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## TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

**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.

### Kenya:

Thanks once again for the materials. The Lord is using them to touch lives.

Our Ministry Training Center young pastors took our Sunday kids and our evangelism team to an outreach at a village 4 Km from here called

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Magenge. The kids and our trainees were the main ministers. The kids were given an opportunity to share their faith in Christ. Since we received the materials, we've been training several groups in evangelism including the kids.

In the morning hours, they would evangelize to people one on one by the roadside or anywhere they could find people. Every group of about three kids had an adult watching over them. Then in the evening, they would sing, share memory verses, pray for people after one of them had finished preaching. We had 76 documented decisions for Christ. At night, our Ministry Training Center students would show the Jesus film and pray for people.

We invited those who gave their lives to Christ to church, and 6 people came on foot! Our team has been doing follow up, through calls & visits, but many people are challenged by the distance - it's a bit far. They've asked us to plant a church there for them. We will be going there weekly for home fellowship in a home.

The mission was very tough and there was very stiff opposition. The team set up a platform for evening open air evangelism. A man who owned a

liquor store opposed them vehemently, threatening to burn or destroy it at night. He almost chased people away the first day. The area administrator tried to intervene but still he said the crusade is destroying his business. The following day, through prayers and persistence, the LORD touched his heart and he brought bottled drinking water from his liquor store and gave to the team. Then he offered us his electricity for free! The team saw God at work in him, and it was like a dream. They couldn't believe the same man who opposed them a day ago was supporting and sponsoring the Gospel: that's the power of God at work.

### Malawi: Free Bibles

Easter Monday Bible outreach. I would like to give God the glory for today's Bible outreach. Our youth team knocked on over 800 houses today with copies of Bibles. We had many salvation testimonies and great joy and even disbelief that a Bible can be given to them for free.

It was such a joy to see the smiles and appreciation from the families who received Bibles as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Thanks to Love packages for your continued partnership with us in sharing the gospel through Bibles and literature.

### India: Touch of Compassion

People have different hobbies to spend their free time. Some are interested in reading, some in cooking, some in gardening etc. Then, there's Mrs. V who was a Bank Manager by profession and lives with her loving family of four. She was blessed and having faith in Jesus Christ. Mrs. V is an enthusiast of stories. She reads stories of all sorts whenever she gets free time. One day she happened to pass through and decided to get some books from us. She went through several collections of stories and picked a handful. One of those was 'Stories for a Faithful Heart'. Each story in the book has a message to the reader and the stories caught her interest. She went through them, one by one. But one story touched her deep. The story is titled 'Charlie's

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

Four facts are inescapable: Humanity is lost; Eternity is certain; Heaven and Hell are real; and Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. That makes our work here extremely important. What a privilege it is to work at Love Packages each day sending the Word of God to those who still need to know Him.

The good news is that we have been on a record pace this year. As of this writing, we have shipped out 1000 tons already. I remind you that our goal for this year is to ship out 111 containers full of good Christian literature. That is 2,220 tons. Keep collecting and praying for us.

Concerning the Bible Drive from the spring, more than 50,000 dollars has come in and we have been buying a lot of Bibles. Just this week we received 12,000 NKJV English Bibles, 12,000 Spanish Bibles, and 30,000 Swahili New Testaments. Our Bible fund is now depleted and we are believing God for more.

The testimonies that we receive tell us that the Church is growing and is alive, and that our literature is really helping them fulfill the purposes of God in their country. We are posting more pictures and reports on our Facebook page, so like us on Facebook and keep up with what God is doing with your material. God truly is doing great things with the literature that you send. Keep up the good work folks!

Thank you all for collecting literature and supporting us. If you live close enough to one of our warehouses, we would love to see you. Come and join us someday and personally put your hands to the work. It's good for your soul!

Yours for souls,

*Steven Schmidt*

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Blanket' It is about a kid from a poor family who sacrificed the blanket of her very dear baby doll for someone in need. The story is set in the U.S during Christmas time. It gives the idea of compassion. It showed what Jesus came to this world for. It is all about sacrificial love, the very exact message Jesus Christ gives through his life as the Son of God, the Creator of all living beings.

Mrs. V said to us, that she came to realize that each person should have an open heart for others. She started to look into her life to see what she does for others. The introspection led her to the conclusion that apart from making her life comfortable, she wasn't doing anything for the needy, nothing to transform the lives of those around her. That's when she decided to sponsor children who required special care. Mrs. V along with her husband initiated voluntary works to care for children with disabilities. This story of compassion made her go for a soul searching adventure which led her to transform the lives of those in need.

She personally expressed her joy in finding the book to read and she extended her gratitude to the team at Love Packages for donating this precious book "that changed her life." "I cannot find the words to express how I felt when I found this book here. I can see how brilliantly God acted in my life and how He changed me to bring help to others," said Mrs. V with a big smile.

### Volunteers

Alabama—266    Butler—1040  
Tons  
 Alabama—180    Butler—820

### In Honor

Ben Cook by: Becki Duren  
 Judy Robinson by: Sharon Walker

## Totals for 2023

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Cameroon	40,000	1,716
Costa Rica	40,000	1,316
Ghana	240,000	9,850
Guatemala	40,000	1,522
Honduras	275	9
India	400,000	15,500
Kenya	280,000	11,535
Liberia	40,000	1,685
Malawi	40,000	1,305
Nigeria	40,000	1,598
Panama	80,000	2,767
South Africa	200,000	8,327
St. Vincent	40,000	1,666
Tanzania	120,000	4,612
Thailand	80,000	2,952
Trinidad	40,000	1,382
Uganda	200,000	8,235
Zambia	40,000	1,679
Zimbabwe	40,000	1,738
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,000,275</b>	<b>79,394</b>
	<b>1,000 Tons</b>	

### In Memory

Larry Lucas by: Brenda Lucas, Petersville UMC,  
 Susan Thompson and Friends  
 Jennifer Guimbellot by: Howard Guimbellot  
 Bill Morse by: Don & Phyllis Willems  
 Rose Lee & Dana Jones by: Fred & Linda Berry  
 Anna Schaperjohn by: Jeffrey Schaperjohn  
 Delores Queen by: Eternity Baptist Church  
 Rober L. Hill by: Barbara K. Hill  
 Lee Dickson by: Ginny A. Thomas  
 Evelyn Bolger by: Charlene Bolger  
 Dot Kelsall & Bill Kelley by: David & Barbara Rinehart  
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 Mary Ann Gebauer by: John Bebauer

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