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## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

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

You will see from two of the testimonies in this newsletter, that the need is overwhelming for good Christian materials and Bibles. Without ministries like Love Packages and others, the hope of ever getting a Bible in some places around the world is slim to none. Today in the continent of Africa there are 100 million believers that are still waiting for their first Bible. Each container we ship has several hundred thousand pieces of literature on it and that sounds like a lot, but it is only a drop in the bucket compared to the need. Now don't get me wrong, I believe that drop is doing a lot, and is significant. Millions are reading the good news because of what we have been able to do. God also promises that His word would not return void, but would accomplish everything He desires. Thank you to everybody that has been sending us materials, only God knows what will happen because of all this material. Thanks to all of you who have collected materials, prayed, volunteered, and given financially to make this happen. Our new goal for 2025 is 111 containers, 2220 tons.

Because of the Bible Drive at the beginning of the year we have been able to purchase 465,000 Bibles, these will be a little larger drop in the bucket. Thanks for all of your help.

Both of our warehouses could use volunteer help, so please consider spending some time with us in the coming year. We continue to post more and more pictures and reports on our Facebook page, so please follow us on Facebook in order to 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! If you would like to receive this newsletter via email let us know. We have a new computer system that will allow us to send emails to all of you at no cost.

Yours for souls,

*Steven Schmidt*

## 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.

### **Tanzania:**

It is my joy and honor to send greetings, in the precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord; which, I hope, finds you well. This is my joyful testimony concerning the support through donations of both Christian Literature (Bibles, books, study aids, maps and charts) and many other goods that address humanitarian needs. I appreciate that you stood with us at the beginning of this life changing journey. Without your supportive ministry, which has been a major source of material, our growth would not have reached its present level. We know, all you did for us was for the glory of God.

Among the third world countries, Tanzania is classified as one of the poorest, with a very unstable daily income on the average of one dollar per day. People in the rural areas are without water and electricity supplies. They also experience diseases like cholera, typhoid and malaria, with the addition of non - assurance of what they may eat in a day. This makes ministers of God serve with extreme difficulties, where churches are normally weak materially and poor financially. Most of the pastors have never attended formal training in Bible Colleges for failing to raise funds to cover their tuition and other costs. With your support, they have been able to undertake short intensive pastoral studies using resource materials from the books: Bibles, Bible Commentaries, Bible Dictionaries, Bible Encyclopedia, maps and charts. All these have been very helpful. You don't understand the impact you are having on Tanzania. The demand for Christian literature is still higher than the supply.

### **South Africa:**

By God's grace we received your container shipment yesterday morning, with much rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. May God abundantly bless and reward each one involved in making this possible. Our supplies were running low and every day we have many pastors, evangelists and missionaries requesting more Bibles, Bible study and Sunday school materials. The needs are great and the hunger for Gospel literature in Africa is insatiable. We would be most grateful if you could increase the number of container shipments this year.

## Testimonies From Around The World

According to a report I received yesterday, 70% of pastors in the Congo to not have a full Bible. Most only have a New Testament. Our missionary pastor in Kisangani on the Congo river is attempting to coordinate Bible distribution throughout the Congo river and its tributaries basin where over 18 million people live. These people can only be reached by river. There are no roads to these villages. The river is our only way of accessing and reaching these desperately needy people. Most have no access to any church or Bible. The need is so great. May God abundantly bless and reward each one of you for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

### Zimbabwe:

Pastors have been calling us for Literature. They are hungry to get into the books, most of them have been fasting, taking no food no water off and on for years praying for a good study Bible, concordance, and literature. Now they will be having their own Pastors library books and for the leaders too. Some will be establishing libraries for their communities and church.

### India:

I am a pastor Edward living in Bangalore. A friend of mine took me to your Love Packages distribution saying that they have good inspirational books. The people were friendly and showed us their library. I saw a vast collection of books. Seeing my interest, they told me I can take some of these books for free as they give books free of charge for people serving the lord. I took More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell, Jesus Calling by Sarah Young, Knowing God by J.I Packer, The Problem of Pain by C.S Lewis, What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey, Out of the Silent Planet By C.S Lewis, and The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. These are some of the books that I selected from the innumerable collection available.

I reached my room happily, and started reading these books that day after prayer. I was very interested in reading these books and read every day. These books contained life stories that empowered me and changed my thinking to a great extent. Reading the stories made me understand that I can hope in the lord and expect his love. It made me understand that we can defeat Satan by firmly believing and doing God's will. I became sure God will give us what he has promised. I came to know what God's verses meant actually. Thank you for the books.

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Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

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