

# ◆ 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.

### Zimbabwe:

Last April we received a report of a leader of a cult who had received a Bible and some other books from one of our distributors. This cult did not believe in Jesus. Our distributor talked with him and showed him the truth concerning Jesus, from the Word of God. This leader then gave his life to Christ and became born again. He then asked for more literature to take for his wife and children. Since that time his wife and children have become believers, and three weeks ago this leader asked our distributor to bring carloads of literature to distribute to all of the cult members - he has forty thousand followers.

### Malawi:

#### REVIVAL IN A VILLAGE.

We have had a Church that wasn't growing for five years. The attendance was below 15. On the 28th of December 2019, we got two cartons of

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gospel literature of the Gospel of John/Romans which we distributed in every house in a village. The next Sunday the attendance of the Church moved from 15 to 40, and in the next month the Church has grown to 80 people. We started studying the gospel together as a church and 30 people accepted the Lord and got water baptism. We bless the name of the Lord and ask God to bless those who donated such wonderful books to us.

### Ghana:

The materials helped us in our evangelism and community education work where over seven hundred and

eighty-five souls gave their lives to Christ and three hundred and fifty rededicated their lives to Christ. Also, over one thousand, one hundred and fifty children were evangelized in six schools and were supplied with booklets and magazines. While distributing some of the booklets we got from you in our house-to-house evangelistic outreach activity, recently, we met an old woman of about 78 years who wanted to know the Jesus we are talking about. We took our time to explain the gospel with the following verses to her; Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23 and finally Romans 10:9. She happily confessed Christ as Savior and has since been baptized.

### South Africa:

It was a friend's birthday and about two months ago I decided to bless him with a few books, including one about Fatherhood. He is not a reader but one book prompted him to read and he shared with me how it has changed the way he approaches his son and how their father son relationship has changed for the better. This particular book continues to bless not only their relationship but that of his entire family. We give God all the glory praise and honor for the transformation of a family through the generous giving of Love Packages. I thank you on their behalf.

### Zimbabwe:

We are running out of Bibles, books etc. We had a teacher from Mutate village about 380 kilometers east of Harare. She was so excited to collect Bibles for the high school she teaches. They have 120 students and all have given their lives to God. She had special times where they gave Bible studies, but none had Bibles. When she heard of the Bibles and books that we get from Love Packages she could not sleep. She got up at 4 AM to travel to Harare, to see if she could get some. Her fear was there would be zero for her if she came too late. She left as soon as we filled her car—she could not wait to get home and show the students what she was

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

Well, things change quickly don't they! It is hard to believe everything that has happened in the past four weeks. It was just two weeks ago that I was wondering how we were going to handle the 280 volunteers that were scheduled to come during spring break. I don't have to wonder about that now, all of our groups have cancelled because of the pandemic.

I am happy to report that we are still on track to meet our goal of sending 2020 tons of literature out this year. We are already at 500 tons shipped.

We don't know what is going to happen in the days ahead but the great commission rings more clearly in my ears than ever before. GO and make disciples - GO into all the world. The time is short and multitudes still need to hear the wonderful words of life.

We are planning to stay open and continue sorting and packing materials. Now is not the time to falter. The harvest is before us, let's go get it. I am reminded, that regardless of how chaotic and disconcerting this world may look, our God is still on the throne, and we can trust Him!

The Word of God declares, "Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world." It declares, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." It declares, "The thief comes but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, but I have come that they might have life and that more abundantly." These are the words of the living God. Do not fear, nor be consumed with worry. I have walked with the Lord for 47 years and can give testimony of His unfailing love and care. Let's trust Him together.

Thank you to those who pray for us, and support this work, we can't do this without you.

Yours for souls,  
**Steven Schmidt**

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able to get. They have now included Bible Studies in their school curriculum. She called this afternoon so excited the students are happy and they all are ready to dig in to the Word of God.

**Kenya:**

Hi Steve I have recently found an excellent way for distributing the literature. I approached a few supermarkets and they have given me permission to set up a table to display the free books that people could help themselves to. The results are remarkable! One owner reported that the foot traffic into his store has increased. Some of the store owners are not born again but are happy to have the Word of God in their store. I am excited for this door that God has opened. I see this like seed and bread to the unsaved.. Thank you and God bless my bro. I continue to pray for you and the volunteer team that faithfully receive, sort and pack the containers for distribution all over the world.

**In Memory of**

Dean Wilson by: John & Joyce Holland, Dorothy Hubbard, Bruce & Anita McKinney, H&R Block and Syliva G. Jones  
 Jerry Hamilton, Maxine Bell and Shirley Lawrence by: Fred & Linda Berry  
 Marion Dickey by: Ronald Dickey  
 Ronald Jenkins by: Margo Jenkins  
 Paige Morehouse by: Joanna Morehouse  
 Kay Yellowley by: Mike Yellowley  
 William Truman Konemann by: Alma Harris

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**Totals for 2020**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
<b>BUTLER</b>		
Thailand	80,000	2886
Panama	40,000	1394
Bahamas	40,000	1313
India	240,000	8402
Kenya	40,000	1778
Nigeria	40,000	1775
Philippines	80,000	3395
South Africa	80,000	2886
Ghana	40,000	1740
Guyana	40,000	1424
Uganda	40,000	1496
Tanzania	40,000	1500
Ukraine	125	5
<b>ALABAMA</b>		
<u>Country</u>		
Tanzania	40,000	1216
India	80,000	2928
Honduras	150	5
Ghana	40,000	1198
South Africa	40,000	1445
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,000,275</b>	<b>36,786</b>

500 Tons

**VOLUNTEERS**

Alabama - 115  
 Butler - 440

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**Thank you in advance for your help!**



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 A higher purpose.*