

◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

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TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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.

Zimbabwe:

Evangelist Ruth was up early and went to the shopping center to evangelize. The amazing thing is that each and every one she met - their hearts desire was to get a Bible for church, Bible school, and to own one for their family. This was a God moment. All of them asked for the name of your ministry and they said they will be praying for Love Packages every day.

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Bible. There was one whole family going to church and they all got Bibles. They were like "What there is such a thing as Children's Bible, Wow" When they left, they were all singing, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

India:

My name is Benia. I was born in an underdeveloped and uncivilized small village in Odisha, to a poor Hindu family. The first time I saw Christians was during Christmas time in my uncle's village. It was then that I faced the most difficult time of my life. I was battling with many questions. I had no money. That was when a Christian man invited me to celebrate Christmas with him in his village. I went with him to his village and while we were celebrating Christmas at the Church, certain Hindu extremists came and attacked us suddenly and we were forced to run away. It was cold, we had no warm clothes to cover ourselves and we became helpless and we started to cry. We tried to be silent because if the Hindus would hear our voices they would try to kill us. When the small children started to cry, we tried to cover their mouths with our hands. It started getting colder and colder throughout the night. That night I prayed to God to save me. I knew then that Jesus was God. The next

day, some brothers and I went back to the church to check the building and it was destroyed. After a couple more miracles in my life, I dedicated my life to Jesus Christ and made a decision to follow Jesus in ministry with my whole heart. Since that time our ministry has been greatly blessed through the distribution of free books. Our ministry has been able to grow spiritually as we study the Bible and books. The children's books have been very helpful in our orphanage and school in Orissa and we are able to improve the English vocabulary of the children as well as learn new Bible stories and lessons every time. Our church has been studying topics on prayer and Christian walk with God and from these books our eyes are being opened to newer revelations that God is revealing to His servants. Our ministry is grateful to God for all the free resources you have blessed us with, as we do not have the finances to purchase books. Our vision is to change the lives of people by bringing them from darkness to light.

South Africa:

Yesterday was a very long day. I was awake from 3 AM and on my feet all morning sorting through, categorizing and carrying, tons of Bibles and books. My muscles were aching by the end of the day. Literature PT can give one a good all over workout! The Bible can stretch our minds and muscles. Thank you to all those involved in providing this spiritual ammunition and for those volunteers who helped us offload and sort through these tons of treasures! The gate bell has been ringing all morning as pastors, policemen, teachers, evangelists, chaplains and missionaries arrived to collect supplies for their ministries and outreaches.

Uganda:

We have conducted community gospel outreaches around Kampala in the last couple of weeks and thousands of people have given their lives to Christ. I therefore kindly request that you to include more than 200 boxes of John and Romans booklets because they are very instrumental in Evangelism. I also request that you may include more NKJV Bibles in the next shipment. This is because that version is preferred more than others and its user friendly to new converts.

We are also reaching out to the refugee camps in northern and western Uganda. Uganda is known to be the Africa's largest refugee hosting country with over 2 million refugees. Most of these refugees come from the war troubled surrounding countries like Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo,

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Well, we have had a very successful year. As of this writing we have shipped out over 2000 tons of materials. Thank you to all of you who have been so faithful in supporting us, praying for us, and for collecting and sending materials to us. You do it without a constant reminder or us needing to even ask for your help. We appreciate it, we really do!

Make sure you look on the back page and see the information concerning our new Bible Drive. It is an exciting opportunity to get tens of thousands of Bibles for those who want and need them.

Last week we bought new computers for the ministry here in Illinois. In the process of moving some excel files Aaron asked me if I knew how much literature we had shipped since 2006. I replied, "I really don't know." He then told me that we had shipped out 21,000 tons from Butler. I contacted Jason in Alabama and asked for his figures and in total we have shipped out over 30,000 tons of literature since 2006. WOW. Just think, God had a purpose for each piece of literature and none of it will return void. It will accomplish all that He wanted to do.

We are posting more and more pictures and reports on our Facebook page, so please follow us on Facebook and keep up with what God is doing with your material. You will see a lot of testimonies from all over the world on there. God truly is doing great things with the literature that you send. Keep up the good work folks!

We are trying to work towards an (continued on back page:) email newsletter. We don't have it yet, but if you want to give us your email address that will be a start.

Yours for souls,

Testimonies From Around The World

Rwanda, Burundi etc. And most of these refugees are open to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are working with a number of evangelical organizations to see that we reach them. And the best approach to leave an everlasting impact of the gospel of Jesus Christ in their lives is through Christian literature. This is one reason why the ministry of Love Packages is making a great impact here.

Kenya:

The Sunday school materials have greatly improved our numbers in two ways. The little token/items in the packages given to the children have acted as a great motivation for the kids to come to Church. The teaching materials given to the Sunday school teachers have given them things to teach in a systematic manner. Previously the teachers would teach them whatever was convenient to them and in a manner that is not consistent.

Kenya:

Evangelism groups have had materials, which they previously lacked, to use in sharing the gospel in the field and also to leave with the new converts

A Word from the Director Continued

Steven Schmidt

BIBLE DRIVE

We have had a couple of people talk to us and have pledged to give us \$57,000 dollars to buy Bibles if we can match it by February the 1st. Would you consider giving to this fund?

We are able to buy full paperback Bibles in English or Spanish right now for 72¢, nice new testaments for 30¢, and very good Swahili New Testaments for 80¢. We often have opportunities from publishing houses to buy large quantities at a discount, because the Bibles have small flaws in the quality. It would be nice to have the funds ready for such opportunities.

In Memory Of

My Dear Pastor Steve Rzany: Camille Paul
My Dad, Rev. Harold Hicks by: Daughter, Scarlett Barbee
Ralph North by: Margaret North
Anna Schaperjohn & Bob Burlingame by: Jeffrey Schaperjohn
Roger Hill by: Barbara Hill
Mary Ann Gebauer by: John Gebauer
Marc Thomson by: Jim Zuber

In Honor Of

Aunt Marilyn & Uncle Palmer's Anniversary by: Ashley Burchfield
Fred & Linda Berry by: Jerry & Sharon Barnett

Combined Totals for 2023

Containers: 100
Total Tons: 2000

Total Volunteers

Alabama—621
Butler—2,132

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Thank you in advance for your help!



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