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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.

Zimbabwe:

We have been approached by 25 schools requesting literature, library books, and Bibles. Something is shifting from the Muslims back to Christianity. God is so good, we believe revival has come and come to stay. We have more volunteers going out now to spread the gospel and establish churches for our Lord Jesus Christ. The team visits Pre School, Primary, High and University too. The hospitals are requesting for us to bring literature too.

We are in the heart of a place Lupane, about 650 kilometers outside Bulawayo. We have come to distribute Bibles, new testaments, and magazines to 25 churches. They were surviving on one Bible. The only one who had a Bible was one pastor; we were able to give all the Pastors and elders each a Bible. Sunday school leaders

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and the cell groups were given new testaments. It is a remote area called Lupane. Unfortunately there was no electricity and we were unable to charge our phones to take photos, however listed below we have a message to you from Pastor John Masango on behalf of the 25 churches.

"Sirs thank you for the books. You have no idea how hungry we were for knowledge, we were relying on the Word of God which is the highest Word. The magazines you also gave us have now opened our minds to insights of the Word and we now have a variety to teach from. Our elders are proud owners of a Bible, the Sunday school teachers now can teach children the Word and also learn Memory Verses. We have struggled to share the Word, now one thing we know is that light has come to Lupane. The women are happy too. They received the devotion

books, and when they finish the books they will exchange with the other women in order to stay in the Word.

We gave the youths the booklets of the Gospel of John. We have a vibrant group of youths who evangelize for Jesus. They recently prayed and fasted for 40 days from 6am to 6pm to nullify the Muslim religion and cancel all their works and teachings. As a result many of the Christians that had given their lives to the Muslim religion repented and returned back to our Lord Jesus Christ. About 350 adults and children, praise the Lord. He will always be the Lord of Lords."

South Africa:

From Prison With Praise

A big thank you for all the wonderful materials this year Genesis, 1 John & Revelation, Everyday Leadership from Joshua, Prison to Praise, The Purpose-Driven Life, dictionaries and thesauruses, and the many other books from Love Packages. **Wow, I can't describe how these materials have enabled, strengthened and expanded the prison ministry.** Here is a letter addressed to you from a man in my class at Pollsmoor Remand prison.

I am an inmate at **Pollsmoor Prison**. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the prisoners that are part of the class, to thank you for the books and Study Guides on the Bible. The **'Explore the Bible'** study guides have been a God-send to us prisoners. They make the classes so enjoyable with the study guides and after class we get to take our study guides back to our cells to do the homework. We really enjoy the homework in our cells as it gives us something positive and constructive to do.

We also thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Prison to Praise' and it's amazing how giving praise in all circumstances does really work. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 has become my second favorite scripture. My all-time favorite for the record, is Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." There are two things that can happen to a prisoner here, either you get sucked into the evil that prevails around you in prison or you search desperately for a better alternative. Your books and study guides

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

First let me say thank you for your faithful partnership. Together we have enabled missionaries and workers around the world to reach the lost, plant churches, train leaders, disciple believers, and serve the poor. Today there are millions of people all over the world that are reading, watching and listening to our materials. That is significant!

In reading the recent testimonies, it is still hard after all these years to hear of twenty five churches that only have one Bible between them, but that is how it is so many places around the world. I just read that it is estimated that the continent of Africa has 100 million believers that still don't have a copy of God's Word. Our work is desperately needed.

Since the beginning of Love Packages our one purpose has been to equip and strengthen the Church overseas. Thanks to your support we have been able to ship 676 tons from our Butler IL operation, and 200 tons from Alabama.

Lastly, we are always looking for more literature, keep collecting it for us. Also, the need for volunteers is still great, if you could come, as an individual, or as a group, call one of our offices and get on the schedule. Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done.

For those who gave towards the replacement of the windows in our Butler dorm buildings, the windows are on order and are to be put in by some volunteers the second week of August. Thanks

Yours for souls.

Steven J Schmidt

Testimonies from around the world

have played a big part in bringing the prisoners closer to God and understanding the salvation that God offers to sinners. That there is still hope for a second chance at life for even men with maximum-sentence. This is all thanks to you. Once again, thank you so much for your contribution to our rehabilitation.

Guatemala:

"We are continuing to require much more Bible Literature. God is opening more and more doors to bless people with the good news of salvation. Also, we pray for you and the opportunity to meet pastors and leaders that we are supporting with Bible resources from your ministry. We have lots of pictures and received testimonies of how many people have been touched by the Word of God. With the tracts, books, devotionals and study material, people in the prison, street, church and community are receiving spiritual growth and the salvation message. Thank you for your great Ministry."

Botswana:

We gave to everyone Study Materials, and asked them to go and start Cell groups with it at their complex, flats, at work, at home. A woman went to share the children materials in her complex and won Children for Christ; we are hoping that their parents come to join kids too. Next Sunday we will give the church one full hour where each one will come back to share shortly a testimony of who they brought to the Lord via the use of materials.

In Memory of:

D. W. Goforth by Johnny & Luane Williard

Margaret Nelson Tyner by Bryant Nelson

Orie Miller and David Johnson by Kathleen Johnson

Warren Hughes by Mary Lou Hughes, Thelma Zerbel, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schauppauh, Hazel Bontjes, and Don & Marty Hufford

Eunice E. Nafziger by Arlene Stuckey

Carolyn Wischmeyer by Roberta Collins

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Totals for Butler 2017

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Barbados	40,000	1,802
Ghana	200,000	9,085
Grenada	40,000	1,716
Guatemala	80,000	3,407
Haiti	40	2
Honduras	3,259	122
India	280,000	14,242
Kenya	160,000	6,966
Mexico	54	4
Nigeria	40,000	1,964
Saint Vincent	40,000	1,637
South Africa	240,000	10,562
Tanzania	80,000	3,690
Thailand	100,000	4,847
Uganda	40,000	1,667
Zimbabwe	9,000	310

TOTALS: 1,352,353 62,023

676 tons

Volunteers

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But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb.11:6

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