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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

“You are wasting that,” that’s what God spoke to me in the Spring of 1975. That same summer, God showed me the abundance of Christian literature that I had at my disposal and the tremendous lack of literature that so many others around the world were experiencing. In August of 1975 not realizing that everyone had as much as I did, I began to send my excess literature overseas. That first year my wife and I shipped 60 boxes of literature to five missionaries in four countries. Soon the word spread about what we were doing. Friends started bringing their excess literature to us for shipment overseas. We never realized nor imagined that from that small seed God would build an ever increasing world outreach. Last year we shipped 2,200 tons of materials! Since the beginning of Love Packages we have been able to send over 32,000 tons. We have seen thousands and thousands of people saved, healed, and delivered as a result of this literature. Pastors and Sunday school teachers for the first time in their lives, have material to study and teach from, the Church is growing, and people are being disciplined.

Our goal for 2025 is 111 containers, 2220 tons. Our God promised that His Word would not return unto Him void, but would accomplish everything He desires. We have seen that! Our vision is simple. We want to see all of our excess, the materials that are not being used here in America, placed on the mission fields of the world. So, this August I celebrate my 50th year of doing this. Will you celebrate with me?? Millions are reading the good news because of what we have been able to do. Your prayers and gifts make this all possible. Thank you to everybody that has been sending us materials, volunteering, and praying for us. Only God knows what will happen because of all this material.

Please continue to pray for the need of a building in Decatur Alabama. We always need volunteer help, so please consider spending some time with us. 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.

The following are some testimonies - hope you enjoy them.

Yours for souls,

Steven Schmidt

TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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.

Ghana:

Evangelist Samuel Ansah of Mt. Zion Holy Spirit Ministry based in Ashaiman, a suburb of Tema led a team of 11 to reach out to over 500 people in the community. They were involved in house to house, street and bus evangelism in January. They gave out booklets and magazines with 81 people praying to receive Christ for the first time with 41 others rededicating their lives to Christ.

Zambia:

The Evergreen Book Ministry of Kabwata Baptist Church has continued with the work of distribution of free books donated through Love Packages. From January to date, the ministry gave out a total of 170 boxes of books to 19 local churches, 4 police chaplaincies, 2 army chaplaincies, and 2 children Bible clubs around Lusaka. Most of the churches accessing these books are Pentecostal and Baptist. We are very excited that we have penetrated the Zambia Police and Zambia Army in sharing the gospel through literature. Follow ups on the receipts of the books is being done, hence creating an avenue for evangelistic work. All beneficiaries really appreciate the books. Therefore, Brethren, be encouraged as these books are changing lives.

India:

Sathyam has become a hub of positive energy and spiritual growth. The act of giving away free Christian books has created a sense of community among those who visit our store. People often engage in meaningful conversations, share their personal stories, and offer support to one another. It has created a space where individuals can connect and find solace in their faith. The impact of this initiative goes beyond the walls of the bookstore. Recipients of these free Christian books often pass them along to friends and family, creating a ripple effect of blessings. The reach of these books extends far beyond the immediate recipients, touching the lives of countless others who may never have entered the bookstore. It keeps going on and on. In conclusion, the distribution of free Christian books here in India is a testament to the power of faith, community, and the written word. Thousands of people have been blessed by the wisdom contained within these books, many have given their lives to the Lord, and the impact continues to grow. It is a remarkable example of how a simple act of kindness, like giving a book, can have a profound and far-reaching effect on the lives of so many. Sathyam partnering with Love Packages has not only enriched the spiritual lives of our community but has also demonstrated the beauty of sharing and spreading blessings of the Word of God with the world.

Testimonies From Around The World

Ghana:

I received a 'Home Life' magazine - it shares a very simple, precise and concise but powerful messages for salvation and Christian marital life. It has helped me, I recommend it for all believers especially married couples. This will help them live Christ-centered married lives.

Dominican Republic

Reviving a Church with Charles Spurgeon Messages:

Pastor Mendez is Pastor of the Central Church of God in Guaricanos in North Santo Domingo. Their local church has an attendance of around 120 believers. After several years participating in our programs, he requested a training for his local church in evangelism. When he made his request, I gave him the Book of Charles Spurgeon that we received in the container of Love Packages titled "Jesus Came to Save Sinners", asking him to start a series of sermons based on the book a month before the training to prepare the congregation. For that training Pastor Mendez, was thinking that around 20 local believers would respond. Surprisingly 80 local believers responded. They have remained active during the outreach campaign and beyond, resulting in a great harvest in his local church. They have established several groups of basic discipleship. Pastor Mendez wanted to know why this worked. We told him the Word of God works. God is using our obedience to accelerate the fulfilment of the Great Commission. Pastor Mendez and his wife are happy to have this high percentage of believers of his local church involved in evangelism; he is praying for them to advance into the next step of making disciples in the name of Jesus.

Bible Study Group with Bibles provided By Love Packages:

A Magdalena's Project Leader, in which all of the participants have Bibles donated by Love Packages, shared a testimony of how God saved two couples miraculously from death. On April 8, 2025, the couples had been invited to a night club called Jet Set, but because of a follow up Bible Study Group, the couples decided not to attend the party, because they were having the film "The Forge" in the group to encourage the value of discipleship and mentorship. That same night, the roof of the Jet Set night club collapsed and fell on over 700 attendees, and more than 232 have been reported dead as results of the collapse. The couples thank God for saving their lives and testify of the importance of the Bible study groups in physically and spiritually saving those who respond positively to the gospel of Christ. For them this salvation is a confirmation. They have now engaged themselves to not only share their faith with others but also to follow programs to experience the word of God in Matthew 18: 20 "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." They engaged themselves to not only share their faith with others but also on follow programs to experience the saving and transforming presence of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

India:

Ann has a heart for children residing in the slums. She visits us every year to get materials for slum children. The pictures and the colorful charts that Ann carries every year from our place are reaching hundreds of slum children. The big smile that she displays tells of the fruits of transformation.

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In Honor Of:

Steve Schmidt & Love Packages 50th Anniversary
by: Lynn Richmond
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Totals

Alabama: 200 tons - Volunteers: 532
Butler: 1000 tons - Volunteers: 1665

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