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TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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:

The Sunday School materials are wonderful. They use them for teachings. They are so hungry for the Word. They use them at Church, cell groups, Sunday School. It allows them to teach from the beginning to the end. These books are well written and printed so that you can teach yourself the Word of God. It is amazing some schools even use them in their Curriculum.

You have no idea these same Sunday

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School books are teaching hundreds of people. One couple from Mutoko after reading these Sunday School books became missionaries to Malawi. It was 7 years ago, they took 300 of the books to Malawi and have been teaching the people in Malawi. When they finished reading and studying, they then pass them on to other branches. This is another tool of saving and getting the people to read the Word.

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That's the reason why we can't thank you enough, because we are getting feedback from churches, people, hospitals, prisons on the Christian material they collect from us. You have saved whole families. Men, women, have been kept from becoming drug addicts. Marriages that were scattered are brought back together. The list is endless. Heaven has a crown waiting for you.

Ghana:

From Bishop Elijah Mafuta. I would like to thank God for the wonderful materials I have received. Among the books I got in a 50kg bag of books are 20 Bibles and the wonderful Explore the Bible materials which I have given to members of our Church. In the past I had no reading culture because I had not even a single book apart from my Bible. Now my knowledge has grown so much due to books and the study Bible I got from you. My ministry has greatly changed due to the knowledge I have acquired from such wonderful books. May God bless those that donated these books and Bibles.

India:

My children's life-style changed by a single book said Jyothi, a 37-year-old married woman. She had been deeply concerned about her two young children growing in the Lord. She had been busy with work and wanted her children to grow spiritually. One day, on her way home, Jyothi met our literature team distributing spiritual, inspirational, and children's books. She was happy and found a children's book that she thought would be perfect for her children. The book was called "The parable of the Lost Sheep" and it was beautifully illustrated with colorful pictures and easy-tounderstand language. She brought the book home and read it to her children every night before they went to bed. The children were captivated by the story of the shepherd who left his 99 sheep to search for the one that was lost. As days went by, she noticed that her children were asking more and more questions about Jesus. They wanted to know more about the parables and the stories of the Bible. She was delighted to see her children interested in learning about God and showing interest in faith and she wanted to nourish their curiosity. The following day, she took her children to ministry where they were conducting Vacation Bible School nearby her place. The two children attended the VBS regularly and we saw a significant transformation in them. They grew in faith and it showed in their actions. The book had opened a new world of faith for my

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

First of all, I want to apologize for not getting a newsletter out to all of you sooner. We have had several people call us and say "where is your newsletter." I looked at my records and I have only sent out 2 newsletters this year - sorry. We have been busy. Which leads me to say, thank you, to all of you who have been so faithful in supporting us, you do it without a constant reminder or us even asking you for help. We appreciate it, we do!

The good news is that we are on a record pace. As of this writing, we have shipped out 1640 tons, with many more containers scheduled before the end of the year. 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. Thanks for collecting and praying for us.

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 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!

Again, thank you for all the prayers and support that you have given to us this year. Today there are millions of people reading the materials that have been sent from Love Packages. If you live close enough to one of our warehouses, we would love to see you. Come and join us someday put your hands to the work.

We are trying to work towards an 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,

Steven Schmidt

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two young children and I am so grateful to Love Packages for having such a heart towards children's spiritual growth. Jyothi is now an active member and has encouraged many people to get books from us and has led many children to walk with God.

Ghana:

The distribution of the Bibles and Christian books has opened doors for us to minister Christ in areas where we didn't have connections. I had the opportunity to preach Christ in meetings jointly organized by the local churches. A number of people gave their lives to Christ. Some of our evangelist were out ministering and after ministering the Word they gave the people magazines and literature. Before they could ask them to receive Jesus they all began to say, "are you going to pray so we can live with Jesus." For me that was a great testimony, for them to ask to receive Jesus, instead of the evangelist asking them. They led 35 souls to the Lord. The literature really helps.

In Memory Of

Al Schukoske, Lois Salser & Patsy Kelley By: Widows Might Liberty Baptist Church
Dave Davidson by: Fred & Linda Berry
Carol Collins by: Roberta Collins
Bob Schmidt by: Jim Zuber
Jeff Thompson by: Larry & Kay Cyrulik
Glen & Freda Wilkins by: Glenda Wilkins

Roger Quarton by: Fran Smart Emily Pogue & Jean Graham by: Larry & Yeula Hawn Richard Kixmiller & Anna Schaperjohn by: Jeffery Schaperjohn Ron Jenkins by: Margo Jenkins Ed Howden by: Ed & Sherry Hachigian

Herbert & Berti Burt by: Pat Burt Emma Jean Ralston by: Ralph & Patrice Bishop & Wayne & Ruth Thomas Sam Young, Sherry Briley, Lee Dickson, Jason Bailey by: Fred & Linda Berry

Totals for 2023

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Country	Pounds	#Pkgs
Belize	40,000	1,291
Cameroon	40,000	1,716
Costa Rica	40,000	1,316
Fiji Islands	40,000	1,633
Ghana	320,000	12,652
Guatemala	40,000	1,522
Guyana	40,000	1,324
Honduras	40,275	1,325
India	580,000	23,297
Kenya	440,000	17,095
Liberia	40,000	1,685
Malawi	120,000	4,024
Nicaragua	40,000	1,283
Nigeria	80,000	3,196
Panama	80,000	2,622
Philippines	120,000	4,484
South Africa	320,000	12,809
St. Vincent	80,000	3,332
Tanzania	280,000	10,446
Thailand	80,000	2,952
Trinidad	40,000	1,382
Uganda	280,000	10,818
Zambia	40,000	1,679
Zimbabwe	40,000	1,738
TOTALS:	3,260,275	125,621
	1,640 Tons	

<u>Volunteers:</u> Alabama - 605 Butler - 1,832

In Honor Of

Leighton Parsley by: Angela Ellis James Adair by: Barbara Storey John & Shirley Rinehart by: David & Bonnie Rinehart Ben Cook & Martha Germany by: Becki Duren Thomas Leonard by: The Timothy Bradberry Family Bill Ralston by: Ralph & Patrice Bishop

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