

Improving Education in Africa *thru* Evidence Based Methods of Instruction (EBMI)

Atlanta Nov 2009 - EVIDENCE BASED METHODS OF INSTRUCTION (EBMI) have been demonstrated by World Literacy Initiative in two African nations and introduced to a third. However, . . .

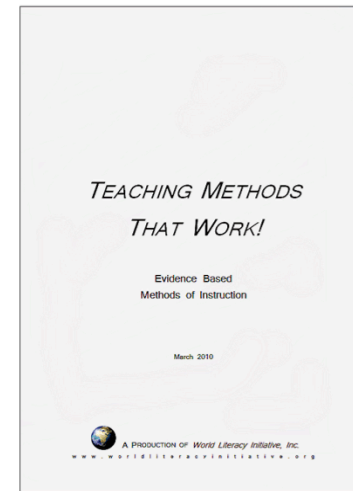
***Africa's children need us
to move more quickly . . .***

So, World Literacy Initiative is writing **Teaching Methods That Work!** - a textbook for teaching new teachers all about EBMI. This text will be complete and ready to print the first 200 copies by March 2010.

This first edition will be sent to Ministries of Education and universities in selected African nations. Upon receiving a request for assistance, World Literacy Initiative will send our Executive Director, Jan Heckler to help launch the use of these methods. Later, a second edition will incorporate '*lessons learned*' from the preliminary use of the first printing .

The Cost of Reaching Out. In order to move to this next level however, World Literacy Initiative needs a *minimum* of **\$107,000** by early 2010. With as much as **\$285,000**, World Literacy Initiative can publish and distribute 300 copies of the first edition textbook, recruit and train a second 'Master Trainer' to assist in sharing these methods in Africa and meet all of its human resource obligations.

World Literacy Initiative needs your help now. You have helped us over the past 9 years to get to this crucial watershed moment - now, please join with us again. Make out your



Anticipated cover for the new EBMI textbook.

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Thank you!

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BACKGROUND FOR INTERESTED READERS—*the first 9 years.*

World Literacy Initiative Executive Director, Jan Heckler was called to help found *World Literacy Initiative* while helping to facilitate the Faith & Issues Sunday School class in 1999 at North Decatur Presbyterian Church.

World Literacy Initiative worked in **Malawi** at Montfort Teacher Training College from 2002 - 2004. There, *World Literacy Initiative* established an exhibition program demonstrating Evidence Based Methods of Instruction in the primary demonstration school—a school that was still without electricity, poorly equipped and over-crowded. The exhibition was a great success improving learner achievement as much as 117 percent for boys and 2,800 percent for girls.

At a follow-up visit in 2007, *World Literacy Initiative* learned that not only were more teachers than ever using the methods, but that students had gone on to secondary school and were still achieving better than other schools' students - an additional positive finding.

After that, *World Literacy Initiative* went to Namibia at Caprivi College of Education in the 'Caprivi Strip' of **Namibia** from 2004 - 2006, with more access to the country's education leadership in the ministry of education and the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NIED).

Along with two indigenous co-authors, *World Literacy Initiative* wrote and presented a paper on evidence based methods at the *Kenton at Mpekwani Conference* in 2005, sponsored by Kenton and Rhodes Universities in South Africa.

Most recently, *World Literacy Initiative* completed its 2006 - 2008 experiences in **Ethiopia**. While there, *World Literacy Initiative* was instrumental in helping Ethiopia achieve a \$417 million funding package from the World Bank and five donor nations for its long-planned quality improvement programme for education.

World Literacy Initiative is a private, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) (EIN: 58-2545583) formed specifically to share the most advanced and proven successful teaching methods with the people of developing nations. It was incorporated in May 2000 and is internationally headquartered in Atlanta, GA.

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