

# ◆ 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:

Martin was handing out Bibles and one of the nurses he gave a Bible to left nursing, went full time to her rural area about 500 kilometers outside Harare, she came to say goodbye to me on Sunday.

When she got the Bible she did nothing but read the Word. When she read the Bible, she said the Words were literally speaking to her. She was having sleepless nights seeing souls drunk, sleeping in street, women in prostitution, and she was pulling them into her house and praying. This was all in the dream, now she strongly believes God called her to win souls for his

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kingdom. She fasts 3 times a week, spends hours in prayer and reads the Bible continually. She went on to say who ever gave Love Packages this Bible is blessed indeed cause it was a divine appointment for her that day. When she left, we prayed with her. She left a happy blessed woman of God. We are so grateful for the Bibles, literature, etc. It is really touching souls indeed.

### South Africa:

Grace to you my brother. Please keep us in prayer. South Africa has been rocked by civil unrest in recent days. Many shops and business were looted and burned. The country is in a state of Anarchy. We continue to seek God. We are still under lockdown after 18 months. We are seeking God's will for our nation. Testimony...I recently had the privilege of taking five tons of literature into one of the most affected areas of civil unrest, I was escorted by the army and the team spent three days distributing your literature, for this we give God praise.

### Ghana:

There are some areas of the country I will send this very consignment to, to support some more pastors on those islands who

find it difficult to get Bibles, Christian books and other Christian literature. I will be so much glad to see everyone reading the Bible, a Christian book or any form of Christian literature on those islands. Steve, you are really helpful to the people here in Ghana. I am also making sure the literature is reaching even the most rejected areas of our country. Blessings.

### Malawi:

I would like to thank God because of Love Packages. The literature you are sending us is doing a great job in various ways. Here are some of the testimonies we have from different Churches.

1.Through "Bible study for Life" materials we have developed discipleship groups of 8 people each, which divide into 2 when the number reaches above 12 members. I am having passion for more groups in the country as we get more materials and Bibles. We have really been growing in Christ.

2.Study Materials in Prisons. Our Church has been reaching out to prison for some time, yet we needed some materials for the inmates. Your distributor invited us to get some Spiritual materials. When I got to the center, I couldn't believe to see such wonderful materials for Bible study. We were so much amazed to get them for free. The following week, we went to the Prison and established a Bible study group and gave them, "Explore the Bible" and copies of New Testament Bibles. There was so much joy in the Prisons, and because these brothers have all the time, they are doing the Bible study everyday which is causing those who were not interested in Spiritual activities in the Prison to join the Bible study group to the glory of God. Thank you Love Packages and all the Partners for the wonderful work you are doing for the Body of Christ.

### South Africa:

I work at the Gastroenterology section of Groote hospital and for over two years I have been receiving Christian resources from Love Packages to stock the patient waiting room. These materials have been well received by both patients and staff and I thank God for your ministry! I get encouraged when I see even our Muslim patients reading the materials. Some even take the material home with them. Once again, thank you very much for your ongoing support. God's richest blessings.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

2008 was the first year we shipped 1000 tons. Now, 13 years later, we are headed for our goal of 2021 tons. Wow! It is amazing what the Lord has done. We have shipped out 1421 tons of material already this year. I want to thank all of you who have prayed, volunteered, collected literature and given toward this. Your faithfulness will not be forgotten by our Lord.

Since the Bible drive last summer, we have purchased 442,022 Bibles and/or New Testaments and have shipped all of them out already. People are still sending us money to buy more Bibles, so we keep buying them. I just had a Bible Publisher call and offer to sell us 115,000 New Testaments for .25 each—this is .14 less than it costs them to print them, but they said they liked what we are doing and wanted to help. So, of course, I said yes, I'll take them.

You might think that the ministry of Love Packages is only for the people in far away places around the world, but that is not true. Love Packages also gives you an opportunity to become involved in what God is doing. You can have a ministry of collecting Bibles and books and making a difference in somebody's life. If you have ever thought about coming and volunteering but have not yet made the trip to one of our warehouses, that might be another way to participate in ministry. Please consider planning a trip and putting your hand to the work.

Please follow us on Facebook and see what the Lord is doing through this ministry. You will keep up to date on every load shipped out and will read great testimonies.

The time is short and multitudes still need to hear the wonderful words of life.

Yours for souls,

*Steven Schmidt*

**Testimonies From Around The World**

**Kenya:**

There are a group of people we call Touts (They are used at bus stops to encourage passengers to board buses or vans and are paid commission). They are normally despised because they are the lowly people in the society. They are known for abusing drugs and causing chaos. As a church, we began a program with them. We invited some of them for a dinner party, specifically for the Touts to appreciate their work in the community. We ministered the word of God and distributed some of your materials to them. A few got saved and we are following them up. There is also a brother we partner with in the Rift Valley. He began a program of providing Bibles and books in a remote part of the Rift Valley. On realization that there are a good number of people who are either illiterate or semi literate, he began to teach the grown ups who are illiterate on how to read so that they may be able to read their Bibles. So the distribution of the Bibles gave birth to the literacy program in the area too! Glory to God

**India:**

What a wonderful thing to see for the first time a Prayer and Healing Bible. This is the most wonderful gift I have ever received in my life. Thanks to the someone who donated this to me. Now I am able to trust God for healing and encourage those that are sick as I can easily trace healing scriptures from this Bible. The medical situation in India is not good.

**In Memory of**

- John D McDonald and Sherylyn by Gloria McDonald
- Melba Prusz by the Trummel family and Ronald and Carol Leistner
- Danny Jr Grose by Melisa Grose
- Ralph North by Margaret North
- Irene Cassmeyer and Norman Schloeman by Lillian Davidson
- Sam Robinson by Lenora Robinson

**In Honor of**

- Carolyn Guth by Illini Union Sr Leadership team
- Mark and Sally Stieroff by Mary Gingery
- Janett Yocum by Eternity Baptist Church
- Dean and Mary Deerhake by Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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**Totals for 2021**

<b>BUTLER</b>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>#Pkgs</b>
<b>Country</b>		
Thailand	120,000	4,266
Bahamas	40,000	1,566
Ghana	480,000	18,855
India	280,000	10,736
Uganda	280,000	11,134
Tanzania	200,000	7,638
Philippines	80,000	3,226
Nigeria	80,000	3,152
Guatemala	80,000	4,481
South Africa	200,000	7,797
Guyana	40,000	1,564
Dominican Republic	40,000	1,787
Jamaica	40,000	1,676
Sierra Leone	80,000	3,105
Honduras	1,200	30
Malawi	40,000	1,580
Kenya	80,000	3,324
Ukraine	500	15
Panama	40,000	1,550
Liberia	40,000	1,401
Zimbabwe	40,000	1,500

**ALABAMA**

<b>Country</b>		
India	160,000	4,752
Ghana	80,000	3,017
Kenya	80,000	3,622
Honduras	175	3
Uganda	80,000	3,055
Zambia	40,000	1,600
Zimbabwe	80,000	3,064
Tanzania	40,000	1,489

**TOTALS:** 2,841,875 110,985

**1,421 Tons**

**VOLUNTEERS**

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 Butler - 1075

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



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 A higher purpose.*