

# ◆ 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.

### Malawi:

We have had a Church that wasn't growing for 5 years. The attendance was below 15. In December, we got two cartons of gospel literature. The book was the gospel of John and Romans which we distributed to 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 baptized. The Church is still growing. We bless the name of the Lord and have asked God to bless those who donated such wonderful books to us.

### India:

There is a Pastor living in a nearby village. It's been three years for him being in the service of God, spreading His name. Ever since the pandemic lockdown, he has found it hard to get anyone to listen to what he has to say about his experiences in God. People seem to be in hurry or possibly avoiding. He began to feel despair and prayed to God to show him a way to share with others without making him feel awkward and stressed. The next day he

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happened to come to our Free Library and there found a book named 'People Sharing Jesus' He grabbed that book as if it had been waiting there for him. Upon finishing the book, he got a new perspective on how to approach people in the name of God. The book inspired him to share the gospel naturally where he lives and works. It equipped him with new ways to reach others by listening to them, caring for them with the love of God, and sharing messages uniquely suited to their needs. He believes that it was God that led him to the book. He started to slowly implement the things he learned into his approach of sharing his faith in God with others. Now, day by day he finds himself inspiring others by sharing

his experiences of leading a Christian life. He was happy to share his story with us on how God showed him the way to our library that transformed his life. He mentioned that he is eternally grateful to the donors for sending it here so it would be within his grasp. With a sense of gratitude in his tone, he said, "I truly believe that the copy of the book I received was a real blessing from God. I will treasure it, as it is through this book I was able to fight the chain of struggles I was bound with. I will always remember the donors and the team at Love Packages working behind this generous offer"

### Ghana:

This made me to weep this morning. I had some few books left from the container for Pastor Abekah. He had been calling me on the phone for weeks needing books and Bibles. Yesterday I invited him to come for the books and the Bibles that I had kept for him. When he arrived, I realized that he was not having the money to even transport the books to his location so I gave him a little for transport. I could see the joy in his face. Then he pleaded with me that his wife was in the hospital and there was no money to take care of her. So I asked him the amount and I gave him that money. He then left me with the books and was gone. This morning he sent me video of his new small library and when I was watching the video, his call came in and he was weeping on the phone. What is happening? I was trying to guess. Pastor are you fine, is your wife Okay? Then he said, he has been in ministry for God for almost 58 years and nobody has ever given him such books and Bibles, and money too, to solve problem. Then he begun to bless me and thank me, and I told him the materials are not from me but from Love Packages. So he gave his thanks to Love Packages and blessed Love Packages so many times.

### Honduras:

One pastor his name is Martin, he started a children ministry in his area. (rural area) In this place is a lot a violence and small children are already part of a mara. (drug gang) These gangs use them to kill and steal and sell drugs. We gave him a lot of children's materials and Gospel of John and Romans booklets in Spanish from Love Packages. We gave Bibles also. With all these materials he got, he opened a house for children and so far, 250 children have given their life to Jesus.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

Our goal is still 2,200 tons for this year. So far we have been able to ship out 1726 tons.

The shipping crises continues to be a big problem for us. Several weeks this year we have not been able to ship anything. In the month of August we were only able to ship 5 container loads, in September only 6 we should have done 15 each month. It is not lack of materials. If we would have ship them that would have put us at over 2100 tons. But here we are; it looks like things might be improving, but it also looks like we will not make our goal for the year.

I know that goals are only arbitrary, and that whatever we do is going to be OK. I remember back in 1981 I had a goal to ship a 100 tons and missed it by a few tons. I was disappointed, so the next year, I set a goal of 200 tons and just missed that by a few tons. Look at how far we have come. I still think we can make 2000 tons. Pray for us.

Our costs for a shipping container is up, but we will continue to ship, because the harvest is before us, and we are entering the final days before the Lord's return.

The testimonies that we receive tell us that the Church is growing and is alive. God is doing great things with the literature that we send. The harvest is here and Christ is worthy of His inheritance. 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*

**Testimonies From Around The World**

**Zimbabwe:**

There is an evangelist who walks the streets ministering the Word and winning souls to Jesus. He gives them books to go and have teachings at home with their families. There was a lady that was on her way to a witch doctor to go and ask for help. Her husband was not working, and she has 5 children. On her way to the witch doctor she met the Evangelist, who ministered to her a book and then talked to her about Paul who was on his way to persecute the Christians, and how the Lord blinded his eyes and he repented and gave his life to the Lord. As a result 2 /3 of the New testament was written by him. She was grateful, gave her life to Christ, and vowed she will now to go church.

Thank you, the books are very instrumental in winning souls After ministering to them, they go home with Christian material. Thank you Love Packages.

**In Memory of**

Judy and Bill Latham by: Julia Nation  
 Mark Holt by: Fred & Linda Berry  
 Marty Mc Connell by: Bonnie & David Rinehart  
 Tom Miller by: Wife Mary Miller  
 Sandra Darlene Thompson by:  
 Husband Jeffry Thompson, Carol & Garry Baker, Lake Fork Christian Church,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cryulik, Neighbors & Friends on  
 Kennedy Drive in Pekin, IL  
 Retired Pastor Ernie Essary by: Mrs. Marjorie Edmister  
 Gary Rice by: Eternity Baptist Church in Centralia, IL

**In Honor of**

Janice Schloeman & Janet Pierson (Twins 80th Birthdays) by: Lillian Davidson  
 Truman Spires 97th Birthday by: Daughter Connie Gardenhire

**Totals for 2022**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Belize	40,000	1,269
Cameroon	40,000	1,431
Dominican Republic	40,000	1,365
El Salvador	40,000	1,142
Ghana	480,000	17,187
Honduras	310	13
India	800,000	28,464
Kenya	444,000	17,129
Nigeria	120,000	4,758
Guatemala	80,060	3,193
Guyana	40,000	1,564
Mexico	4,200	120
Philippines	160,505	6,708
Sierra Leone	40,000	1,601
South Africa	280,000	12,112
Saint Vincent	40,000	1,377
Tanzania	240,000	9,296
Trinidad	40,000	1,383
Thailand	80,000	3,015
Uganda	280,000	10,455
Ukraine	1,500	30
Zambia	80,000	2,950
Zimbabwe	80,000	2,964
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3,450,575</b>	<b>129,526</b>

1,725 Tons

Decatur-460 Tons  
 Butler-1,265 Tons

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