

◆ LOVE PACKAGES ◆

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The testimonies in this newsletter are from 6 different nations and tell the story of the great need for Christian materials, a pastor who thought he would never see a Bible again, a refugee camp being changed, others weeping with joy in receiving what we have sent them. Thanks, for all you have done to help us reach the farthest out and least thought about. Because of your generosity, we have already shipped 460 tons of Christian materials. Our 2026 goal is to ship 111 container loads (2,220 tons). Your partnership is making a life-changing difference.

In other news, our valued friend and longtime collaborator TJ Hanken has opened a new warehouse in Parkersburg, Iowa. For the past two decades, TJ has played a crucial role in establishing distribution centers throughout Central and South America and has overseen the delivery of hundreds of tons of materials to those regions. The Iowa facility will now serve as the main center for organizing and dispatching most of our Spanish-language materials, as well as functioning as a collection site for our resources in the surrounding area. His address is 'Love Packages, 1103 Commerce Ave., Parkersburg, IA 50665' His phone is 319-464-4071. You **can** send Spanish literature to any of our locations.

Bible Drive: The Bible drive was a tremendous success. I have just purchased 625,000 beautiful New Testaments, 45,000 full Bibles, 17,000 Spanish Bibles, and 5,000 French Bibles. There are still funds remaining, so I plan to acquire additional Bibles soon. We have an ongoing fund that is available for contributions to ensure we can continue shipping Bibles to those in need.

In Alabama, we are talking to a Baptist Church about the possibility of them giving us 3 acres of ground to build a warehouse and dorm for Love Packages. Please pray with us concerning this.

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.

Zimbabwe:

My goodness, I have been informing all the pastors that we are about to receive a container of books and Bibles. They have been crying out for literature, books, and Bibles, and I've asked them to let me know about the needs in their areas - the missions and the evangelism work- so that when the material arrives, we can sort everything properly. People are truly excited, especially pastors, evangelists, and the schools. They are so grateful because they will finally have literature to teach in the Scripture Union classes.

One pastor called me, and he started crying. He said he never thought he would ever be able to see a Bible again. He has about 60 students, and he has been desperately looking for even just New Testaments to give them. To him, this news is the best thing that has ever happened. Right there on the phone, he began to pray for you. He prayed for you, and for Love Packages.

Costa Rica: Letter of Gratitude for Bible Donation

Dear Love Packages,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with a heart full of gratitude for your generous donation of Bibles. Your gift has been a true answer to our prayers, providing much-needed spiritual nourishment to those who hunger for God's Word. The Bibles have been distributed among police officers, schools, the Mujer Rahab institution, and indigenous communities across Costa Rica. Reaching remote populations has presented many challenges, including difficult travel and limited access. Yet your support has made it possible for us to overcome these obstacles and share the Gospel in areas where hope is scarce. The donation has strengthened our faith, inspired new believers, and encouraged ongoing prayer for additional Bibles to meet the growing needs. We humbly ask for your continued support so that we may further God's work in these communities. We commit to providing transparency regarding all donations and their impact, ensuring your contributions are used faithfully and responsibly. On behalf of all who have received these Bibles, I offer our deepest appreciation for your generosity and unwavering commitment to God's mission. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and partnership in spreading His Word.

Uganda:

Hello My name is Robert. I work with a refuge settlement in the northern parts of Uganda. We are using the Bible study booklets to evangelize in the settlement. The booklets have helped spread the love of God and we recently found they are being used to learn English. You cannot imagine the impact it has made in the settlement. Many lives have been changed and hope returned because of the word of God. We are extremely grateful for all your help. God bless you.

Testimonies From Around The World

Nigeria:

Rev. Mensah, with seven others did hospital visitation, reaching out to 35 patients. During the outreach, 15 patients prayed to receive Christ while 12 rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Ghana:

Below is a thanksgiving from Prof. Emeritus Edwin N. Korley. After gifting the books from Love Packages to Theologies International Seminary, something happened at our warehouse. All of a sudden, I saw tears flowing from Prof. Emeritus Edwin N Korley's face uncontrollably. He had not been expecting so many cartons of Books and Bibles for his graduates. Then tears started flowing from my eyes too. We were praising God with our tears.

Tanzania:

As we step into a new year, my heart is full of gratitude for Love Packages. Thank you for the way you have loved us, prayed for us, and invested so faithfully into the Kingdom of God. Because of your partnership, last year was a year of divine acceleration and Kingdom impact. God has done beyond what we could imagine or think!

Last year, more people surrendered their lives to Jesus than in any year before, and thousands have entered discipleship - learning the Word, growing in obedience and character, and becoming leaders in their own communities. We witnessed the gospel transform families and even entire communities. Jesus has been brought into places that never before knew His Name! Hundreds of Muslims are coming to Jesus, in all these seven nations, Tanzania Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Burundi and Rwanda. The Truth has set so many free through your literature. Missionaries were trained, equipped, and mobilized. Portable Bible schools in over 12 locations have discipled new believers New churches were planted, and many existing ones were constructed or strengthened, Children received education, and the love of Christ. Women were empowered through literacy, entrepreneurship, and Biblical training, receiving economic projects through your sewing machines. Youth once on the streets have received Jesus and are being transformed by the power of God to become the missionaries of tomorrow through Bibles and book distribution. And the invitations continue to multiply, 'Please will you come to our region and our nation as well. We heard about what God is doing!'. As we look forward, we sense the Lord calling us into even greater acceleration - especially toward unreached people groups and unengaged regions. Again thank you for all you have helped us to do.

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In Memory Of:

- Helen Francis by: David Francis
- Gregory Barnett by: Danny Yahne
- Caroline & Gregory Barnett by: Nelda Smothers
- Derek Yarger by: Kimberly Yarger
- Roger White by: Sandy & Chuck Schwab
- Alice Poynter by: Daphne Mariage
- Rev. Father Luke Wei by: Janet Vigilante
- The Paradise Family by: David Paradise
- Ron Jenkins by: Margo Jenkins
- Larry Riley by: Linda Riley
- Mary Alice Gingery by: Mary Salyers
- John Burns by: Mary Jane Burns
- Patricia Baker by: Meredith Baker
- Alice Carol Cole by: Brenda Gant
- Anna Schaperjohn & M. Pillow by: Jeffery Schaperjohn
- Bill & Mary Tharp by: Neighborhood Church Men’s Group
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- John Jack Scott Holland by: Michele Stanfield
- My Mom by: Gladys Fox
- Robert Stidham by: Fred & Linda Berry
- Bonnie J. Smith by: Wayne & Carolyn Parker

In Honor Of:

- Frances Anderson by: Cynthia Anderson
- The Rowton Family by: Sue Rowton

Totals

Alabama: 80 tons - Volunteers: 189
Butler: 380 tons - Volunteers: 488

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