

**LITERACY
EVANGELISM
DR CONGO**

**2023
ANNUAL
REPORT**

**« Better a book than a
packaged gift »**

DR CONGO

INTRODUCTION

We thank the Lord, who has been with us from the beginning of 2023 to the present day. This year, full of surprises, has been very pleasant for us, with successful visits and other activities in our country.

The most significant activities were

- The visit of two regional directors, **James KIGAMWA** in March 2023 and **David NABINE** in July 2023.
- The gathering of member nations in BELO HORIZONTE/BRAZIL followed by a mini meeting of 3 member nations in ACCRA/GHANA.

DR JAMES KIGAMWA'S VISIT TO DR-CONGO

Dr James KIGAMWA arrived in Kinshasa, DRC, where he spent a few days. During his visit, the Director for Africa and the Middle East met with various literacy operators and the representative of LE-DRC. Accompanied by **Dr Trésor YENYI**, **James KIGAMWA** held a conference before several other literacy operators and **MWANGAZA INTERNATIONAL** staff involved in literacy. Having finally been unable to reach the family and church of the late Reverend **NZONGO SILA-NDUNDA TIMOTHEE**, he used a voice recording to pay his respects and extend his greetings.



Sila Junior & James K

LEI METHODOLOGY IN TRAINING CENTERS

In preparation for the elections, the political authorities have scheduled pre-electoral activities to take place in Kinshasa and throughout the country in general. They drew inspiration from a number of sources, including rural and urban literacy programs in vocational training centers and trade centers. The representative of **L&E-DRC** was invited to join him and his team in ensuring the successful completion of this project, pending the installation of a new government in the country.



The LEI-DRC representative accompanied by an authority, an andragogue and students from a vocational training center.

LITERACY SOUTH-EAST OF DRC

With a strong need for development in the field of literacy and evangelism, L&E-DRC is doing its best to identify literacy operators capable of working with willingness and dedication. In the same vein, **Pastor KIPINDUKA KONDA Elisée**, legal representative of the Community of Evangelical and Apostolic Christian Assemblies (**CACEA**), has undertaken to identify local

churches organizing literacy work in the north-east and south-east of the DRC, listing 13 local churches.

Trained by **NZONGO SILA** in 2016, **Pastor KIPINDUKA**, who lives in Lubumbashi (DRC), receives an average of 3 candidates per local church each year at his Literacy Centers, making a total of 39 andragogues trained per year for all these local churches. This work deserves a great deal of encouragement.



Pastor KIPINDUKA Elisée in front of his local church



A CACEA literacy center

DAVID NABINE'S VISIT TO DR-CONGO

On a mission of literacy and evangelism this time in French-speaking countries, the DRC, the 1st major French-speaking country, received its director in Kinshasa on July 11, 2023. Appointed Director for French-speaking Africa at the beginning of 2022, David L. NABINE first set foot on Congolese soil, before moving on to Pointe-Noire in the Republic of Congo, Abidjan in Ivory Coast and Lomé in Togo (his home country). During his stay in Kinshasa, he took part in an observation visit, a meeting with the SILA family, a teacher-training workshop and a training session for the SILA family.



From left to right: Sila Junior, David Nabine & Marthe Sila

A service at the local mother church of the Evangelical Baptist Community of Congo (**CEBC**), of which **NZONGO SILA** was the 1st legal representative and community president. At the end of his mission, the LE-DRC representative gave a speech and presented the director with a diploma of honor.

"French-speaking Africa is blessed to have this kind of man, we love what he does".

Note that **David NABINE** was appointed by LEI two years ago, after ten years as Director of Literacy in Togo. So we still see excellent work being done in the field as a French-speaking Director.



David Nabine & Sila Jr at CEBC's local mother church

LIFE LINE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

We were honored to be invited by the **LIFE LINE KINSHASA** church for a teacher training workshop. After 8 days' work, we succeeded in training 26 candidates who then proved their ability to join the literacy ministry. With a job well done, the Centre d'Alphabétisation **LIFE LINE** is now preparing to retrain its andragogues.



SILA Junior at a training session



Marin Ebulu, Marthe Sila & Sila Junior on the last day of training and obtaining certificates at Life Line

PRINTING OF LITERACY MANUALS

In order to continue this literacy work, and more specifically the teacher training workshops, we received a grant to print the "MWINDA YA SIKA" books in Lingala. After printing, we received 800 literacy books, including 400 volumes 1 and 2. It's worth noting that literacy in Lingala is more widely



SILA Junior at the printing works



800 literacy manuals printed

used in Kinshasa than in the provinces; this is influenced by the numbers of local readers and speakers.

DIFFERENT MN GATHERINGS IN 2023

As agreed by the LEI authorities, all the leaders of the member nations meet every 4 or 5 years in a member nation to settle certain issues, taking note of decisions and answers to questions still outstanding. This is the Member Nation Gathering (MNG). For this second edition, held in **BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL**, after the 1st edition in **ACCRA, GHANA**, the DRC was invited to take part, but missed out due to failure to obtain a Brazilian visa. The meeting was replaced by another in Accra led by the LE-GHANA team, where 3 member nations, respectively the DRC, BURKINA FASO and TOGO, travelled to the Ghanaian capital to take part. Several other countries such as **BENIN, GUINEA CONAKRY, MADAGASCAR** and **ZAMBIA** took part online.

With a very full agenda, we were informed of the decisions taken at the gathering of member nations in Brazil (September 20-26, 2023), as well as the official induction of two Directors from **BURKINA FASO** and **TOGO**.



Three member nations meet in Ghana



Sila, Rigo, Bessan, Boro and Ghana team

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MWANGAZA AND L&E-DRC



SILA Junior and Trésor YENYI (Président of MWANGAZA)

Last December, the LE-DRC representative met with the President of MWANGAZA INT, a well-known company in Kinshasa and the east of the country. Its President, Dr. Trésor YENYI, expressed his willingness to collaborate with LE-RDC in the field of literacy for orphans and other needy people.

We affirm with faith that MWANGAZA is a source of strength and support for the DRC, along with the hard work of its President to devoutly serve the Lord through Literacy.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Financing structure</i>	<i>funding target</i>	<i>Observation</i>
2000\$	LEI	Printing of Lingala manuals	800 Literacy Books Volume 1 and 2
2343\$	LEI	Journey to Brazil (MNG)	Visa and ticket to Brazil
740\$	Evangelical Baptist Community in Congo (CEBC))	Expenses during TTW, taxi for the transportation of the French-speaking Director and TTW participants.	Taxi in town : \$340 , Hall rental for TTW: \$150 , Meal: \$250
\$200	LE-DRC	Sale of Lingala literacy books	The sale of 21 primers in Lingala Volume 1 and 2: \$200

ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR 2023

For Kinshasa :

- Number of teachers trained: 41
- Number of training workshops: 2
- Number of books printed: 800 books (400 Tome 1 and 2)
- Number of books sold: 39 Couples Tome 1 and 2=78 books
- Number of certified teachers: 40

For South-East DRC :

- Number of teachers trained: 216
- Number of learners: 714
- Number of training workshops: 4
- Number of books purchased: 0
- Number of teachers certified: 216
- Number of books printed: 0

CONCLUSION

We are very grateful for the enormous work of LEI in the world of Literacy; a world where L&E-DRC has experienced some administrative difficulties relieved by the support of other member nations, Regional Directors as well as by prayers coming from different churches and families.

Like a family, LEI unites all its member nations with a strong bond of prayers and collaboration, advice and sharing. So we thank the LEI Management in general and its President in particular for his works and ideas to spread the good news through Literacy; we also give glory to Jesus who never ceases to do us great good in our Literacy ministries.

"Long live Evangelism and International Literacy".