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## TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**E**very 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:

Thank you for your wonderful resources. We gave the "Home Life" magazines out at our ladies gathering, and they loved them. We have started using the "direction" materials with the youth groups. Wonderful materials.

### India:

Christian greetings to you in the everlasting name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Sister Bethekku and I am from India. I am having 22 years as a young girl, and have just recently completed my studies. I am belonging to the Hindu Royal family in Andhra Pradesh India. I wanted to share with you about how Jesus came to my life one day, - revealing Himself to be the One Way to God the Father - and changed my life forever. From my childhood I was an idol worshiper, and had been offering flowers to idols in our idol room when one of them fell from my hand and broke into several pieces. I became very upset and "cried with a deep sorrow,"

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While I was crying, somebody touched me on the shoulder. At first I thought it was my mother...the person touched my shoulder and called me "My daughter" but, I was shocked because it was a gentleman's voice. I stood up immediately and turned towards him; but I found no one behind me. I looked around the corners. I was surprised to find nothing because I was quite sure that someone had touched me and called me daughter. Finding no one, I went back to my room and tried to put the broken idol back together, to no avail. I began to weep again, until... very clearly I heard again the same voice, "My daughter, Bethukku". I looked back and there was a

bright light shining in the corner. Inside of the light I saw Jesus Christ the Lord. I quickly understood it was Jesus, because many times I saw His picture in several places. Jesus told me, "My daughter, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man comes unto God the Father, but by Me. Believe Me... and follow Me." Immediately I knelt down before Him. I confessed before the Lord Jesus and accepted Him as my personal Savior and Lord. Following my conversion, I took all my idols and threw them away, much to the astonishment of my parents. I explained what had happened to them, and they became very angry with me and began to persecute me.

That's when I found your literature and Bible distributor, Pastor Paul. I was able to obtain a Bible from Pastor Paul and was soon baptized. I asked Pastor Paul for more Bibles to distribute among my friends that they too will be believing on Jesus Christ as their Savior. Now I share my testimony everywhere among my fellow human beings and distributing Gospel tracts and Bibles through this ministry. Every day I am becoming strong in my faith in Jesus Christ, my Lord. Please pray for my family and friends to experience this marvelous and happiest salvation. Kindly pray for my family to turn to Jesus who gave His blood on the cross of Calvary and also for my spiritual growth. I am very much thankful to the team at Love Packages.

### Kenya:

We have been receiving requests from Pastors with ministries in many neighboring countries and we have always extended what we have been able to receive to them. Muriithi in Botswana is a Kenyan Missionary who has been coming for these materials. If we could receive more we have avenues to extend the same to our neighboring countries i.e. Uganda, Southern Sudan. The present Kenyan Government Railway line from Mombasa to Uganda and Southern Sudan is a great advantage which we must take advantage of. I'm sorry but the testimonies and communication from the fellow pastors are many times delayed due to financial constraints and lack of modern technological knowhow but be assured that the impact is of the literature is great and has already begun to bear fruit awaiting for that great day before the Jesus' Bema Seat.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

**G**reetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I want to thank you for your support of this ministry. We ended 2016 having shipped **1,202 tons** of materials! In 2017 we will have both offices up and running. We hope to ship 500 tons from Decatur AL, and 1500 tons from our Butler IL operation. That seems to be an ambitious goal, but with God nothing is impossible. If and when we succeed - that will be enough literature for about 100 million people to read. A job of this size will include a lot of attacks. We will need prayer, volunteers, money and literature. We need faithful prayers that will hold us up, and of course contributions are always needed. We will need to raise \$400,000 just for the shipping to reach this goal. We need to have partners who will believe enough in what we are doing that they will dedicate themselves to praying and giving. Will you be one of those?

Lastly, we are always looking for more literature, keep collecting it for us. Thank you for wanting to partner with us on this big endeavor. This very day there are hundreds of thousands of people reading our literature, and God is at work. 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*

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### Bahamas:

I'm preparing to arrange a Vacation Bible School Seminar next week to facilitate churches planning for this ministry throughout the Summer as churches have been asking me to help coordinate this important ministry for them. I believe this is a good strategy also in distributing the remaining Life Way materials. This VBS seminar will greatly assist the churches with their children's ministry and the Life Way materials can be of a great teaching resource in reaching the children for Christ. Many thanks again my brother and God bless you richly.

### South Africa:

We in South Africa are very grateful for the materials we receive from your ministry. We have so many Educare, Teenage, Junior and Senior Youth ministries collecting from us. They are ever increasing. In one town called Atlantis, a very big, but poor community they have around 70 registered Educare Centre's that we provide literature to. Because of your support, Prison Ministries, Rehabilitation Centre's, Women and Men ministries are benefitting from your wonderful materials. A ministry called, Grace 8 recently came by and collected 20 tons of Adult Bible study material for the Kings and their tribes in the various African states. PTL we were happy to be able to give it to them. Bibles for Everyone, a ministry who purchases and send Bibles into Africa, also came by to collect Bibles from us as the need for Bibles are growing. We are also able to serve an organization called, The Western Cape Children's Mission who has 5000 children in their care. Your various Christian books are going everywhere. Some have been collected and Christian book rooms as well as Christian Libraries at Churches have been established with your precious contributions. We are involved in outreach/evangelism at Educational Institutions all over the country and are so blessed that your supply of material can minister to the various needs of our students. God bless you all.

### Nigeria:

The CD'S, where so inspiring to me as I listen to the messages. What a wonderful work you people are doing spreading the word across the nation .

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Haiti	40	2
Honduras	880	38
India	80,000	3,480
Kenya	40,000	1,903
South Africa	40,000	1,725
Tanzania	80,000	3,690
Thailand	40,000	1,486
Zimbabwe	9,000	310
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>289,920</b>	<b>12,634</b>
	<b>145 tons</b>	
	<b>Volunteers</b>	
	<b>189</b>	
<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>		
June Rambo by Kelly Zillmer		
<b><u>In Honor Of:</u></b>		
Pat Byerly by Monrovia Church Women		
Joan Pearson Blood by Valerie Terry		
Pastor and Mrs. Marvin Ballard by Orlis and Alma Harris		

**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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