

◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

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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.

Nigeria:

The Lord connected us with ministries and churches in three Northern States where we have 90% Muslims. It has been very difficult getting those materials into this Muslim strong hold. Recently when we were smuggling the Bibles in, a Muslim policeman arrested us. He questioned us for quite some time. Then when he opened one of the boxes, he saw a Bible with a caption, "Why He Loves You", he picked it up and started reading it, we were with him there for another three hours and all of a sudden, he started crying and asked us to pray for him which we did and he accepted Jesus into his life. Now he is using the police vehicle to escort us into the towns where we need to distribute the materials. As of now he is helping us a lot in smuggling the materials in.

The need for Bibles is growing daily, there are an estimated 100 million church goers in Africa who do not yet have their own copy of a Bible or New Testament.

Zimbabwe:

We visited the hospital this weekend, we visited 48 patients. We distributed 48 new testaments, we gave each patient booklets and magazines too. We came across three patients who did not want to carry on living, two men and one woman. The woman was very depressed and was having marital problems. We ministered to her and gave a new testament and magazines. She was in hospital cause she had taken rat poison. She was very bitter indeed and had three children. After counselling her, she was relieved, wept, and found hope to live again. Betty is her name. She was very grateful for the magazine and new testament Bible. She asked if she could have Bible study in her house, so we have assigned a volunteer worker who will be visiting and teaching her family the life of Jesus. The other two men were so fast quick to receive Jesus

Christ. Martin sat with them for over an hour telling them John 10:10, that the devil is the master to suicide. Again they were very grateful indeed for the library books and magazines. The men got five different magazines and each one a new testament. They were so happy that they were given these books for free. Martin will be visiting them too to see how they doing their names are Judine and Maxy. These two men had financial problems could not send their children to school, no food, no money for rent, the spirit of depression was bad. Thank you your books and magazines are bringing life.

South Africa:

We are pleased to inform you that the container arrived safely on 5th September. An extra number of volunteers arrived to help offload but there was some frustration over the delay at the docks, in spite of promises of an early delivery. Once the container doors were opened the well packed to capacity container was offloaded, in surprisingly good time. The large amount of really excellent material is truly appreciated. Ministries have already collected generous amounts of resources. People are still amazed that the Bibles, study material and books, can be received without cost! In our times, this is unusual when there is a cost attached to just about everything. We owe, so much, to the churches and individual people who make an effort to spread the word concerning the great need. Then collect the resources and send them to Love Packages. Without you, none of this would reach South Africa for distribution. As Islam moves down Africa, you have enabled a deeper growth of Gospel understanding and a resistance to persuasive speakers who try to discredit Christianity. The need for Bibles is growing daily, there are an estimated 100 million church goers in Africa who do not yet have their own copy of a Bible or New Testament. We also have many individuals who struggle with reading, thus the audio and visual materials are such a blessing to them. Thank you.

Barbados:

I am delighted to inform you that much of the material that was donated to United Caribbean Trust is being shipped up along with hurricane relief supplies to the island of Antigua and Barbuda. This

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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 1,028 tons from our Butler IL operation, and 322 tons from Alabama so far this year. Thank you for your faithful partnership. Together we are enabling 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! That is God Honoring!

In Butler, we heat most of our buildings using a wood furnace. If you live close and have wood that you could donate for our heating, it would be much appreciated. Also, the furnace in our dorm building is broken and needs replaced - if you would like to contribute towards the replacement of this furnace - please mark your contribution accordingly.

In Alabama, we are very much needing volunteers to help with the packaging of the literature, if you can come to help, please contact the Decatur office 256-355-3004.

We always covet your prayers for the ministry - we can not do all of this without your prayers.

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.

Yours for souls.

Steven J Schmidt

Testimonies from around the world

island has been devastated by Hurricane Irma losing 95% of its housing stock. Our organization is shipping a 40 foot container and we are delighted to be able to send some of your excellent material to bring a word of Hope in a hopeless situation. We are so grateful for the Love Packages to the hurricane ravaged islands of the Caribbean . A shipment has gone to Antigua for the people of Barbuda. Some have already gone to Dominica and the other container from you should clear very soon God willing. We want to use that as part of our evangelical drive around Dominica. We now have a tent, sound system and solar lights so we will be able to provide the local churches with the discipleship material from your organization.

Namibia:

Thank you for the many Bibles you sent, as well as the tons of children's material. All has been sent to Lesotho, Mozambique, and Namibia for distribution to the rural churches. The need for Bibles is ever-increasing. People are hungry for the word of God . I just got back from Namibia where I met with over 150 pastors. It was a great pleasure to bless each pastor with a Bible of their own and some study guides. Most of these pastors were from the village churches and had almost nothing. There is a great hunger for the word. Thank you for being obedient to help fill that hunger.

In Memory of:

Mary Vick Roth by Merlin Roth
 Hardy Lee Dean by Hazel Dean
 Godfrey Norcross Barnes by Hazel Dean
 Margaret Power Barnes by Hazel Dean
 Glen Ballman by Darlene Ballman
 Joe Konemann by Union Baptist Association
 Ralph Hemmer by Delores Hemmer

Totals for 2017

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Barbados	80,000	3,302
Belize	40,022	1,501
Dominican	40,000	1,624
Ghana	360,000	15,104
Grenada	40,000	1,716
Guatemala	80,000	3,407
Haiti	130	4
Honduras	3,617	132
India	640,000	28,756
Kenya	280,000	11,923
Liberia	40,000	1,466
Mexico	54	4
Nigeria	40,000	1,964
Philippines	120,894	4,794
Rwanda	25	1
Romania	70	2
Saint Vincent	40,000	1,637
Sierra Leone	40,000	1,600
South Africa	440,000	17,604
Tanzania	120,000	5,287
Thailand	160,000	6,151
Uganda	80,000	3,106
USA (ministry)	35	3
Zimbabwe	51,178	1,697
TOTALS:	2,696,003	112,784

1,350 tons

Volunteers

Alabama - 590
 Butler - 1,967

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