

# ◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

June - July 2018

## 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:

How are you keeping on? We brought boxes of literature and Bibles to Shurugwi, Chivhu, and Umvuma south of Harare, there are 36 churches in the area. Several of the churches or I should say most of the them have never ever held a Bible in their entire life, but they still would still go to church year by year without a Bible. Oh, I wish you could see the joy, the singing, the dancing, the screaming all because Love packages was able to hear to the cry of the people of Zimbabwe.

One lady was on her knees for over one hour just clasping her Bible. We were excited for them to have the literature and Bibles.

We are also taking literature to the rural clinics, schools, and hospitals.

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There is so much joy when they received their boxes, it is like Christmas over and over and over again. Thank you for the container; it is and will always be a blessing to the people of Zimbabwe and useful for building the kingdom of God.

### Uganda:

I am happy to report that I have this weekend commissioned Ugandan troops who are going on a peace keeping mission to Somalia. You know that Somalia is a country which has been devastated by civil wars and terrorism activities. This is a great opportunity to reach out to war troubled countries with the gospel of peace. I was able to equip the commanders of the troops with the

Christian study materials, especially the Standard lesson commentary that you sent, among other things. There are hundreds of troops which are commissioned every couple months. The next commissioning will be in July and another in September. The military base where the commissioning was done trains more than 8000 troops which are dispatched to different places after training. This makes the place a high target area for us to reach out to with the gospel and Christian materials. Then, when these soldiers are dispatched they go as missionaries and ambassadors for Christ. It is amazing that the chaplain of the military base in expression of his appreciation for the Christian study materials which they have received from us, has now asked us to do a gospel crusade as a means of reaching out to the entire military base and the nearby community.

The annual Bible standard lesson commentaries and the children's Bible Studies for life Sunday school materials have been of great help in conducting Bible classes and Sunday schools. Most churches would not have classes because of lack of materials - they just could not afford.

### South Africa:

Good morning servant of The Most High. In Swaziland we did door to door with the youth. I cannot express my gratitude enough on the help we are getting from you. You provided our ministry with tracts, Bibles, and Sunday school material. We have members of our ministry team working in very remote areas of Swaziland, where most people are not working. We have been able to provide to them through our pastors that are teaching in these remote areas, the teachings and Bible studies and also giving to those that can read their first Bibles.

A great BIG thank you for supporting us with the tracts and books. It was such a big blessing for us. It was even

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

Our operations seem to be doing fairly well. The back page says we have shipped out 729 tons, but by the time you receive this letter we will have shipped another container from Alabama, and two from Butler. Thank you for all of your prayers, and support.

We have finally hired a nice young man, named Aaron Dokken to take Jason's place here in Butler. Thanks for praying for us - we believe that he is just the right fit. He and his new wife Katie have made a new home in our apartment and are doing a wonderful job. Glad to have them on the team.

Vern Everett, who has worked at the Butler operations for over 15 years, will be having a double knee replacement surgery on the 18th of June - please lift him up in prayer for a speedy recovery.

We provide many opportunities for you to volunteer and be a part of what God is doing through Love Packages. You can collect literature, pray, give, and/or volunteer at one of the warehouses. We love our volunteers, we really do! We love sharing stories and imparting vision for the lost world and for the cause of Christ. Would you consider being a volunteer at one of our locations? Call us and schedule a date.

I would invite you to like and follow our Love Packages page on Facebook. There you will see some of the many things happening at both our warehouses.

Lastly, thanks for praying. Your labor, our labor, is not in vain. It won't be long and Christ shall return and the work will be finished. It is then, that we can rejoice together in what the Lord has done. Today all over the world our literature is being read and studied. It is changing the eternal destiny of many, many people. Don't be weary in well doing.

Yours for souls.

**Steven J Schmidt**

## Testimonies from around the world

a greater blessing to those in the refugee camps in Botswana and those in rural Zambia. All the boxes were loaded together along with some Bibles. It was difficult to get pictures from the refugee camps and the illegal immigrant camps as security is very strict. We are very disciplined to walk the narrow path, so we don't get in trouble. We had meetings last week and after the preaching, 46 people gave their lives to Jesus and we gave them the Christian material that we got from you, and also the little booklet of John and Romans. It was a great time of joy.

### PLEASE BLESS OUR BROTHERS IN THE LORD

On June 18th, Vern Everett who is the warehouse manger at Love Packages in Butler, will have a double knee replacement. He will be off work for at least 6 weeks. If you would like to send him a scripture verse, card, gift, or word of encouragement, his address is:

Vern Everett 4116 E. Rt. 16 Litchfield, IL 62056

On June 16th, Edwin L Hodges will celebrate his 85th Birthday. If you would like to send him a card or word of appreciation for ministry well done, you may send it to:

Edwin L Hodges  
c/o Love Packages  
PO Box 1921  
Decatur, AL 35602

#### In Memory of:

Gary Lewis by Rodney & Marcia Larson  
Earl McCune by Dorothy McCune  
Edna Mc Afee by Darwin Mc Afee  
Mrs. Barbara Neal by Mr. D.W. Neal  
Rev. Edward Minor by Rev. Edwin and Mrs. Hodges

#### In Honor of:

Carol Baker by Brian & Brenda Richardson  
Ladies of The Truman MN Church of Christ, by the family of Gen Jennings

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### Totals for 2018

#### Butler

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Ghana	160,000	6,489
Guatemala	40,000	1,121
Haiti	60	2
Honduras	8,934	336
India	200,000	8,218
Kenya	120,000	4,731
Liberia	40,000	1,061
Nigeria	40,000	1,764
Philippines	80,000	3,234
South Africa	160,000	6,678
Saint Lucia	40,000	1,609
Tanzania	80,000	3,023
Thailand	80,000	2,603
Uganda	40,000	1,501

#### Alabama

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Belize	36	3
Ghana	80,000	2,975
Honduras	195	9
India	120,000	4,183
Poland	9,345	489
Russia	8	1
Tajikistan	70	3
Uganda	30	3
Ukraine	105	
Zimbabwe	40,000	1,677
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,057,913</b>	<b>40,967</b>

729 Tons

#### Volunteers

Alabama - 272  
Butler - 1122

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**YES, STEVE! WE WILL STAND WITH YOU!**

Here is my gift to be used for:

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Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance for your help!



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A higher purpose.