

◆ 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.

Ghana:

We greet all of you over there in America in Jesus name, which is the most powerful name. The work you are doing to the glory of the Lord is so wonderful. My name is Mary Obi. I am a student, and I am 26 years old. Let me tell you how I got saved. A street preacher gave to me a biblical tract entitled, "What the Bible says about Moral Purity" from Rod and Staff publishers. After many months of reading this tract I realized the truth. I understood that fornication and adultery is a big sin and I will never go to it again. I confessed my sins and promised never to do them again. Then I started going to a Bible believing church. When I went to school I

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started telling my friends about my new life in Christ and how the tracts made me to know the truth and that I am now a born again Christian and a true child of God. I told them that they need to give their lives to Christ as well because it pays. After a while a number of them - 227 gave their lives to Christ and have promised never to return back to sin. Praise the master Jesus, we all now want to come closer to the lord Jesus each day, but our main problem is that we don't have Bibles to read God's Word and apply it to our lives. We are hoping to get some Bibles soon.

India

I am pastor Edward living in Bangalore. A friend of mine took me to your literature distributor saying that they have good inspirational books. The people there were friendly and showed us their library. Seeing my interest, they told me I can take some of these books for free as they give books free of charge for people serving the Lord. I took, "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer, "The Problem of Pain" by C.S. Lewis, "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey, and "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan. When I reached my room

I was so happy. I started reading these books that day after prayer. I was very interested in reading these books and read every day. These books contained life stories that empowered me and changed my thinking to a great extent. Reading the stories made me understand that I can hope in the Lord and expect his love. It made me understand that we can defeat satan by firmly believing and doing God's will. I became sure God will give us what he has promised. I came to know what God's Word actually meant.

Such books really help us to obey God's instructions. As we read, God will give us wisdom. I look forward to reading more enlightening books as it leads me in the right path and helps me fulfill my duty in serving the Lord and his people.

South Africa

The Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu and other Indigenous African Language Bibles were received with great surprise and joy. We can never have enough Bibles for the vast amount of requests. The appreciation from the elderly, the youth, the children, men and women ministries who receive materials specific to their needs and age group are phenomenal. The change in perspective that some materials have brought in many leaders and laity about the condition of Church and Christians today, are obvious in the type of questions and fellowship that we have in the storehouse from time to time.

I have learned to listen carefully, be patient, discern the needs and to be thoughtful in the selection of materials. It satisfies one's heart to see the many needs met and to experience the appreciation from the receivers. All this would not have been possible without your partnership and prayers.

Zimbabwe

Greetings Steve, It was 6 am on this side, when I was woken up with a phone call. A lady was screaming on the other end of the phone, "Pastor, Pastor thank you for the Bible that was given to my husband yesterday in the street. He got your number from the evangelist that gave him the Bible. Pastor my husband came home yesterday afternoon and has been in the laundry room reading the Bible and crying to God repenting of cheating on me, ill treatment of the children, spending his money recklessly, on alcohol and

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I am happy to report that we have shipped out 1127 tons of literature this year. We are behind where we need to be in order to reach our goal of 2020 tons of literature for this year. But, I think we are in pretty good shape considering all that has happened with covid 19. With so many countries on lock down it has been difficult.

I have been doing this a long time. In August I started my 45th year doing Love Packages. In all that time we have always trusted the Lord for all of our needs and He has been extremely faithful to supply, so it came as no surprise to me that the Lord would do exceedingly above all we could ask or think concerning the Bible matching challenge that we had for July and August.

You will remember that a couple who are friends of the ministry had offered to match any gift given to Love Packages, for the purchase of Bibles, during the months of July and August, up to \$50,000. I put that in the last newsletter and people really responded. I am happy to report to you that with the \$50,000 that the couple gave, we received \$234,842.00!! We have already begun shopping around and have found some discounted prices. We have already purchased 115,000 New Testaments, and 70,000 full Bibles, and have begun shipping them. I will give you a full report in the next newsletter.

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

Please follow us on Facebook and see what the Lord is doing though this ministry. It will keep you up to date on every load and share great testimonies with you. The time is short and multitudes still need to hear the wonderful words of life.

Yours for souls.

Steven Schmidt

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cigarettes. Now he is asking me and our 5 children for forgiveness. He's saying how come I got a free Bible? God is calling me, talking to me." This testimony left me in tears.

Botswana

A great big thank you for supporting us with the tracts and books. It was such a blessing for us to have you guys supporting us and even a much greater blessing to those in the refugee camps in Botswana and those in rural Zambia. All the boxes were loaded together with some Bibles and taken to Francistown Botswana. It was difficult to get pictures from the refugee camps and the illegal immigrant camps as security is strict. We are very disciplined to walk the narrow path in Africa. Regards.

In Memory of

- Steve Vailes by: Fred & Linda Berry
 - Homer Vinson By: Anne Vinson
 - Dean Wilson by: John & Karen Chase
 - Mary Louise Langford by: Mt. Hebron WMU
 - Marion Dickey by: Ronald Dickey
 - Jimbo Brand by: Fred & Linda Berry & Dot Faust
 - Glenn Lawrence by: Fred & Linda Berry
 - Leslie Weeks by: Aaron & Vicki Fontes
 - Harley & Pauline Selken by: Kathy Causton
 - Deacon Laurence Johnson by: The Antioch Baptist Church
 - Bud & Joyce Sprong by: Becky Martin
 - Steven Barrett by: Alvin R. & Sally Barrett
 - Father of: Paul & Pauline Davis
 - Ida York by: Sharon Walker
 - Annetta Hall by: Harriet Bond
 - Albert Saari by: Janis Saari
 - Dorothy McKittrick by: Carol Baker
 - John Habegger by: Paul L. Habegger
 - Gary Lewis by: Rodney & Marcia Larson
- In Honor of**
- Carolyn Gernentz by: Keepsake Village
 - Steven J. Schmidt by: Janet Pritts
 - Connie & Jana Adams by: Beulah Rister
 - Sherry Naab & Dan Rowton by: Sue Rowton

Totals for 2020

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
BUTLER		
Thailand	80,000	2,886
Panama	40,000	1,394
Bahamas	80,000	2,696
Belize	40,000	1,369
India	320,000	11,055
Kenya	160,000	6,059
Malawi	40,000	1,306
Nigeria	80,000	3,185
Philippines	80,000	3,395
South Africa	200,000	7,178
Ghana	324,000	12,352
Guyana	80,000	2,951
Guatemala	40,000	1,752
Uganda	160,000	5,595
Tanzania	128,000	5,015
Ukraine	125	5
Dominican Republic	40,000	1,500
ALABAMA		
Country		
Tanzania	40,000	1,216
India	120,000	4,498
Honduras	150	5
Ghana	80,000	2,570
Nigeria	40,000	1,351
Philippines	237	1
South Africa	40,000	1,445
Zambia	40,000	1,444
TOTALS:	2,252,512	82,223

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Butler - 870

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