

GOD SPOKE AS CLEARLY AS COULD BE:

“YOU’RE WASTING THAT!”

That was the summer of 1975. That 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 in the world had.

Not realizing that everyone was as wasteful as I, I began to send my excess literature overseas. That first year my wife and I shipped 60 boxes of literature to 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 or imagined that from that small seed God would build an ever increasing world outreach.

We, me and all the Sunday School teachers at our church, keep on feeling blessed each time we use the flannel pictures and backgrounds you’ve sent us. You have equipped us for the ministry. Thanks!

Jakarta, Indonesia

of the years 2012-2013, we shipped over 1,200 tons each year. For 2014, we shipped 1,362 tons. Our goal for 2015 is 1,400 tons of usable Christian literature to missionaries and Christian workers around the world. This will be read by over 60 million first time readers.

We are thrilled that since the beginning of Love Packages we have been able to send over 13,000 tons. We have seen thousands of people saved, healed, and delivered as a result of this literature. Pastors and Sunday school teachers for the first time have material to study and teach from.

Love Packages currently sends 20 foot ocean going containers to port cities around the world. These locations act as distribution points and have the capability to distribute these materials to thousands of churches overseas.

Because of your help with Love Packages, you have enabled us to take the Gospel to the unreached regions. Since we have distributed the Love Packages in these areas it has brought a great change. The people have shown great interest in the foreign magazines and books. So through literature the doors are opened for the Gospel. Now there are many churches started as a result.

*B. Hoslin
Nagaland, India*

Not long after that, we began to receive literature in the mail; slowly at first, then from all over the United States. That second year we shipped 3½ tons. The third year 7 tons. The fourth 11; then 21; then 26; 27; 31; 51; 83; 100; 365. In 2008-2012, we shipped right at 1,000 tons each year. For each

We appreciate so much your concern for the national churches and the pastors have been extremely pleased to be able to receive such good materials. Many of our Bible Schools have only a few books in their library.

*Russ Turney
Chairman,
Assembly of God Missionary
Fellowship, Philippines*

Everywhere we have gone in America we have found people with literature, and they didn’t know what to do with it. If you are one of these people, Love Packages is here to help you put that literature in the hands of people who are hungry for the Word of God.

Our vision is simple. We want to see all of our excess, the materials that are being wasted, placed on the mission fields of the world. Won’t you help?

*Steven J. Schmidt
Director*

Testimony from South Africa:

These books are handed out with great respect and are received like treasure. I have personally observed many lives being changed and hearts transformed through the written word and I know that God is at work.

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can people overseas use English literature?

Not everybody can, but nations like Nigeria and Ghana have taught English in their schools for the past forty years. In India 30% of the people can’t read at all, but 25% of the 1 billion read and speak English. That’s 250 million people!! That’s almost the population of the United States.

How do you get the literature overseas?

We ship to destinations around the world in ocean-going containers that weigh approximately 20 tons each. We also send small packages to individuals and churches via independent mail services.

Why can’t I just send it myself?

The United States Postal Service has discontinued overseas surface mail and airmail service is cost prohibitive.

How do you know the containers arrive?

The freight companies, and our distributors both inform us when the ocean-going containers reach their destinations.

What’s the cost?

A 20 ton container (depending on where it’s going) will cost somewhere between \$3600 and \$5900. The literature we send via the independent mail service cost us \$2.79 per pound.

How is Love Packages supported?

We are supported by free will offerings from churches and individuals who are concerned about wasting God’s word.

How can I get my literature to Love Packages?

If you live close enough you can bring it to our headquarters in Butler, IL. Our street address is 220 UNION STREET.

However, if you don’t live nearby, we suggest that you use the U.S. mail. Our mailing address is 220 Union St. Butler, IL 62015. The two cheapest rates are 4th class library rate and 4th class media mail.

What happens once the literature gets to you?

First of all we sort every piece. We take out all those old electric bills, love letters, Good Housekeeping magazines, and other such things that some how get into the box. We also sort out all the cult literature so it doesn’t go overseas. To better meet the needs of those overseas we sort our literature into 6 categories, and color code the boxes accordingly. The categories are: 1) Bibles. 2) Reference Material. 3) Sunday School literature. 4) Books and paperbacks. 5) Magazines and Daily devotionals. 6) Cassettes, tracts, and misc.

Do other organizations work with you?

Yes. We have worked with various organizations, both in the United States and overseas. We recycle over-runs from Billy Graham, Radio Bible Class, Bible Pathways, Bread for Children, Union Gospel, Assembly of God, CBN (700 Club), Lifeway, and David C. Cook Publishing.

With whom are you affiliated?

Love Packages is not affiliated with any denomination, but seeks to be a blessing to the whole body of Christ. Love Packages operates from and is a part of Eagles Nest Ministries, Butler, IL.

If I support Love Packages, how will the money be spent?

Wisely! We believe in being good stewards with what God has given us. We only have 3 paid staff members, no expensive buildings, and almost all of the work is done by volunteers. So your dollar invested in Love Packages works hard putting the Gospel in peoples hands.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

I am very grateful for the wonderful work you are doing. Thank you for the supply of bibles and other bible materials. I use them in the prison ministry to preach better to the prisoners. Many of them have seen the mighty hand of God and some have been released before their scheduled time. Many have become powerful evangelists. Praise the Lord.

Uganda

Please keep the Love Packages coming! You will never know this side of heaven how much the literature you have sent has changed, disciplined and blessed the lives of children here in Africa! We minister to underprivileged, abused children. Some of them have died of Aids, but they died SAVED!! Praise the Lord! Some of the books you have sent are worn and tattered because of the loving hands of children who have read and re-read them. Every child in the school has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and saviour. We have 165 children. Please keep sending literature.

South Africa

We have been so blessed by your Love Packages. It is the only literature the children have!

South Africa

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS & LITERATURE

Bibles - all Bibles, New Testaments, and Bible portions (new or used).

Tracts - all tracts.

Books & Paperbacks - all Christian books and paperbacks.

Flannelgraph Supplies - all are accepted.

Magazines - the following are examples of what we take:

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNAL, DECISION, VOICE, AGLOW, PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL,
CORNERSTONE, CHRISTIAN READER, LEADERSHIP, BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR,
PULPIT HELPS, AND BREAD FOR CHILDREN. (We do not take Guideposts.)

Misc. - All daily devotionals, reference books, commentaries, CD's and DVD's.

Sunday School Supplies - we accept all quarterlies from **THESE** publishing houses in any amounts:

DAVID C. COOK	LIFEWAY PUBLISHING (SBC)
STANDARD PUBLISHING	GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE (Assembly of God)
PATHWAY PRESS	UNION GOSPEL

Many other publishing houses are very good. We accept all adult Sunday School materials from any reputable publisher. We accept all children's Sunday School materials from reputable publishers, not listed above, if you have a leader's guide and at least 8 student manuals. Any additional helps (teacher packets, teaching pictures, etc) should also be included. **Please, no handiwork, crafts or busy papers.**

Please help us by sorting your literature before you send it to us. By putting the Sunday School books (students' and teachers') together and by separating your magazines, you will be cutting our sorting time very much. Thank you.

If you have materials which are not listed above which you feel are fundamentally sound, you may send a sample to us with a self-addressed stamped envelope for reply.

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