

## Special Fund Raising Appeal



### Special Fund Raising Appeal for TPRA Buyout from ACTS<sup>1</sup>

The Phonics READING Adventure Africa Ltd (TPRA Africa Ltd)

Rebuilding a READING Culture

What a God story! To Him be all the glory!

**Greetings dear praying friends and supporters!**

**Enjoy the history of TPRA! Then see page 2 bottom for fund raising details.**



Pictured are Hosea and the Wiebes in ACTS bookshop 2015

#### **The Phonics READING Adventure (TPRA) materials:**

- 8 teacher's manuals
- 8 pupil workbooks
- 48 companion readers
- 60 teaching charts
- 1 letter sound CD
- 1 teaching video
- 1 magic bag
- 1 pocket chart

In 2004 when we arrived in Pankshin, Marlene realized that few parents at our college read to their children even though they themselves are educators! She began to host Bible clubs and Reading clubs in our home and the children loved borrowing books from her little library. So in Jos she searched but found no complete curriculum for teaching English literacy and reading for the Nigerian context.

In 2011 a Canadian teacher presented a workshop which Hosea Danjuma Gupar attended and where he and Marlene providentially met. At that time this teacher blessed him with the following message, "I feel that you will become a teacher of teachers." That went deep into Hosea's heart! We then learned about a systematic US phonics curriculum and our passion for literacy and a desire to write such a curriculum for the African context grew. And so began our journey of researching, learning and writing along with the advice and encouragement of special educators, both Nigerians and expats.

In 2014 we published five levels of teachers' manuals and pupils' workbooks and by 2017 we completed two more levels plus a set of teaching charts. With Hosea's experience as a headmaster and Grade 1 teacher, he knew exactly what the nursery and early elementary classes were lacking in the area of literacy. Our goals in producing TPRA materials were three-fold:

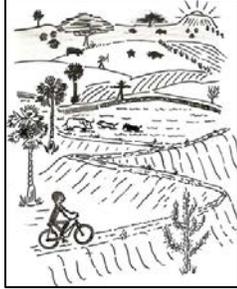
- Firstly, we desire children to learn in their early years to read accurately, fluently and with comprehension and pleasure.
- Secondly, we desire them to accomplish their school work and to develop a reading habit to enlarge their worlds.
- Thirdly, we pray that this will result in them reading God's Word the Bible, becoming believers in Jesus and becoming a blessing to their society.

Adrienne Lillo, whose husband Rob teaches with Global Scholars, was especially concerned about the lack of books for beginning readers. She advised us on curriculum and also wrote and delightfully illustrated stories to accompany the concepts being taught. Marlene wrote a number of stories as well, and Hosea was ecstatic to receive the contextualized picture books. The children were so excited to be able to read all the words in the story that they had been learning in class.

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<sup>1</sup> ACTS refers to Africa Christian Textbooks, a publisher in Bukuru, about 30 minutes from the main city of Jos.

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TPRA co-authors Marlene, Hosea, and Adrienne  
Adrienne illustrates her story in *Mike's Fine Bike*

### **Hosea's activities 2015 to 2019 included:**

- Promoting and distributing TPRA materials
- Staff trainings on Jos Plateau, Abuja and Lagos
- Teaching literacy to 2nd yr college PES<sup>2</sup> students
- Speaking at elementary school graduations

### **Objectives for Hosea's Incorporated Company *The Phonics READING Adventure Africa Ltd (TPRA Africa Ltd)*:**

- a) To carry out the business of educational/consultancy services, publication of educational materials, distribution and retailing of books and to operate the business of a bookshop.
- b) To carry on the business of entrepreneurship/skills acquisition and vocational education.
- c) To carry on the business of general contracts, general merchants, general supplies of books, trading, general marketing, buying and selling, imports and export of books, to buy, sell, publisher representative and deals in all books and stationeries.
- d) To do all things considered incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.



New TPRA Africa Ltd shop,  
Emma, Hosea, Ernest

Ernest, Hosea, Emma  
(Emmanuel) and Noro in  
distribution centre for TPRA  
materials when they arrive  
for processing.

26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 after 2.5 years of online studies, Hosea was awarded a Master of Arts in Early Childhood with Roehampton University, London UK. This enrichment and accomplishment was made possible by Hosea's diligent work, by the Wiebe supporters' monthly stipend to provide for him and his family during the study period and by the Lillo supporters' tuition payments. Hosea thanks "for the grace!"

By 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 Hosea had raised funds in Nigeria to rent a building for a year. The TPRA shop is secure and adequate to include a book shop, distribution centre, a large training centre and an office.

### **Will you pray for and support this major TPRA buyout from ACTS for transfer to TPRA Africa Ltd?**

**OUR FUND RASING GOAL: CDN \$36,730.00** (\$33,057.00 + \$3,673.00 [10% Admin fee]). This covers half of the total ACTS Invoice of ₦17,651,064.46. Lillos, our US colleagues, will seek to raise the other half.

**In Canada - make cheque payable to GSC** and designate for the **Nigerian Publications Special Project - Wiebe** and mail to: Global Scholars Canada, P.O. Box 72052, 1630 Danforth Ave. Toronto ON M4C 0A1

**In U.S.A. - make check payable to Global Scholars** and designate for the **Nigerian Publications Special Project - Wiebe** and mail to: **Global Scholars**, 100 E. Park St. Suite 206, Olathe, KS 66061

If more information is needed, please feel free to email us or call.

With our love in Christ,

Rudy and Marlene Wiebe

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<sup>2</sup> PES refers to Primary Education Students. They were taught a 12 week course by Hosea prior to their teaching practice.