



YEARLY REPORT 2023



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INTRODUCTION

PEPE'S MINISTRY IMPORTANCE AND THE CHALLENGE OF COMPLETING THE MISSION

In Matthew 28:18 to 20 we find the following statement:

“Then Jesus came to them and said: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And I will always be with you, until the end of time.”

Children make up a large group of the world's population that is not being reached. According to data from the World Evangelization organization, approximately two billion children worldwide have never heard the gospel message. The evangelization and discipleship of children is the task of the church of Jesus. They are also targets and potential agents of the “Great Commission”.

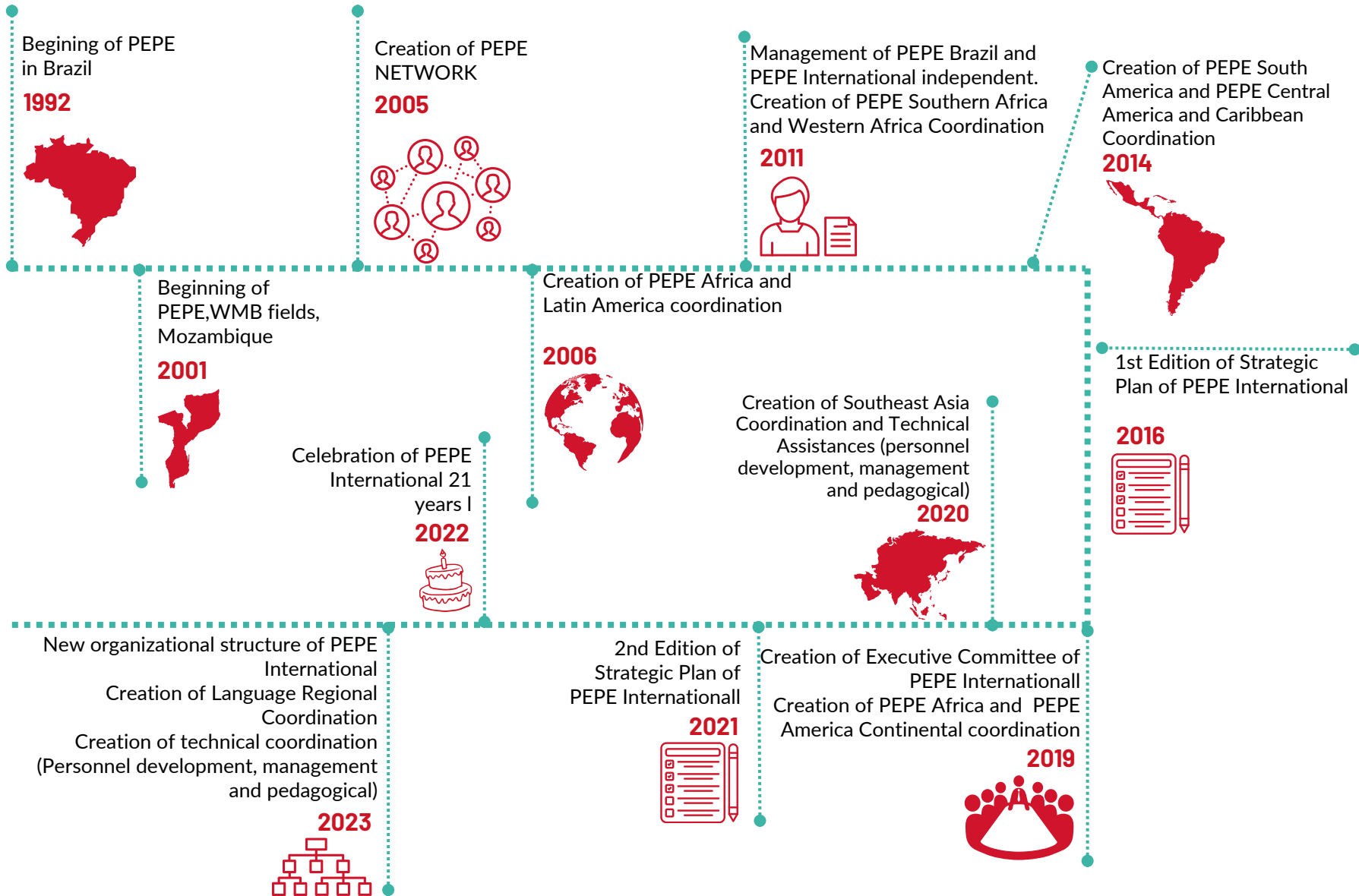
The World Mission Board (JMM), through the Pre-School Education Program (PEPE), in partnership with evangelical conventions and churches, offers preschool education, with the integration of the Word of God, for children from impoverished communities in different countries worldwide. PEPE opens up our vision to unite faith with practical actions, expanding our understanding of the importance of children in the Kingdom, the Church and the Mission.

In this report we share the challenges and victories in reaching many children, families and communities. We are grateful to God for this privilege. We are also grateful to the many supporters of this work. Each of you contributed to thousands of children having access to the education and love of Jesus.

Let's continue completing the mission together, in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Terezinha Candieiro
General Director of PEPE International

OUR HISTORY



BEGINNING OF PEPE UNITS IN THE COUNTRIES SINCE 1992

1992 - Brazil - São Paulo

2000 - Brazil - Northeast

2001 - Mozambique

2002 - Paraguay, Peru, Chile

2003 - Guinea Republic, São Tomé and Príncipe

2004 - Angola



2005 - Bolivia, Equator

2006 - Colombia, Sierra Leone

2007 - Cape Vert Senegal

2008 - Romenia (closed)

2009 - Dominican Republic, Mali

2010 - Guinea Bissau

2011 - South Africa, Argentina

2012 - Haiti (suspended), El Salvador

2013 - Ruanda (closed)

2014 - Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua

2015 - Panama

2016 - Venezuela, Gambia, Togolese Republic, East Timor

2017 - Honduras

2018 -

2019 -

2020 - India, Benin

2021 -

2022 - Burkina Faso

2023 - Filipinas, Nigeria



CONTINENTAL PEPE AMERICAS

PEPE is in 15 countries, with 404 units, 9,398 children, 700 missionary-educators.

The work was carried out with great dedication on the part of everyone to achieve the objectives of the Action Plan. Highlight goes to Cuba, which accepted PEPE's proposal and continues to train the new coordinator to start a pilot project in 2024.

CONTINENTAL PEPE ASIA

PEPE is in 2 countries, with 4 units, 72 children, 16 missionary-educators.

We have several victories, such as holding the first meeting of PEPE India missionary-educators. The national coordinator provided training in Hindi, which made it much easier for participants to understand.

ACTIONS DONE CONTINENTS SUMMARIES

CONTINENTAL PEPE AFRICA

PEPE is in 16 countries, with 262 units, 9,015 children, 609 missionary-educators. The work was carried out intensely, overcoming several moments of transition of national leaders. In Mozambique there was the transition of the new national coordination. Contacts were resumed with Ghana, Liberia, and other countries seeking greater external expansion.



ACHIEVEMENTS WITH AS REFERENCE THE CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN

EXPANSION

There was internal expansion with the opening of 35 new units in the Americas, including different indigenous communities, with 28 units in the Spanish Language 1 region and 7 units in the Spanish Language 2 region. In Africa, there was the reopening of a unit in Angola.



In 2023, PEPE units were opened in 2 new countries on two continents:

AFRICA

Beginning of PEPE in Nigeria



ASIA

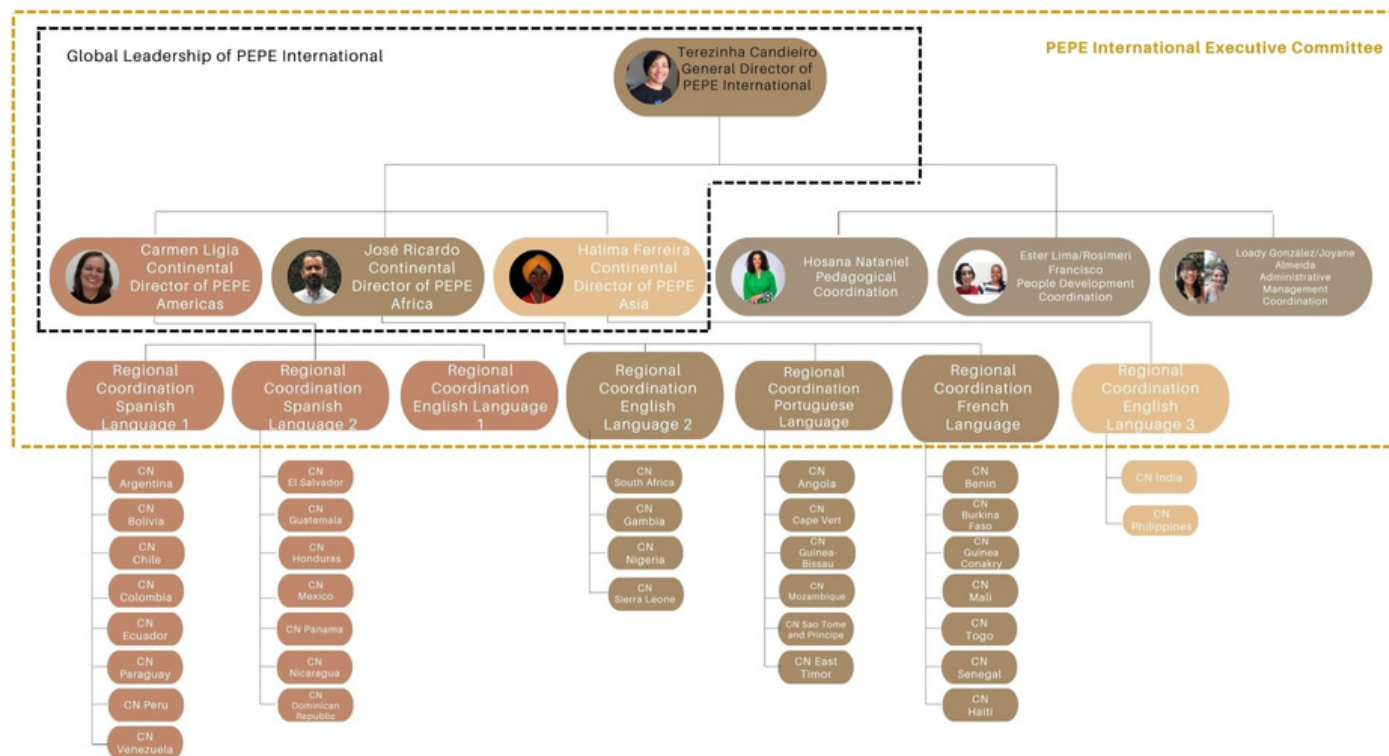
Beginning of PEPE in Philippines



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGES

- Vulnerability of children in general;
- Vision of Christian leaders;
- Lack of vocations for ministry with children in local churches;
- Moment of transition and reorganization of functions in the Program's operating structure.



OPPORTUNITIES

- **Work with ethnic groups:** PEPE currently serves children belonging to 35 indigenous groups from 10 countries in the Americas;
- **Asia Expansion:** greater awareness of leadership and churches (India and China)
- **Missionary DNA:** awakening the missionary strength of local workers, new generations and volunteers;
- **PEPE VAI:** a program that promotes the gospel's spread with children's families in communities.
- **Planting and revitalization of churches** in all regions;
- **Partnership with the area of Community development (CD) of WMB:** sustainability and income generation for the units;
- **Advocacy** in child protection;
- **Partnership with World Mission University (WMU):** continued formation and better qualification of missionary-educators and coordinators.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PEPE worked to strengthen complementary projects in its units, namely:

NUTRITION PROJECT

It was carried out with guidance on feeding children, planting community gardens, enriched flour distribution program in Venezuela, where almost 2000 children are served.



POPE

The educational prevention dental program was developed in most units with guidance on cavity prevention, tooth brushing and distribution of brushing kits.



HEALTH

The health project is part of the curriculum and program teaching children about personal care and hygiene. When necessary, intervention is carried out with the support of volunteer professionals.

Furthermore, with the support of JMM's Community Development area, training was carried out for PEPE national coordinators in Argentina, Guinea Bissau, Mali and East Timor, as well as community leaders for income generation projects.



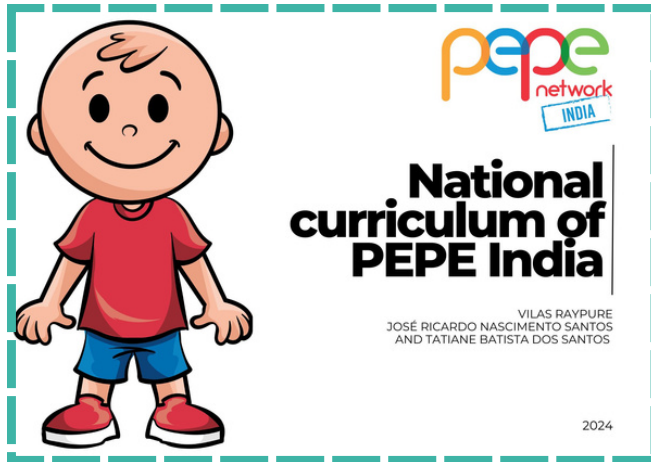
MISSIONAL VISION



The churches that support PEPE continue their work, becoming increasingly aware of the need to share God's love with children, their families and communities. In 2023, 34,677 families were visited, achieving 39,680 conversions of children and adults.



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAMS

Intense and extensive work was carried out with all the national coordinators of the 33 countries where PEPE operates to review and build curricula and programs to improve the quality of teaching at PEPE. The national coordinators of these countries developed the national curriculum and continue to develop monthly/weekly teaching plans.



NEW MANUALS

In 2023, the following manuals were launched: PEPE VAI, with detailed guidelines for churches to implement the program and strengthen the bond with the families of PEPE children, leading them to the knowledge of Jesus. The MQL (Ministerial Quality of Life) booklet was also launched, with guidance on self-care and mutual care for the team.

PARTNERSHIPS

PEPE Internacional, over the years, has developed its work with the support of great partners:

Many churches in Brazil adopt the program and send their offerings to maintain this work, support coordinators, and develop projects. renovation of facilities, purchase of notebooks for coordinators, printing of manuals, assistance to families and units in disaster situations.

Rede Mãos dadas (Holding Hands Network) is an important partner organization that adds value to training and training, prayer efforts and child protection.



REDE **MÃOS DADAS**

FORMATION PROGRAM



Several initial training and continuing training courses were held for all PEPE staff. In addition, more than 7,571 church leaders were trained in 2023.

NEW MATERIALS

Proposals for the creation of new manuals were prepared and approved by the PEPE International committee, namely:

Psychomotricity Manual;

Guidance guide for implementing children's assessment portfolio;

Activity album for children;

Basic training on Inclusive Education was also prepared.

All these materials will be produced and shared starting next year.



ADVOCACY IN CHILD PROTECTION

After training leaders from more than 50 churches on the preparation of the Child Protection Policy document, the result was the following:

Americas:

Child Protection Policy of a Baptist Church in El Salvador

- Child Protection Policy of the Baptist Church in Ytororó, Paraguay



AFRICA

Portuguese Language Region – In Angola, the national coordinator obtained support for the publication of handouts produced by PEPE, to hold workshops on Child Protection with interested churches. In Mozambique there are churches that are preparing the Child Protection Policy document under the supervision of the regional coordination.

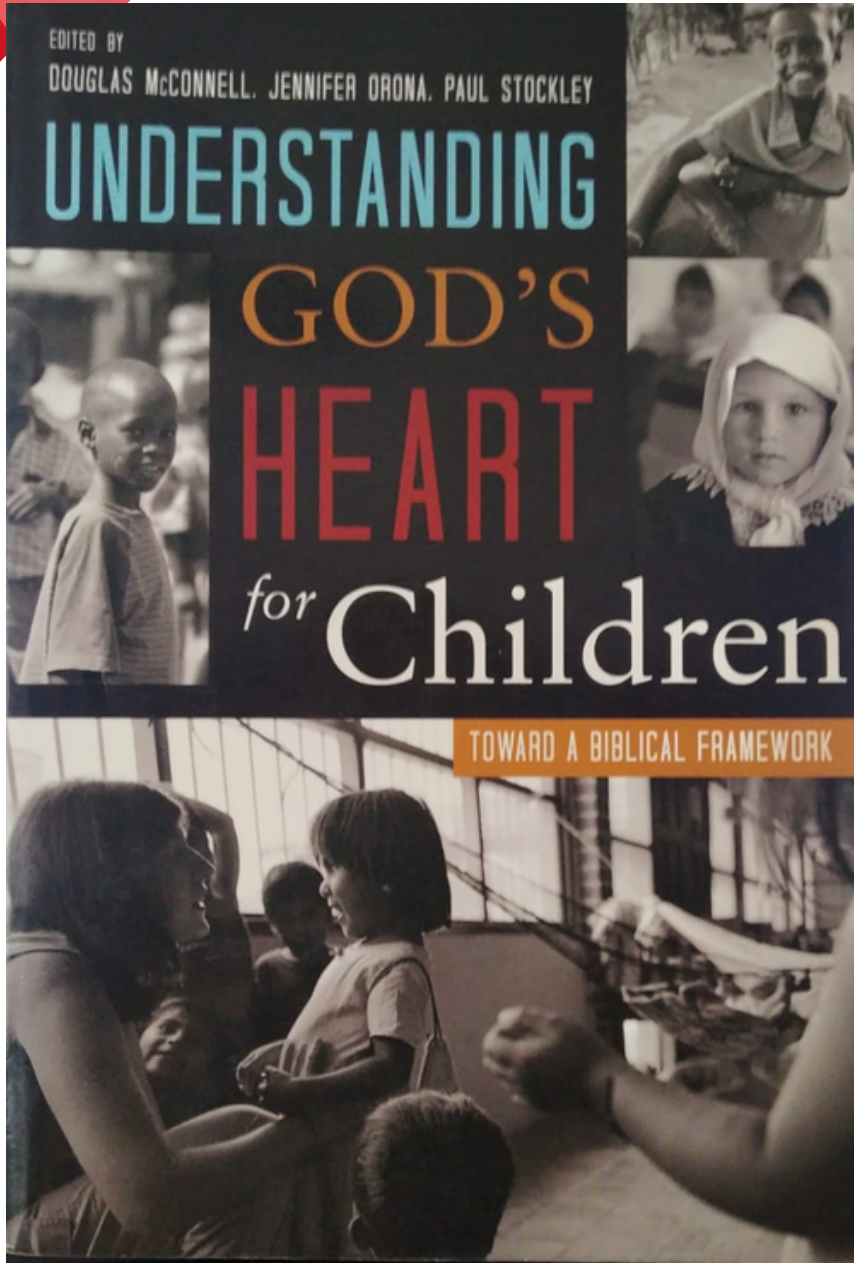
French Language Region - the Kings Kids ministry - Togo – concluded the document. Other countries (Mali, Senegal, Guinea) continue this work;

English Language Region – the regional coordinator supports church leaders who started writing the document in Gambia and Sierra Leone.

ASIA

The Child Protection Policy document was prepared for one of the projects to assist vulnerable girls in India. We are grateful for the support of WMU, which produced and released the online course on Child Protection Policy for several leaders on its own platform and in four languages (Portuguese, Spanish, French and English).

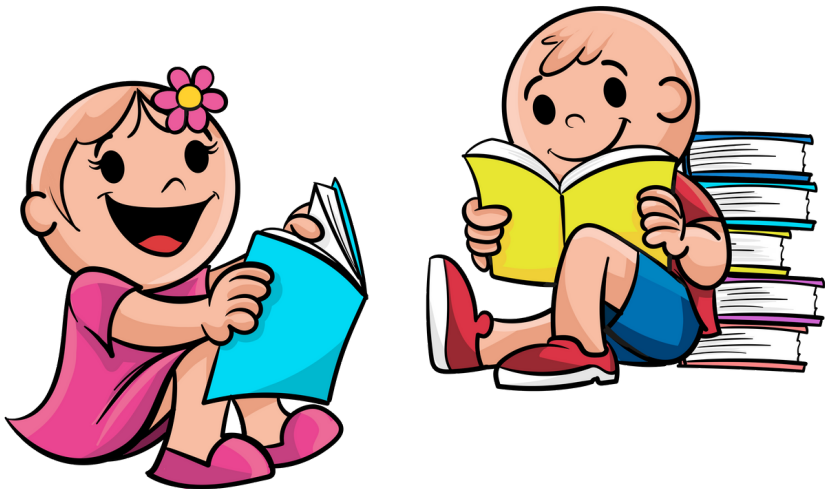




HIGHLIGHTS

PEPE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE, as a study case for missionary agencies.

PEPE is being promoted internationally in the book "Understanding God's heart for children", by authors Douglas McConnel. Jennifer Orona. Paul Stockley, as a success story, with a chapter titled: "The mission of the Preschool Education Program opening doors for children from impoverished communities". Recommended reading!



3RD GLOBAL CONGRESS OF PEPE NETWORK

The third edition of the PEPE Global online Congress was held on the 17th and 18th of November with the participation of people from 34 countries, with the theme PROTECTION IN ACTION. The congress took place in two formats: Plenary and Workshops. In the plenary sessions we had speakers from different countries and relevant topics focusing on the value of children in the Bible, guaranteeing children's rights, providing safe environments and spaces. The workshops presented themes relevant to the pedagogical practice of missionary-educators such as: psychomotor skills and inclusion, playing in the service of psychomotor skills, protecting against child abuse and biblical stories.

Everyone's enthusiasm and development were very important in holding the event.

We have registered 954 people.



VOLUNTEER DAY OF PEPE INTERNACIONAL 05TH OF DECEMBER

Tree planting in the South of Senegal



Parents cleaning the activity room in Equator



Saloon cleaning at PEPE Nicaragua



NEW EDITION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF PEPE 2024-2027

With the support and guidance of WMB's efficiency manager, the PEPE International team prepared the new edition of PEPE's strategic plan for the period from 2024 to 2027. New challenges and opportunities present themselves to solidify and expand the work.

The three main strategic objectives are:

- **MISSIONAL VISION,**
- **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**
- **INTEGRAL PROTECTION**

New strategic plan, new cycle that begins to solidify PEPE and bless all children around the world!



REMARKABLE TESTIMONIES EXPANSION

EXPANSION IS A PERMANENT OBJECTIVE

Nigeria is a large country that has been the scene of several acts of resistance to education and evangelical faith. However, a part of this country has a living church that loves God and wants to do his work. This was what happened through PEPE's new national coordinator, Pr. Jacob Joji, who, interested in PEPE, sought in every way to facilitate the work of the PEPE team in the process of opening the program in the country. The Baptist Convention of Nigeria in the person of vice-president Emmanuel Ubandoma welcomed PEPE and together we see the possibility of a great expansion of missionary work.

Thus, the first training of missionary-educators was carried out, with the participation of 21 members from 5 churches interested and committed to implementing PEPE.

The training was an action in this process of implementing PEPE units. God has given grace and opened the doors for authorization to operate by the local government.

Yes, we can now say that PEPE is already working in Nigeria, serving children who are the target of God's love!



EVERYONE SENDING TO EVERYONE

1ST CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JMM/PEPE AND BAPTIST CONVENTION OF MOZAMBIQUE

The 52nd Assembly of the Baptist Convention of Mozambique took place, with the participation of more than 200 messengers from Baptist Churches across the country with the aim of discussing strategies for advancing the gospel. During this event, PEPE's regional coordinator for Portuguese-speaking countries, Felizarda Chimunto, had the opportunity to present the project highlighting the benefits in the development of PEPE in local Churches. It was a time to reinforce PEPE's vision and mission as a ministry that must be adopted and supported by local churches. At this same event, we had the opportunity to commission the Panganhe family, David and Ana as missionaries to Kenya. On the occasion, pastors Sérgio Massinga and Tomás Zefanias encouraged the

participants and church representatives to pray for the missionary couple. The churches committed to supporting the missionary family in prayer and maintaining communication to monitor the missionary projects to be developed in the new field. The transmission of missionary DNA has been a first step in the development of PEPE. The sending of the Panganhe family testifies to this expansion of the missionary mission.



TRANSFORMATION STORY

LET'S WORK WITH INCLUSION, ONE OF THE CHALLENGES AT PEPE



Noemi, missionary-educator (ME) at PEPE Abrojos in Argentina, with many years of experience serving the Lord, tells us her testimony with the arrival of Vicky, a girl with autism spectrum disorder. Her family lived a block away from the temple where PEPE operates. The parents were touched by the affection the entire team showed for the girl. She was welcomed with a lot of love by the children in the unit, which had a huge impact on the lives of her entire family. But that is not all.

Another experience happened some time later, with the arrival of a boy named Joaco. It was traumatic for him and his family to be separated from relatives in the city where they lived. His parents are professionals at the Federal Penitentiary Service, so sometimes they have to move to another city. When Joaco went to PEPE, he spent the day shouting and screaming, looking into space and not understanding what was happening around him. The children in the unit were scared by his behavior.

Afterwards, just as happened with Vicky, the missionary-educators welcomed him with love and patience. It was explained to the children that everything was fine, that they should love him and treat him well. God sent the ideal help, Romina, mother of one of the PEPE girls. She is a teacher of children with special needs and guided the team on how to make Joaco adapt to the PEPE environment, she accompanied the team in the adaptation process, step by step, with lots of love. It was incredible to see how quickly the boy adapted and the nervousness of that first day went away. His father began studying the Bible with the men at church and accepted Christ as his savior. He is accompanied by professionals, due to the depression problems he faces, and his family is also disciplined. The whole family goes to church, Joaco attends Bible school and sings PEPE songs. It's exciting to see him integrate with the other children. It is gratifying to see what God has done.

GRADUATION IN THE CONTINENTS



LOS
CINCO
AÑOS

2023
1ª PROMOCIÓN

GRADUACIÓN
DE PREESCOLAR

PARABENS
2023
GRADUADOS

LAUSURA

Donde se le Genio de
Arroyos y Estero

CIERRE
LECCIÓN
2023

ACHIEVED RESULTS SUMMARY JANUARY TO NOVEMBER - CUMULATIVE



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COUNTRIES



18.454

BENEFITED
CHILDREN



7.571

TRAINED
LEADERS



670

UNITS



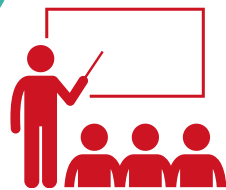
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NATIONAL
COORDINATION



27.735

DECISIONS FOR
CHRIST-CHILDREN



1.325

MISSIONARY-
EDUCATORS



34.677

VISITED
FAMILIES



67

AREA
COORDINATION

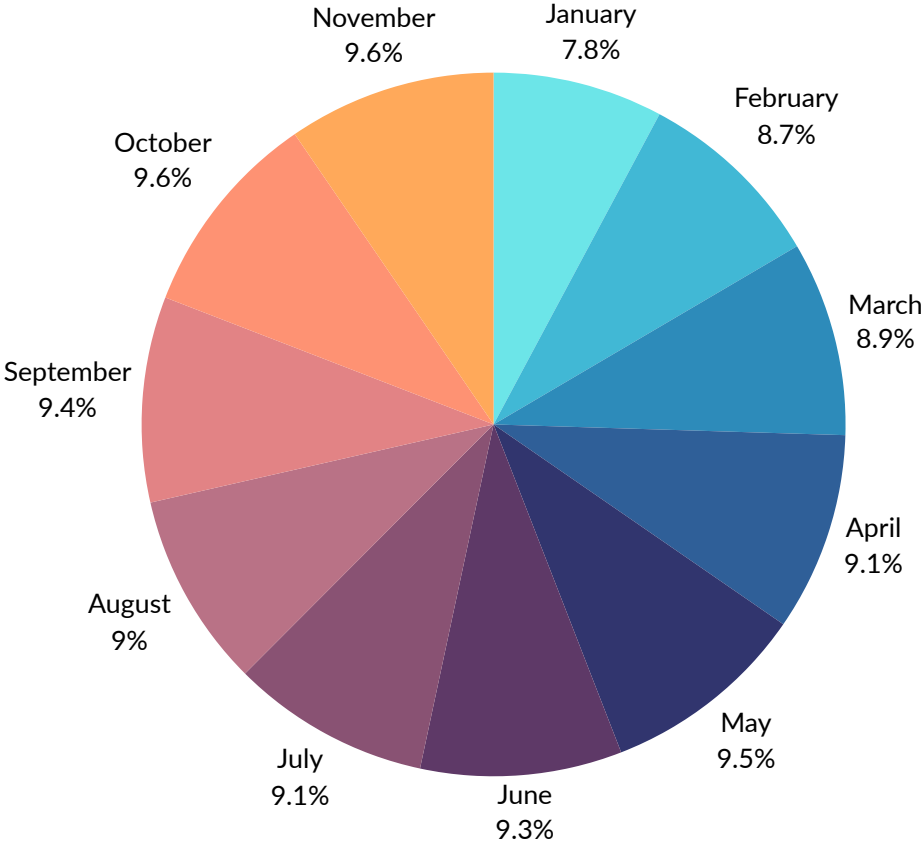


11.945

DECISIONS FOR
CHRIST-ADULTS

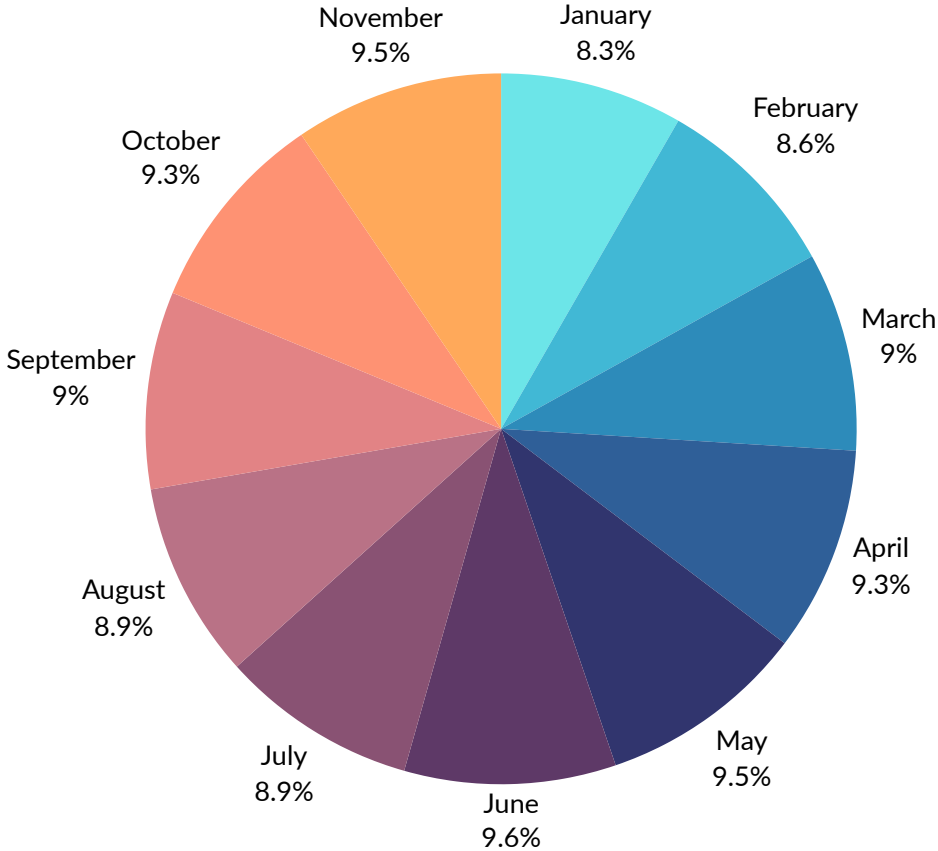
GRAPHICS OF GOALS ACHIEVED - 2023

UNITS



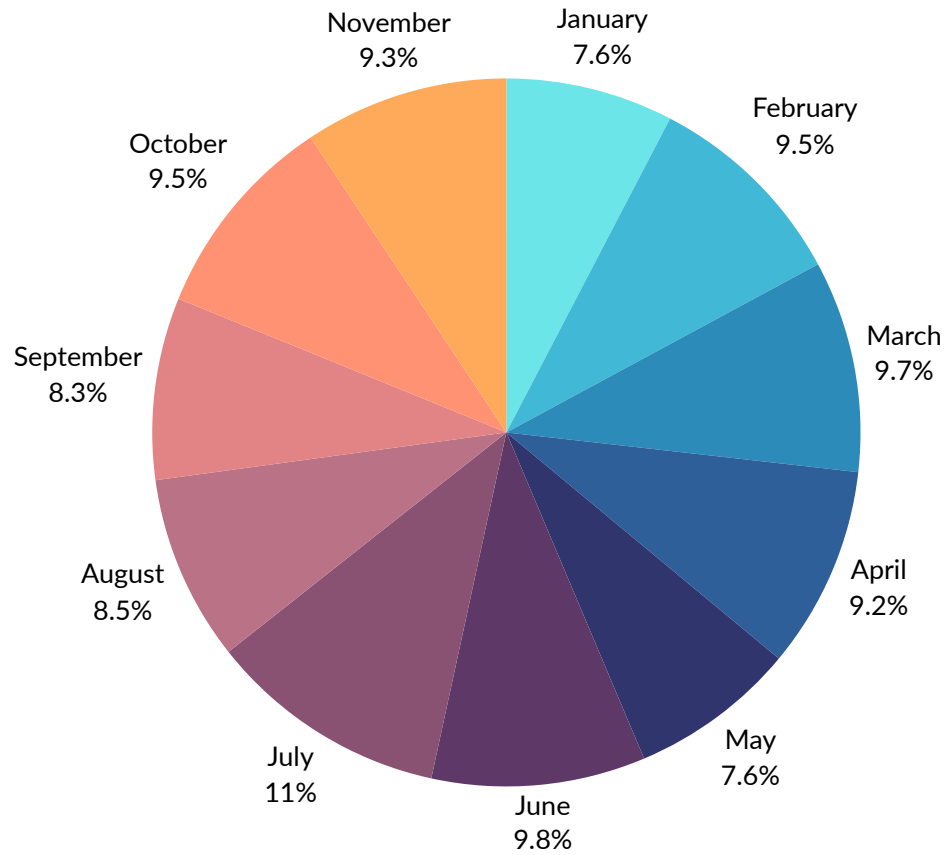
GOAL: 783 ACHIEVEMENT: 548 (86%)

BENEFITED CHILDREN



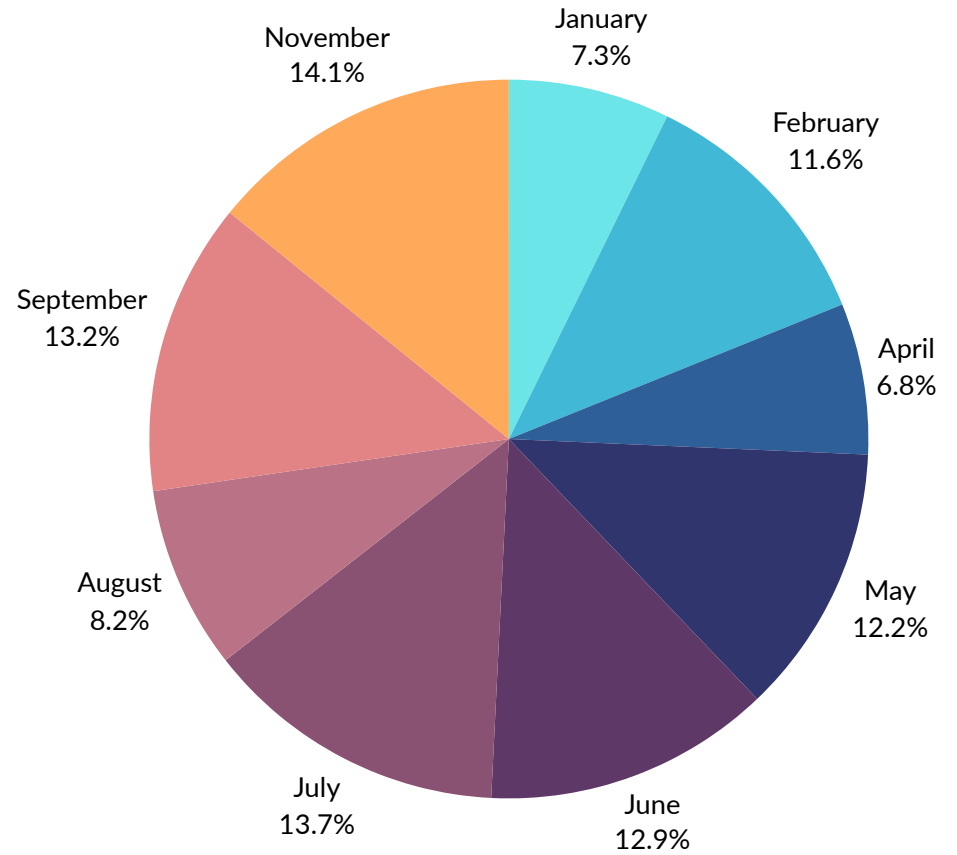
GOAL: 19.752 - ACHIEVEMENT: 18.424 (93%)

MISSIONARY-EDUCATOR



GOAL: 1.673 ACHIEVEMENT: 1.325 - (81%)

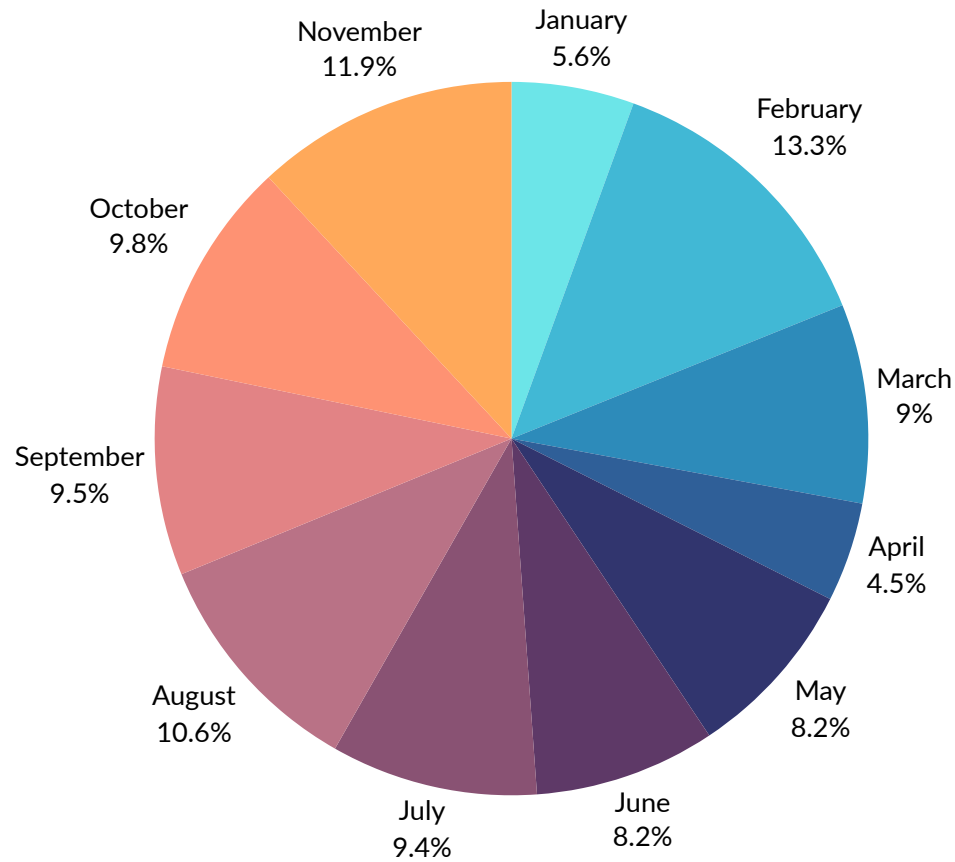
TRAINED LEADERS



GOAL: 3.896 ACHIEVEMENT: 7.571 (194%)

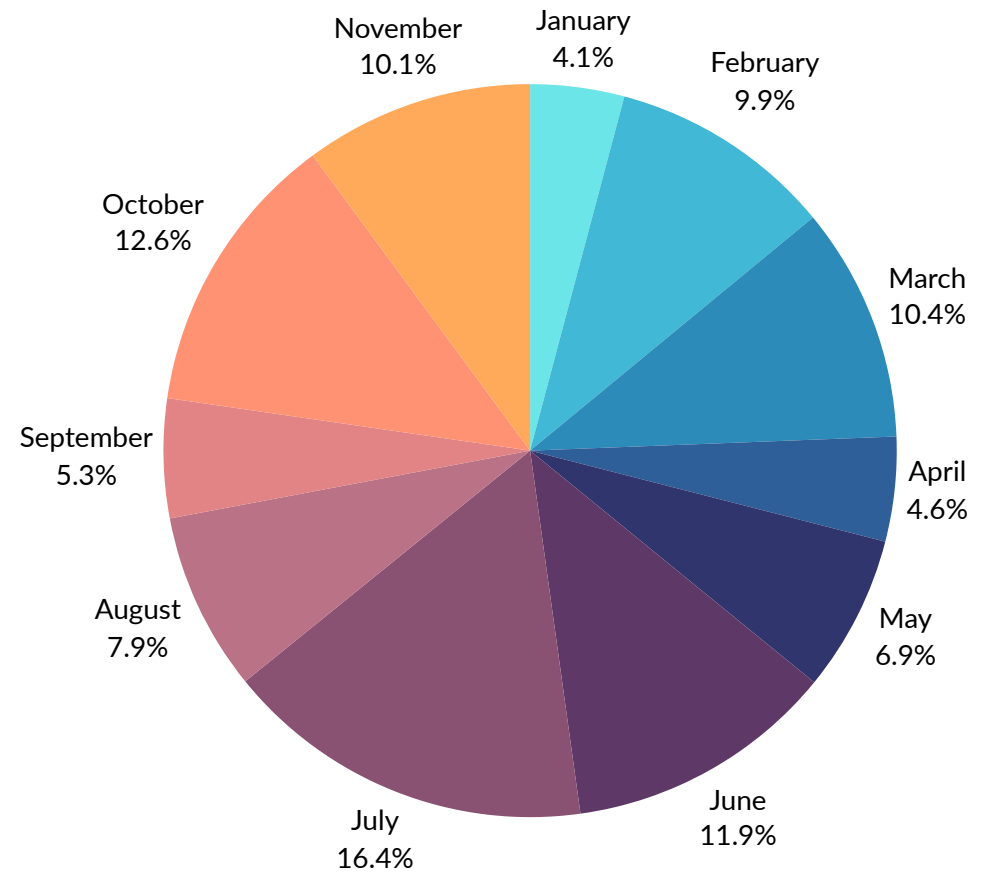


VISITED FAMILIES



GOAL: 44.134 ACHIEVEMENT: 34.677 (79%)

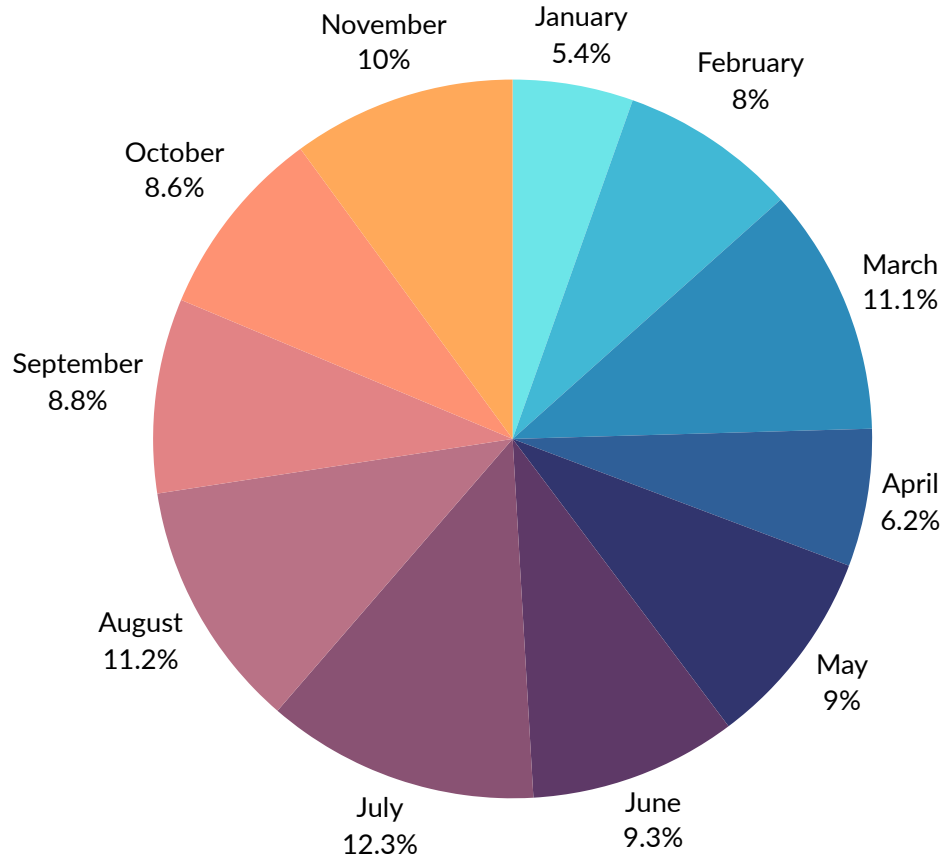
CHILDREN DECISIONS



GOAL: 10.944 ACHIEVEMENT: 27.735 (253%)



ADULTS DECISIONS



GOAL: 5.941 ACHIEVEMENT: 11.945 (201%)

**TAKING
HOPE TO THE
CHILDREN'S
HEARTS**



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