changed for security reasons.*

Sharing the Vision in Churches

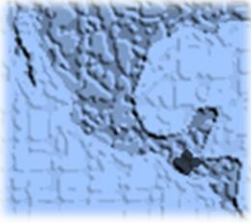
Rev. Carey Jo Johnston presented the LEI ministry at various churches around the Ottawa Valley in 2023. Board members also shared the ministry with their church connections.

Welcoming new missionary Lorna Tatomir



In September, Lorna Tatomir joined LEI as a missionary. Lorna and her husband Richard live in Leamington, Ontario, in the "far south of Canada". Lorna is teaching online using *Light of the World* ESL resources, and collaborating with the Curriculum Editing team. She is excited about helping churches reach Canada's many multicultural groups using LEI resources and training. Leamington is at the heart of the Ontario agricultural area and hosts several thousand seasonal workers each year, many from Latin American countries. Lorna is networking with churches in her area sharing the possibilities of literacy and ESL ministries for this "harvest field."

Ministry Partners



Latin America Guatemala

LAMP <http://www.lampliteracy.org/>

Our national missionary, Director Byron Feliz in Comitancillo, and staff Maria, Herminio, and Eliceo, carry on enabling and promoting Mam literacy. They continue with GEC “Grupos En Casa” (House Groups) for family literacy and discipleship. They are using “Big Books” printed in 2021 for the house groups. Byron continued to preach on the radio and Facebook live.



Guatemala City

- Yovany & Esmeralda Hernandez



Yovany and Esmeralda are connecting with new churches promoting literacy. They are starting the process of organizing L&E

Guatemala with government registration, etc. While they promote literacy, they are also doing Bible distribution. Praying for open doors for ministry, favor with government, and of course funding!



Colombia - Carolina Perdomo

Carolina has been leading teacher training workshops for literacy in Spanish and local languages in Colombia. She completed the development of the Koreguaje language primers and held teacher trainings. She also helped to develop additional reading materials.



She also did teacher training workshops in Zaragoza.





Africa

Malawi –

Supporting literacy in Malawi as Maxwell Mpitanyanga trains teachers in Lambya, Chewa, Yao and Sena languages.



Cyclone Freddy brought massive flooding. Besides the general losses, literacy primers and class supplies were ruined. However, Sena primers were printed and distributed so classes could resume.



Maxwell visited classes to give out certificates and held teacher training workshops.

Chancey and Geoffrey with Muliko Literacy Project were able to go to Mozambique where they trained 24 teachers for CAPRO.

Total of 436 teachers active in the 4 languages with 3,360 literacy students.



L&E Ghana –

www.literacyevangelismghana.org

Supporting Literacy & Evangelism Ghana – the Ghana staff completed the Nzema primer. Plus continued their partnerships in training teachers with the Pentecostal church, the Bible Society, and the Presbyterian Church.



The Nzema primer construction for book 2 took place in March. The team completed the last 50 lessons in time for teacher training workshops. Carey Jo Johnston

assisted with editing the primers.

L&E Ghana staff carried out Teacher Trainer trainings with the Pentecostal church in many areas of Ghana. They trained 187 teachers, 1,311 learners in classes.

They had a special graduation ceremony for 46 graduates.



They also celebrated World Literacy Day on September 8th.

We assisted with funds for

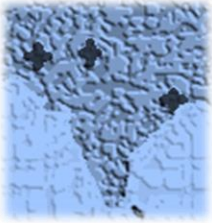
travel to the Member Nation Gathering in Brazil.

Missionaries with L&E Ghana co-facilitated several of the online classes in 2023.

L&E Togo –

We assisted with the development of the Anufo primer which was launched in March. Teacher training workshops were completed as well.

Bessan continued to promote the literacy ministry and hold teacher training workshops. In Togo 20 classes started since October 2022 with 204 learners (Ewe Language)



Literacy International India

LI India facilitated the Bru primer construction in March. The 2-book primer is still being edited and going through desktop publishing. Carey Jo Johnston is assisting with editing.



They led several teacher training workshops in various locations.



Member Nation Gathering – September 20 to September 25



Literacy & Evangelism International now has 15 Member Nations: a network of 15 independent yet connected organizations, all with the same purpose. LEI-Canada is a part of this network.

Member Nation representatives gather every 4 to 5 years. This year 11 of the 15 member nations met in person in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Representatives from the other 4 member nations “came” via zoom. AEI Brazil Member Nation hosted the group. We shared best practices, challenges, and prayer together.

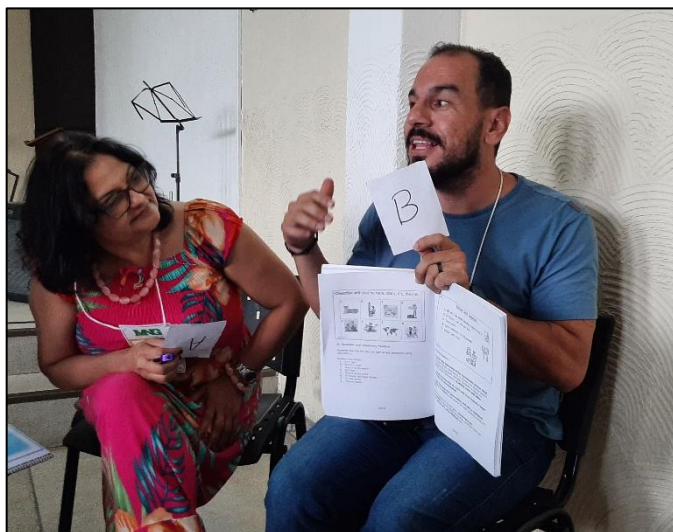


Nancy Kingdon, vice-president of the LEI-Canada Board, and Carey Jo Johnston, Mananging Director, represented LEI – Canada at the Member Nation Gathering

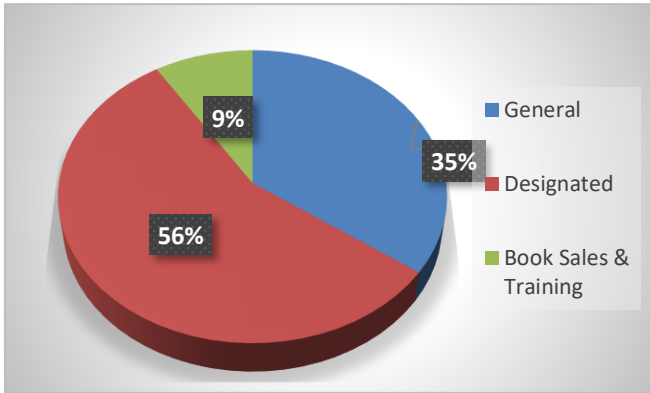


ESL Training in Brazil

Carey Jo Johnston and Nancy Kingdon assisted in a 3-day teacher training for English as a Second Language teachers. Melina Gallo, LEI-USA ELM Director, organized the training. The training was at 9th Presbyterian in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. We had 15 trainees from various churches and organizations.

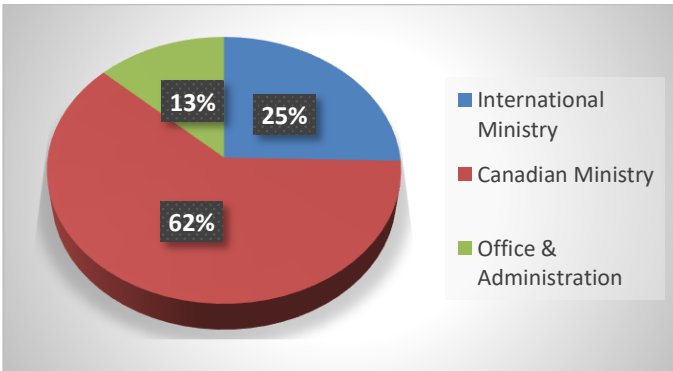


2023 Financials



Income:

General	-	\$	13,522	(35%)
Designated	-	\$	21,756	(56%)
Book Sales & Training	-	\$	3,477	(9%)
TOTAL INCOME.	\$	38,755	
Retained Earnings	\$	4,332	



Expenses:

International Ministry:		\$	8,738	(25%)
Canada Ministry:		\$	21,208	(62%)
Curriculum Printing	\$	2,038		
Public Relations	\$	542		
Other	\$	1,952		
Payroll	\$	16,676		
Office & Admin.		\$	4,476	(13%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	34,422	

The Mission

Literacy & Evangelism International equips the Church to share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading and conversational English.

The Strategy

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.

We develop partnerships that expand the mission of LEI.

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