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Executive Summary

In 2025, Rural Literacy Solutions worked to close literacy gaps in rural Northern Ghana despite funding challenges. We improved reading skills, preserved local languages, and increased access to learning resources. The Little Libraries Program saw over 500 books borrowed in seven villages, boosting home reading time by 45%. The After-School Literacy Tuition Program aided 320 pupils, with a 27% improvement in reading fluency and 78% reading at grade level by year-end. Collaborating with SAIDE and Wikitongues, we translated 40 Dagbani storybooks, which were used in 22 schools. Looking to 2026, we aim to expand programs, increase translations, and introduce a volunteer teacher training initiative. Despite financial hurdles, our 2025 successes showcase our resilience and commitment to rural literacy in Northern Ghana.

Message from our Executive Director.

In 2025, Rural Literacy Solutions continued its mission to close literacy gaps and promote a culture of reading in rural Northern Ghana. Despite facing significant funding challenges, the organization delivered impactful programs that improved reading skills, preserved local languages, and expanded access to learning resources for children in underserved communities.

Through the Little Libraries Program, more than 500 books were borrowed across seven rural villages, with 415 children and 85 adults participating. Home reading time increased by 45%, demonstrating the growing value families place on literacy. The program now circulates over 1,200 books.

The After-School Literacy Tuition Program supported 320 pupils at Kanvilli Nuriya Primary. Attendance remained high at 92%, and children showed a 27% improvement in reading fluency. By year-end, 78% of pupils were reading at grade level—an increase from the 51% baseline—reflecting significant academic progress.

In collaboration with SAIDE and Wikitongues, the organization translated and published 40 Dagbani children’s storybooks on the African Storybook platform. Twenty-two schools—many beyond current project sites—integrated these resources into classroom instruction. Teachers applauded the cultural relevance of the texts, with 96% reporting they made learning more meaningful.

Looking ahead to 2026, Rural Literacy Solutions plans to expand its footprint by establishing more little libraries, scaling tuition programs to reach over 1,000 children, and producing additional translations in Dagbani and Kasem. A new volunteer teacher training program is also planned to strengthen community-based instruction.

Despite financial constraints, the achievements of 2025 highlight the resilience of the organization and the transformative power of investing in rural literacy. With continued support, Rural Literacy Solutions remains committed to building a brighter, more literate future for children across Northern Ghana.

Peter Kojo Amoabil

2025 Highlights and Impact Metrics

Little libraries project

- Over 500 books borrowed by children and community members across our network, promoting self-directed reading and family literacy

Metric	Results
Total books in circulation	1,200+
Unique borrowers	415 children & 85 adults
Average books per child	3.2
Increase in home reading time	+45% (parent surveys)
Communities served	7 villages

2025 Highlights and Impact Metrics

After School Literacy Tuition

- 320 children benefited from targeted after-school literacy tuition: at Kanvilli Nuriya Primary.

Metric	Results
Attendance rate	92%
Reading fluency improvement	+27%
Children reading at grade level	78% (up from 51% baseline)
Teacher-reported confidence	+52%
Parental involvement in homework	+29%

2025 Highlights and Impact Metrics

Digital Storytelling & Local Language Preservation

- In partnership with SAIDE and Wikitongues, 40 children’s books were translated into Dagbani and published globally on the African Storybook platform.

Metric	Results
Schools using translated books	22
Languages represented	Dagbani (40 titles)
Teacher approval (culturally relevant)	96%

Next Steps

Looking Ahead to 2026

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- Establish 5 new little libraries in remote villages.

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- Scale after-school tuition to 1,000+ children.

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- Translate 50 additional titles into Dagbani and Kasem

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- Launch a volunteer teacher training program.

Conclusion

As we reflect on 2025, Rural Literacy Solutions remains steadfast in its mission to transform lives through the power of reading. With over 500 books borrowed from our little libraries, 320 children uplifted through after-school tuition, and 40 culturally vital storybooks now accessible in Dagbani, we have laid stronger foundations for literacy in rural Northern Ghana.

Despite financial challenges that tested our resilience, the dedication of our team, partners, and supporters ensured that no child's potential was left behind. Our collaboration with the South African Institute for Distance Education (SAIDE) and Wikitongues has amplified local voices, making stories in Dagbani a bridge between generations and a beacon of pride. Looking ahead, we are not just teaching children to read—we are empowering them to dream, lead, and shape a brighter future. With your continued partnership, 2026 will mark even greater strides in reaching the most remote communities.

Together, we are not only building literacy. We are building hope.

At Rural Literacy Solutions we are creating a future where every child in rural Ghana can read fluently, think critically, and pursue their dreams without limitations.

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