

◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

December 2018 –January 2019

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.

Myanmar:

The past three month I went to Myansalii village. There was a man named Theing and originally his religion was Buddhist. They are so strong but the personal talking was very affective with him. Now he knows that he has many great sinfulness in his life according the Bible which I gave to him. By the goodness of God He accepted what I am sharing with him in his house. The story that touch him so much and turned him to God was the lost coin from the book of Luke. The coin doesn't know about it being lost, he said that I am the same as the lost coin. I didn't know I was lost, but now I know that He is the true and the living God. He shares his testimony and it is so wonderful. He is truly born again and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and Lord. He now

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says that my family and relatives are my responsibility, my duty to share the love of God with them daily. So I hope that through him, many of them, will know the savior of the world and that He is the true and living God.

Zimbabwe:

There was a team of five women that work in the Hospital and Prisons as evangelists. They faithfully go every week. They have won over 350 souls. They serve in the missions team under us, and have come on board as volunteers. The Bibles were a great blessing indeed - they were so happy to receive their own Bible. The five women shared one Bible. When we gave each of them a Bible, they said when do we have to return them to you. We said they are yours to keep forever. My, my there was a jubilation to own their very own Bible. They have a great passion for the sick and prison mates. What a

powerful testimony. Thank you for the Bibles.

Philippines:

The teaching magazines and devotional magazines helped our church members to know more about Christian living. They have also served as research materials for pastors like me, who can't afford to buy Christian books. Very grateful.

Zimbabwe:

Martin has returned from distributing Bibles to pastors who in turn gave to their evangelism pastors, who then went to bless hospitals, prisons, and schools. One outstanding testimony was of a young lady named Sera who wanted to burn herself up because she lost her mother and father who passed away in a motor car accident 3 months ago. Then on top of that, her husband walked out on her and left her with 4 children. It was like the gates of hell pounced on her. The amazing thing is the Bibles that Martin took was at the right time to save this mother of four. They ministered to her and read the Story of Job. She had never heard of it in her entire life. When she heard it, she broke down and wept and wept and then gave her life to JESUS and was a brand new soul and mother.

South Africa:

Thank you again for the 72 ESV Bibles you sent me. We took them to Port Elizabeth and they were handed out to the youth group. Our colleague who originally asked for the Bibles was overwhelmed by their quality. This is what she had to say when asked why she wanted to give her youth group the Bibles. "There's nothing else I'd rather do. He has done so much for me. He pulled me out of the deepest pits when I didn't even think I could make it. I'm living proof that He doesn't abandon His own. I love Him dearly and I'll die trying to mold these kids into realizing how precious they are to Him as well." Thank you.

Ghana:

I liked the magazine very much that I received. It helped in knowing that I need to know God for His ways and not His acts. It encouraged me a lot to know God for who He is and not for what He has done. The magazine also taught me a few things about how to encourage someone who is grieving. At the end of the magazine was a devotional which blessed

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Our vision from the very beginning has been to equip and strengthen the Church overseas. We are doing that in a significant way. Thanks to you we have been able to ship 1551 tons in 2016, 1534 in 2017, and 1592 this year. Thank you for your faithful partnership. I have set a goal of reaching a total of 2,000 tons in 2019.

This Christmas season I am thankful for our free country and our Godly heritage that gives us the ability to bless the nations with the Word of God. I am thankful for the salvation brought to mankind, and to me personally, by Jesus Christ. I am thankful for the ministry that God has given me, and I am thankful for you. We wouldn't have a ministry if it wasn't for you and people like you.

Today there are millions of people all over the world that are reading, watching and listening to our materials. Together we are enabling workers around the world to reach the lost, plant churches, train leaders, disciple believers, and serve the poor. God Bless you this Christmas!

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 this next year. 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. We are already booking for 2019.

Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done.

Yours for souls.

Steven J Schmidt

Testimonies from around the world

me a lot by helping me understand some truths about God's Word.

India:

Thank you very much for the boxes of Love Packages. We made tract distribution in the city and gave magazines to the elders of the churches who are requesting them. Those magazines have been of blessing and helped the leaders/elders to grown in spiritual knowledge, also it helps to reach with the gospel of the Lord to people who are in higher up, the big and the rich, to whom we cannot reach personally nor can we approach. However, the literature goes there and many of them have witnessed the love of God. I believe that the tracts we distribute to the masses - ten of thousands will be convince in their heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of the world. I am grateful to you, For giving us the privilege of witnessing to millions souls through literatures. God had blessed us through out these many years as we are reaching the unreached with the gospel through literatures.

Year –End Giving

If you itemize your tax deductions, our federal government recognizes the value of charitable giving and allows significant tax benefits for gifts given to charities such as Love Packages. Your gift **now** will have an impact on the outreach potential of this ministry in the coming year.

Cash

Your gift must be postmarked by December 31 for you to receive a tax deduction for 2018.

Appreciated Stock

Gifts of appreciated securities or stock are advantageous in that they avoid capital gains tax. The date of the transfer to us is considered by the IRS as the date of the tax –deductible gift. Stock can be transferred electronically by your broker directly to our Edward D Jones account # 626-12434-1-1, DTC#0057 .

Leaving a Legacy

When donors remember Love Packages in their will or name Love Packages as beneficiary of annuities, life insurance policies, certificates of deposit, or bank accounts, they leave a legacy by sowing the Word of God, which powerfully works in the lives and hearts of men and women, boys and girls, around the world.

Audited financial statements and/or Form 990 filed with the IRS are available to donors upon request.

Totals for 2017

1185 tons – Butler 407 tons — Alabama

Volunteers

Butler - 2,250 Alabama - 635

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