

2023

Pavement Project Highlights



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Educators who witnessed the amazing transformation in the children's lives, families, and partner organisations' teams were profoundly impacted.

Partnership

In 2023, Lifewords developed Pavement Project in 25 countries through 325 partners and 631 educators.

Continents	Countries	Partners	Workers
Latin America (14)	Mexico, Dominican Republic, Panama, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela	171	289
Africa (8)	Angola, DRC, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe	87	196
Asia (2)	India, Indonesia	63	142
Europe (1)	Portugal	1	1



LIFEWORDS RESOURCES SHARED



- ▶ 5,174 children connected with the Bible and realised its relation to their lives through stories in the Green Bag, which presented Jesus and characters who faced difficulties and found the strength to overcome their traumatic experiences.
- ▶ All children received the word of God on a card with an image and a Bible text (Pocket Card) they chose to take home because it touched their hearts and was related to how they felt about their lives.
- ▶ 628 workers from 322 organisations had access to the Green Bag resources, 427 in the physical format and 201 in the digital.
- ▶ Apart from the resources used in the Green bag activity, our partners (Churches in the majority) were encouraged and used Lifewords resources to communicate God's love (Bible booklets, Bible story flip chart, and Pocket Cards with an image and a Bible verse) and helped children make good choices in life (Choose Life) in group activities.
- ▶ As we celebrated PP's 23rd Birthday, the Kenya team visited some children's Homes in Nairobi and met with the children when they shared the Bible story Let the Children Come to Me (Mark 10:13-16) in groups of children and gave them the opportunity to pick Pocket Cards. Njeri, one of the girls from One Lamb who felt unloved and lonely, picked the Welcoming Hands Pocket Card. It spoke to her, and she said excitedly, **'Oh! God is good. He has welcomed me in His big hands!'**



WORKERS TRAINING SESSIONS



28 workers' training sessions: 18 face-to-face and 10 online.

17 trainers were involved in the facilitation of the sessions.

151 new certified workers from 61 partner organisations were equipped to help children in need in 14 countries.

Continents	Countries
Latin America (16)	
North America	Dominican Republic, Panama
Central America	Nicaragua
South America	Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru
Asia (6)	India, Indonesia
Africa (5)	Kenya, Tanzania, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique

INDONESIA – YD TRAINING CENTER AME (APRIL 2023)



INDIA – ASHRAY PAVEMENT PROJECT NEW EDUCATORS IN JHARKHAND (MARCH 2023)



**INDIA – IEM PP NEW EDUCATORS
IN NAGPUR (OCTOBER 2023)**



**INDIA – LAKKA TTOOR BRETHREN
ASSEMBLY, PP NEW EDUCATORS
IN KOTTAYAM (MAY 2023)**

**KENYA – AGAPE KITALE PP NEW
EDUCATORS (MAY 2023)**



**KENYA – PP NEW EDUCATORS
FROM BUNGOMA, WESTERN KENYA
(AUGUST 2023)**



TANZANIA – PP NEW EDUCATORS FROM SAFINA STREET NETWORK, ZUIA TRAFFICKING, AND AGAPE MOROGORO (SEPTEMBER 2023)



COLOMBIA – NEW EDUCATORS FROM 8 NEW PARTNER ORGANISATIONS (APRIL AND OCTOBER 2023)



COLOMBIA – PP NEW EDUCATORS FROM IGLESIA CENTRO EVANGÉLICO, FUNDACIÓN SEMILLITAS DE AMOR AND CASA V.I.D.A PADRE (MAY 2023)



BRAZIL – 13 EDUCATORS FROM MEAP PURUS, PEPE AND JUSTIÇA E MISERICÓRDIA – RIVERSIDE'S AMAZON COMMUNITIES (MAY AND JULY 2023)



PANAMA – 5 NEW EDUCATORS FROM IGLESIA MISION VISION DISCIPULADO (PANAMA CITY NOVEMBER 2023)



LAT – 10 ONLINE TRAINING SESSIONS WITH EDUCATORS FROM 8 COUNTRIES

TRAINERS CERTIFIED



Since 2018, the Pavement Project has developed trainers in 15 countries to spread the good news through the Green Bag. The volunteer trainees go through a journey that involves excellent dedication in the theoretical and practical parts. Coordinators and certified trainers mentor them, and it is a great joy when they finally get their certification, strengthening our team and increasing our potential to train others to bless the children.

COVID-19 slowed the plan as many trainees lost jobs, got sick, moved from their organisations, etc. However, we implemented online training and counselling that potentialised the certification and training in some countries.

In 2023, we certified three new trainers: Nely Molina from Colombia, Noemí Zapata from Chile, and Jane Nyongesa from Kenya. Today, our team of volunteer trainers are made of 28 active trainers and 15 trainee trainers, covering 12 countries with support and capacity to train more educators.

Jane Nyongesa was motivated by the dream of becoming a Pavement Project Trainer. She mobilised 6 partners to participate in the supervised PP Workers Training Workshop in August 2023. She liaised with the coordinator as she prepared the partners, working through the partnership process, participants' application process and training preparations. With everything running well, the training was successful, and Jane is now part of the trainers' team in Kenya.



**JANE NYONGESA WAS
CERTIFIED AS A PP TRAINER
IN KENYA, AUGUST 2023**

**NELY MOLINA WAS
CERTIFIED AS A PP
TRAINER IN COLOMBIA,
APRIL 2023**



New Regions



AMAZONAS

We could consider the Amazonas a country in itself and one of the biggest challenges for Pavement Project to reach. God has given us the privilege to help educators share the Good News with the children in the far lands of Brazil and in the way they understand his love and power. In July, we managed to equip our partner MEAP (Evangelical Mission of Assistance to Fishermen) and train ten missionaries who work in communities along the Purus River, one of the main tributaries in the Amazon. In the last week of December, the staff of three new partners, the Association of Riverside Women, The World for Christ Church in Nova Floresta, and the Methodist Church in Mutirão in the Amazonas were also trained to use the Green Bag.



GUINEA-BISSAU AND PANAMA

We have launched the Pavement Project initiative in two new countries where the need to alleviate children's suffering is significant. We partnered with ALEM Guinea-Bissau (Wycliffe) and Iglesia Mision Visión Discipulado in Panama, successfully empowering their educators. So far, 34 children have been profoundly helped by the Green Bag. Despite the distinct cultural, socio-economic, and political realities, we have observed that challenges faced by at-risk children, such as loss of relatives, poverty, abandonment, stigmatisation, and parental substance dependence, impact their experiences.

Our new partners in both countries are immensely grateful for now having a practical resource to address children's emotional and spiritual pain. Our blended challenge of joy and determination is to expand the network of educators to meet the high demand from organisations.

"I waited ten years to learn how to use the Green Bag. Now I realise many stopped seeing Jesus in that time. I see the Truth changing the child's life in each counselling session. It also transforms my life."

Ana Cristina, Mozambique



New Resources

GREEN BAG APP

We have launched a new version of the app with enhanced features to provide an even better experience for educators and children. This includes a new interactive screen and a dedicated page for securely recording, monitoring, and editing children's information. Educators have been informed through video tutorials. Gradually, educators are transitioning from the old app to the new one, trusting the digital tool. The challenge for 2024 will be to release the smartphone app, allowing broader access without requiring a tablet purchase.

"ALWAYS WITH YOU" – KID TALK FOR BRAZIL

The Always with You programme is a methodology to support the work already carried out by faith communities and social projects linked to Lifewords Pavement Project and others in Brazil.

The programme's main aim is to help children aged 6 to 12 deal with the pain of losing a close family member (father/mother, grandparents, brother or sister, friend, etc.), with a particular focus on the emotional processes of the child. It employs a mutual support approach in which small groups (up to 8) of grieving children go through a series of workshops conducted under the guidance of two facilitators following a specific curriculum.

At the end of the curriculum, the children will have undergone a farewell process that integrates emotional and spiritual support, a conscious understanding of losses, and empowerment to face life's challenges. They will be able to express their emotions healthily, have gained knowledge about grief, and develop resilience skills. In 2024, we will conduct testing of the material that has been translated, adapted, and formatted to resonate well with the Brazilian target audience.





The highlights summarise the achievements made throughout the year, expressing gratitude to everyone who supported the project through prayers, encouragement, and suggestions.

The work involved various partners, including funding organisations, churches, individuals, and teams from our global family (Australia, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Poland and the UK).

We thank God for our tireless team of volunteer trainers and educators, as well as our staff:

Clara (Kenya, Africa), Cleisse (Brazil, Latin America), Clenir (Brazil, Global), Luciana (Brazil), Marisol (Colombia), and Serah (India)

To God, all the Glory!

If you want to explore real stories of transformation in children who came to accept and trust God's love after experiencing a boost in their self-esteem through the Green Bag, open the pages of the ebook **A Change For Life:** <https://bit.ly/ebook-a-change-for-life>

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