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Christian *Leadership* development

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(Picture: PLRCA workshop in Zambia )

## A Recap of 2023 and What Lies Ahead for 2024

**To:** Our sponsors, supporters, friends and co-laborers in ministry:

Dear Donors and Partner[s],

It is with humility and joy that I write to you today as the new director of PLRCA (*Partner(s) for Leadership Resources for Churches in Africa*). As I step into this role, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue the ministry founded by my father, Jefferson Labala.

I would be remiss if I did not first express my heartfelt thanks to my father, Jefferson Labala, for his unwavering dedication and hard work in establishing and nurturing the ministry of PLRCA. His vision and perseverance, even in the midst of affliction and sickness, laid the foundation for what has become a beacon of hope and light in the continent of Africa and parts of Asia.

The story of PLRCA is one of resilience and faith. It was birthed during a time of great trial: yet thanks to the Grace of God, it has grown tremendously. Like a small spark igniting a roaring flame, the ministry has been warming hearts and minds with the love of Christ through Christian education, equipping the next generation of Christian leaders in Africa.

As PLRCA continues to educate the next generation, I want to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to all our partners and donors. Your support has been instrumental in fueling the growth and impact of PLRCA. It is through your generosity and unwavering commitment that we have been able to reach and touch the lives of so many. Your contributions have been a tangible expression of God's love in action.

As we look to the future, I humbly urge you to continue your support for this ministry. Your partnership is vital as we strive to expand our reach and deepen our impact. Together, we can be co-laborers in God's work, nurturing the flame of hope and love that PLRCA represents.

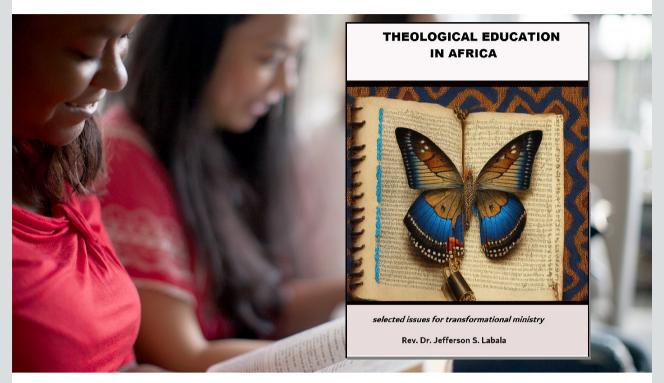
In closing, I draw inspiration from Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." Your kindness and generosity have been a blessing, and I pray that God will continue to bless you abundantly as you partner with us in this journey.

With deep gratitude and anticipation for the future,

*Executive Director Wala-Neh Labala* 

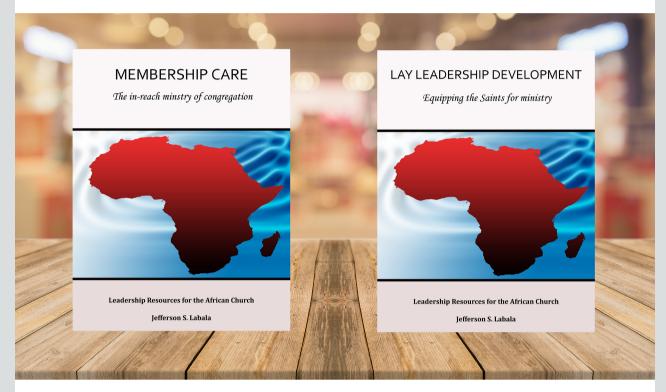
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#### **RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT**



The latest addition to the PLRCA library is a leadership resource titled "Theological Education in Africa: *selected issues for transformational ministry*." This resource adopts a targeted approach to the study of the Bible within the academic context of Africa. Its primary focus is to equip servants of God for effective ministry by providing them with the necessary tools. This preparation, however, recognizes the critical importance of cultivating a robust and culturally tailored perspective on the Bible specific to the continent of Africa.

#### LEADERSHIP RESOURCES



At the heart of the PLRCA ministry are the leadership resources written by Rev. Dr. Jefferson Labala. These resources help educate the next generation of pastors in Africa with an awareness of the African culture. There are 10 leadership resources which PLRCA has in circulation with our partners in Africa. They include.

> <u>Church Administration Simplified</u> <u>Prayer Ministry</u> <u>Developing Dynamic Congregation with Integrity</u> <u>A Primer for Advanced pastors</u> <u>Effective Membership Care</u> <u>Lay Leadership Development</u> <u>Leading Committees And Other Small Groups</u> <u>Transforming Evangelism Ministry</u> <u>Organizing Effective Outreach Ministry</u> <u>Church Finance: developing a vibrant ministry of giving</u>

These resources are now in four languages---English, French, Portuguese, and the Bassa language. Praise be to God! While our focus is on Africa, many Christians elsewhere have found the publications helpful such as in the Philippines.

### THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL IN ZAMBIA

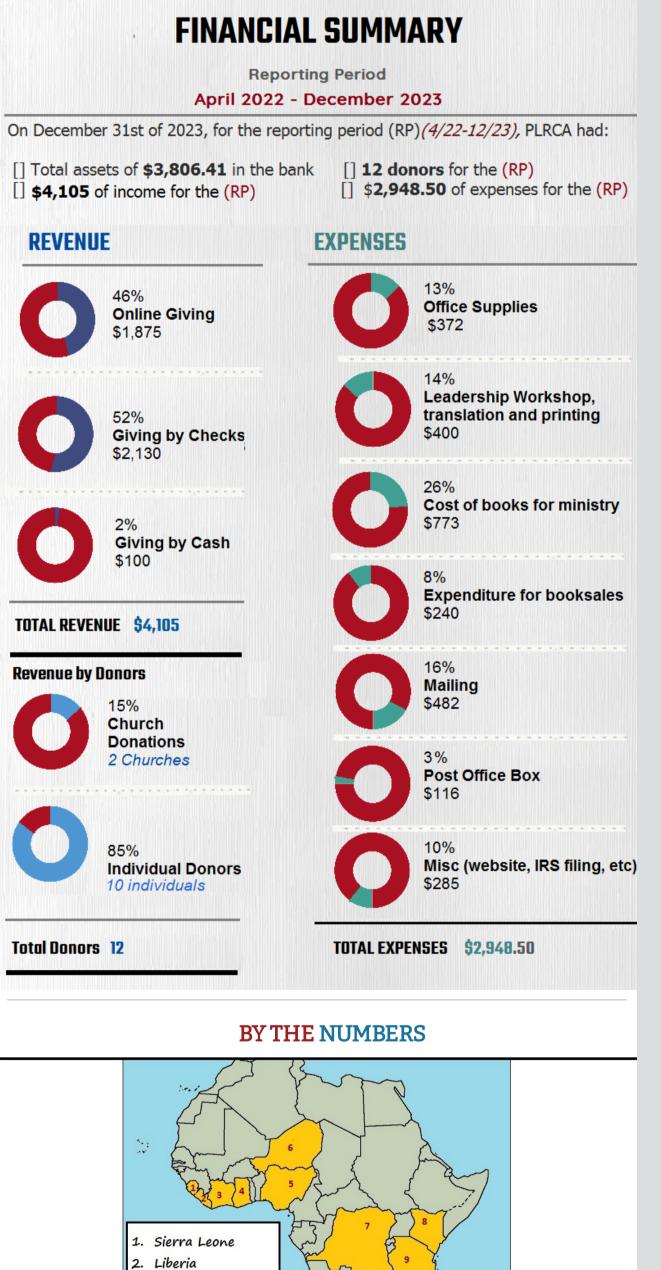
In 2023, PLRCA received a \$400 (four hundred dollars) grant. The funds went to support ministries in Zambia and Liberia. Two hundred dollars went to each of these two ministry initiatives on the basis of the need. Below are some pictures onsite in Zambia where PLRCA resources are being used to further Christian education in Africa.

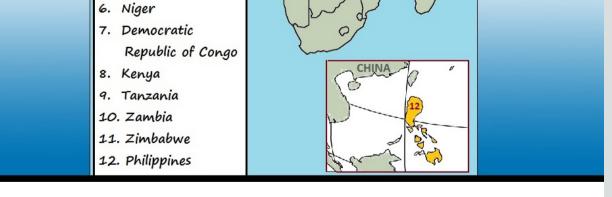
The following is a photo gallery of workshop participants, students and faculty in Zambia, with some using the resources of PLRCA. This ministry is under the able leadership of the Rev. Solomon Sibalwa. We



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Below are some of the most recent statistics related to the PLRCA ministry in Africa.

PLRCA publications-----more than 20 books Number of countries being served------12

Number of persons benefiting from the resources-----more than one million Number of seminaries that use PLRCA books------4

Number of UMC Conferences that use the books------10 Number of Christians in Africa as of 2023-----630 million\*\*\*

\*\*\* According to Oasis International (a conservative figure)

3. Cote D'ivoire

4. Ghana 5. Nigeria

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The work of PLRCA continues to reach even the most remote parts of the continent of Africa due to the generous support of partners and donors like you. With about 85% of our donations coming from individual donors, one should never underestimate the impact which their individual donation can make when combined with others of a similar mindset.

We live in times where it seems that the needs are greater than the resources. However, we know very well that all of the needs can be met for His ministry according to His riches in glory.

Please consider being a regular partner or a one time donor. Furthermore for those who may not be able to add a new ministry to their full plates of giving, consider sharing this brochure freely with others who may have a heart for this ministry.

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