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TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Every week our distributors take our literature and use it to bring the good news to a lost world. Please take a few minutes to read and pray over these recent testimonies.

Kenya: I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the recipients of the Christian literature materials. Thank you for placing valuable tools in our hands. I have lately concentrated on distributing the Bibles and Sunday school materials in the rural parts of coast region of Kenya. Poverty is the order of the day in this part of the country. They can barely afford a meal a day, let alone afford a Bible. Also in this part of the country, Islam had long penetrated, whereas Christianity is playing catch up. So these tools are really helping them. I find these pastors more appreciative than other recipients from urban areas. What we normally do is to organize a one day seminar with the local pastors, teach them the basics and distribute the materials amongst them. We are getting reports of transformation in the various churches. God bless you and keep it up.

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South Africa: We are so grateful for the wonderful materials received with our first container for 2017. I believe we have another consignment on the waters expected to arrive in March 2017. The children and youth ministries are growing. The requests for Bibles and theological materials are phenomenal. Through your blessing we have sent off our two mission teams (inland & cross border) with suitable material for ministry and distribution. I have prepared 15 tons for Zimbabwe which allowed us to have space for the previous consignment. I am preparing another 15 tons for Malawi which will allow us the space for the coming consignment expected in March. Your latest consignment allowed us to not only load green dots, adult group and personal studies but also to add Bibles, Sunday school, youth and blue dot materials for these countries. Thank you so much.

Zambia:

“Dear Man of God, since I got your boxes of literature, I was filled with so much emotion. Why, because I spiritually can see how happy the people are going to be as I bless them each with a Bible. God bless you.”

Uganda:

I thank God Almighty most sincerely for the gift of books I have received. As a Pastor, I have been trying very hard to find a source for teaching resources and tools. This is a prayer answered. I intend to use them for my personal devotion and also share them. The books will help me in discovering a lot of mysteries just as Daniel who discovered by books. Since the books differ in topics each of us will flow according to their area of calling, for instance Sunday school teacher got a book that will help them do their work better. God bless you mightily.

Guatemala: I received the container of material from Love Packages in September. There were dozens of adults, students from our school, church, and children’s home who helped unload and help process the material. The material is being stored in a small warehouse in an area of Guatemala City called Linda Vista. Linda Vista is part of the largest squatter’s village in Central America. The material is kept in the downstairs of a two story building. A blind mother and her three sons live upstairs. The boys often help me sort and distribute the material. I rent this building in cooperation with a local church and pastor who is extremely devoted to the area and has a passion for evangelism and caring for the poor. His name is Pastor Jorge Cerritos. It has been my privilege to work alongside him and his church. Pastor Jorge organized a meeting and invited pastors and representatives from over twenty-five churches in the Linda Vista area to come and receive some of the material. This meeting brought incredible joy to the pastors as many of them have never had Sunday School material before. Those who have had Sunday School material only had a teacher’s book and use the same few books year, after year, after year. The pastors came in beat up old pick-ups and cars. Some walked and a few even brought wheel barrels to carry the material. None of them were expecting to receive the amount or quality of materials that we were able to

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I was thinking and praying last night, when all of a sudden the Lord showed me how many people pray for this ministry each day. If you are one of them - thank you! I am sure I still do not know the full impact of all of your prayers - but today I have a new appreciation of your faithful prayers for Love Packages. When you begin to understand just how many people are being influenced by this ministry - you begin to understand just how much the enemy would like to steal, destroy, and resist it. Today there are millions of people all over the world that are reading, watching and listening to our materials. We need your prayers now, more than ever.

I want to thank you for your support of this ministry. We have shipped 360 tons from our Butler, IL operation, and 100 tons from Alabama. It is a good start for the year.

Lastly, we are always looking for more literature, keep collecting it for us. Also, the need for volunteers is still great, thank you for wanting to partner with us on this big endeavor. Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done.

Jason is full time in Decatur, AL and we are still looking for and needing a replacement for him in Butler, so continue to pray for wisdom and the right person to come and help us.

Thank you for standing with us.

Yours for souls.

Steven J Schmidt

Testimonies from around the world

provide. Not only were we able to give them Sunday School teacher's books, but also student books - which is unheard of here. We also provided all the pastors with personal resources and books, gospel tracts, videos and Bibles. Every one of the pastors was so surprised because it wasn't just a little bundle of stuff, which they had expected, rather each left with a large supply of material.

Nigeria: Thanks for your help and assistance to our ministry. I called the day we unloaded the container. I am sorry I couldn't e-mail since. We were taking some Christian materials to Jalingo a Muslim strong hold in Adamawa state. I was arrested and detained for three days in the police cell but to God be the glory, I was released with all the literature. The Lord has opened another two more states to us, one in Ilorin Kwara state and another in Damaturu. These places are Muslim strong holds and the Lord is giving us all these places. I am so grateful to the Lord for your love and prayer and support of me in the ministry of literatures. Reports came to me from various missions field, that many who have accepted Christ are given Bibles and new testaments and literatures are distributed. As I have told before, that the Love Packages has been of great blessing to many who live in a place where no Christian literature is available. Through Love Packages the new born in the kingdom of God and those who desired a Bible to own are getting it free of cost. In fact Christian literature is very scarce. I therefore appreciate Love Packages for making it available for us to help the needy who cannot afford to get or buy one.

Ghana: The magazine I read gave me an insight into the love that exists between God and me. I then understood how God feels towards believers, and His love for unbelievers and the saving power of the Blood of Jesus. It changed my life.

Ghana: On our last distributions, we had the opportunity to preach and teach the Good News of Christ Jesus, shared tracts and booklet and amazingly, 472 in total were saved.

<u>Totals for Alabama 2017</u>		
<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Ghana	40,000	1,438
Honduras	218	7
India	40,000	1,562
Liberia	40,000	1,550
Philippines	40,000	1,410
South Africa	40,000	1,347
Thailand	40,000	1,455
Zimbabwe	2,178	79
USA (Spanish)	35	3
TOTALS:	242,431	8,851
121 Tons		176 Volunteers
<u>In Memory of:</u>		
Earl Limeberger by Beverly Limeberger		
Ed & Wilma Simmons by Kenneth & Carol Smith		
Rev. Lee J. Hudson by Mark & Ruth Hudson		
Irene Hopkins by R. Melvin Honea		

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. Pvbs. 3:5-6

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