

# ◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

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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.

### Uganda:

Please know that we launched the Military Bible at our National Christian Resource Center and Bible College. The launch was attended by Government dignitaries, military officers, clergy, laity, and church leaders.

I have been called to meet the military commander of Uganda Armed forces next week to see how we can reach out to the different departments of the military with the Military Bible and other discipleship literature we got from you. I am also expected to commission the next peace keeping force to Somalia and equip them with the Military Bibles a couple of months from now. As a result of equipping the first Ugandan peace keeping force to Somalia with Christian literature, a Christian church of born again troops and civilians has been started in Mogadishu the capital city of Somalia in the midst of a stronghold of Somali Muslim militias.

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### Zimbabwe:

Ruth the evangelist, and myself went out to a place where the youth hang out. Amongst them were youth leaders pastors and lost souls. There were 250 of them - we ministered on the prodigal son and they all gave their lives to the Lord or rededicated their lives to Him. The amazing thing is that there were two pastors who were backslidden - they gave their lives back to the Lord. The message was appropriate the Lord knew he had two lost sons there. They were so happy, we gave them books. They took quite a bit to go back to their church to bless the general overseer and to share the good news.

There were Sunday school teachers who were in awe with the books too. School children were like "Now we can enjoy our religious studies" Very fruitful outreach winning souls. We thank you for making it

easier to evangelize with these materials.

### Ghana:

Praise be to God, He is doing wonders through the village ministries and the prayerful use of the materials you've given to us. God is wonderful. Many souls have been saved in these villages. I am an eye-witness. I saw 6 Muslim families come to Christ when they were given Bibles to read. The pastors distributed a lot of Christian literature in those villages where I went. Each week new members are joining their church. I am shocked.

At times, we go out to hospitals, clinics, prisons, communities, schools to share with them God's amazing grace and to preach about His wonderful love. Your free literature is helping meet today's problem of false teaching, occultism, idolatry, alcoholism, fornication, teenage pregnancy, divorce, and other sinful likes.

### South Africa:

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your support during our Women's seminar. Your generous donation of literature was made available to all the ladies who attended our event. All the ladies were blessed by your generosity and have been further empowered to go out and share what they have learned with their families, churches and communities. We pray that God would continue to bless your ministry as you trust Him and work to serve Him through your lives and resources. We pray that God would meet your needs as you continue to spread His truth. We had meetings last week at New Stock Road. After the preaching at the campaign, 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. Love in Jesus Name.

### Tanzania:

Today we had a visitor at our Literature Center. Her name is Holly Oesterblad of the Agape Christian College. Sister Holly and Chris are American Missionaries running a Bible College. I have been to their College twice and donated books for their Library. I also gave them Children's books for they also have children's ministry. On arrival she was amazed at the different types of books. She spent the whole day selecting books for the college and children's ministry. She was so excited and grateful.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

As of the writing, we have shipped out 1521 tons of literature this year so far. That takes a lot of work, but it looks like we will be able to break our previous record of 1690 tons before the end of the year. I always like breaking records! We are thankful for what the Lord has allowed us to do. Today, there are millions of people all over the world that have a Bible, a Christian book, a Sunday School class, a cell group, a home Bible study all because of you.

This year we have had volunteers from all over come and help us in both Alabama and in Illinois. We are very thankful for all of you who have come

**Volunteers**  
**Alabama—606**  
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and put your hands to the work. We only have 3 paid staff at both locations, so it is impossible to ship out 20 - 40 tons of literature each week without volunteers. We love our volunteers, we have made lasting friendships with many of you and consider you some of God's best.

I would be remiss in not mentioning all of you who are collectors and those who send materials to us. We are thankful for your partnership. What an important part you play. There are many who will rise up on the last day and call you blest.

I know there are others who can't come and volunteer or even package materials, but you have been faithful to pray for us. That really is the backbone of this ministry - thank you for praying for us, it makes a big difference. Would you please pray for the many containers in port right now, and the many that are on the way. Would you pray with us for their safe delivery and distribution? We currently have 440 tons in transit, and some countries are becoming quite difficult.

Lastly, for those of you who give financially, we do not take your gifts for granted. We are careful with the resources that you/God entrust us with. Your giving is making a tremendous impact for the Kingdom of God. Thank you.

Yours for souls.

**Steven J Schmidt**

## 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.

### Cash

Your gift must be postmarked by December 31 for you to receive a tax deduction for 2019.

### 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 .

### Distributions from Traditional IRA’s

If you are age 70 1/2 you can send a distribution directly from your IRA account while effectively reducing your federal and state taxes.

**Audited financial statements** and/or Form 990 filed with the IRS are available to donors upon request. We are a member of the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability.

### 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.

**In Memory of:**  
 Betty Lee By: Patricia Thompson  
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**In Honor of:**  
 Terry Mathis, Nelda Smothers, Fannie Barnett By: Gregory & Caroline Barnett

## Totals for 2019

<b>BUTLER</b>	<b>Pounds,</b>	<b>#Pkgs</b>
<b>Country</b>		
Bahamas	40,000	1,422
Barbados	40,000	1,755
Belize	40,000	1,697
Ecuador	10	1
Ghana	200,000	7,934
Guatemala	80,000	3,623
Guyana	40,000	1,599
Honduras	1,000	20
India	480,000	19,447
Kenya	120,035	5,105
Malawi	40,000	1,813
Nigeria	120,000	4,879
Panama	40,000	1,447
Philippines	80,000	3,099
Sierra Leone	40,000	2,076
South Africa	320,000	12,155
Thailand	160,000	6,580
Tanzania	40,000	1,524
Trinidad	40,000	1,647
Uganda	120,000	4,672
<b>ALABAMA</b>		
<b>Country</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>#Pkgs</b>
Bahamas	210	7
Belize	15	1
Cuba	87	4
Dominican Republic	41	2
El Salvador	244	8
Ghana	160,000	5,462
Guinea	40,000	1,182
Haiti	56	2
Honduras	667	25
India	440,000	14,023
Kenya	40,200	1,508
Mexico	250	10
Nigeria	40,000	1,919
Peru	25	1
Somalia	50	2
South Africa	40,000	1,215
Tanzania	40,000	1,379
Thailand	80,000	2,426
Zimbabwe	40,000	1,420
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3,042,890</b>	<b>116,667</b>
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