

POCKET POWER

THE POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE



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Give 'The Best Gift' This Christmas!

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners . . ." (1 TIMOTHY 1:15)

This Christmas, you can give the best gift of all—the “Good News” of Jesus Christ! The Pocket Testament League has created a special edition of the Gospel of John for you to share this Christmas season.

During this time of year, people are open to learning more about the real reason for Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ. The best part is that Christmas is just the beginning of this wonderful story of God’s love. The Gospels tell the rest of the incredible story of Jesus’ life . . . and the rest of the story will change lives forever.

We will begin shipping this special edition of the Gospel of John (pictured on this page) about December 2, but you can place your order right away! Call us toll-free at 800.636.8785 or log on to www.readcarryshare.org.

Be sure to check out our Tips For



Sharing in this issue and order plenty of holiday Gospels for this Christmas season—so that you can give “The Best Gift!”

To Those Whom Much Has Been Given . . .

As you know, at The Pocket Testament League we give everything away in faith, believing that God will meet our need. However, many of our friends have asked us how they can help make a significant difference in our ministry, both now and in the future.

While we certainly welcome, appreciate, and depend on ongoing contributions to this ministry (please see the Member Response Form in the center panel to make your gift), we also realize that there are ways, other than through a cash gift, that you can support this vital and life-changing ministry. In fact, for most people who itemize their tax return, appreciated assets are the most effective gifts.

Following is a list of some estate planning options that you may want to consider, especially as we draw close to the end of the year:

Outright Gift: This type of gift can be made with cash or other assets and is fully tax-deductible.

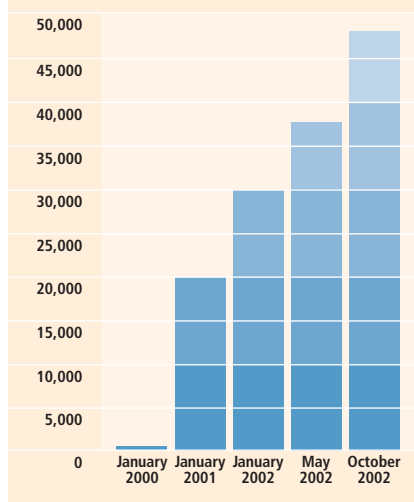
Bequest: Consider including The League as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. Millions of people have heard the Gospel as a direct result of past bequests.

Life Insurance: When you make The League owner and beneficiary of a whole life insurance policy you receive immediate and significant tax benefits.

Gift Annuity or Charitable Trust: By making a gift to The League now, you can receive income for life.

If you would like more information about how planned giving can be a blessing to you, your heirs, and The Pocket Testament League, call us toll-free at 800.636.8785 to request a free brochure.

MEMBER GROWTH



It is exciting to see people getting involved in Reading the Bible, Carrying it with them wherever they go, and Sharing it with others! As they read the Gospel, people are committing their lives to Christ and God is changing their hearts. Membership in The Pocket Testament League continues to grow rapidly each month. Currently, 48,000 people have committed to Read, Carry, and Share the Word of God as Members of The Pocket Testament league.

GOD @ WORK

Each month we share a brief story of a Member's experience sharing their faith in an e-mail communication we call God At Work! It will encourage and inspire you to read the incredible testimonies of how God uses ordinary people as they Share the Gospel with others.

To sign up, just e-mail us at membercare@readcarryshare.org.

a brief
look back

CAPTAIN MITSUO FUCHIDA, who led the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and made famous the radio message "Tora! Tora! Tora!," accepted Christ as his Savior in 1949, as a result of the work of The Pocket Testament League.

A Profile in FAITH

By day, Dr. Byron George is an educational psychologist, teacher, author, and minister of the Gospel, and by night (and weekends) a volunteer for The Pocket Testament League!

Dr. George became a Read, Carry, & Share Challenge presenter with The Pocket Testament League on July 1, 2001. Since then, he has made 37 presentations in area churches. As a result, hundreds of people are now Members of The League and sharing their faith with thousands of people! All in just a few hours each week.

With a passion for the Word of God, Dr. George believes that all truth is verifiable through Scripture. That is why he is so committed to The League and its purpose to encourage people to Read, Carry, and Share God's Word.

Dr. George says, "I do not know the words to describe how the Lord has blessed us through the ministry of The Pocket Testament League." We are indeed thankful to the Lord for sending us volunteers like Dr. Byron George!

If you would like to know more about volunteering a few hours a week to become a Read, Carry, & Share Challenge presenter, contact Jim West at 877.810.9100.



Dr. Byron George (right) shares his faith.

TIPS FOR SHARING

Here are a few examples of ways you can share your faith by sharing a Gospel. While sharing our faith is something we do all year long, the Christmas season presents some unique opportunities. Try the suggestions below and The Pocket Testament League will supply you with the Gospels you need:

- Think of some people who recently did something special for you. Send them a Christmas card with a note of appreciation and include a Gospel with your note. (This way you're doing something special for them.)
- When you give a Christmas gift to a friend, tuck a Gospel under the ribbon and share the greatest gift of all time with them.
- Go Christmas caroling with a group of your friends. At each house you visit, give a copy of the Gospel, so they can learn the rest of the story.
- Don't forget to give "The Best Gift" to your paper carrier, postal carrier, schoolteachers, etc.

Tear along perforation to remove Member Response Form.

MEMBER RESPONSE FORM

Please return this form along with your gift using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided.

Name _____
 E-mail _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____

HERE'S MY GIFT!

Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____
 Check enclosed (made payable to **The Pocket Testament League**)
 Credit Card (\$10 minimum) VISA MasterCard Discover
 Card No. _____ Exp. _____ / _____
 Signature of Authorized User _____
 Cardholder's Name (print) _____

- Please send me your monthly prayer calendar.
 I plan to pray for you!
 My prayer request is enclosed.
 I need more Gospels! Please send: _____ qty.
 NIV KJV Spanish NLT
 I would like copies of *The Best Gift* (NIV) holiday Gospel. Please send: _____ qty.

stories from our members

“THANK YOU for your faithfulness to the Lord in ministry. I know it blesses so many folks, like myself, in our efforts to make Christ known to the world. There are so many awesome ministries out there, but few that supply workers with the tools they need for free! Thanks again and may the Lord bless you as you continue to labor in His name!”

—D.G., *Virginia Beach, Va.*

“WOW! These books work great! I took them to school and I only have one left! People I would never expect wanted one and they are going to read them. That’s more people who are going to be able to hear the Gospel! You guys are great!”

—K.H., *Melrose, Mass.*

“I HAVE a lunch route and come across many people in need. Whenever possible, I give these people some food from my cooler and a Gospel of John.”

—D.J., *Los Angeles, Calif.*

“I AM a medical student and I’ve had the opportunity to give Gospels to several of my patients. They have always responded in a positive manner and were excited to have a healthcare provider pray with them. Thank you for the work you are doing for the Lord and His Kingdom.”

—T.B., *Davis, Calif.*

“LAST FALL, while on lunch break from an evangelical women’s conference, a group of us went out to eat. There was a man and his son sitting in the booth adjacent to ours. They were very angry with each other. When the man left the booth, I gave the son a Gospel of John. He started looking at it. When his father came back, he asked the son what he had. The air was cleared and the two talked about the Gospel. Also, I put a tip in a Gospel for the waitress. Thank you.”

—C.G., *Kutztown, Pa.*

Interested in **The Pocket Testament League** Coming To Your **Hometown?**

We offer **The Read, Carry, and Share Challenge** presentation in areas where we have a Speaker Representative. If you are not currently in one of those areas, we also provide free resources to Pastors on **The Read, Carry, and Share Challenge**. It is a 30-minute presentation that the Pastor can use at his discretion. To learn more, contact Jim West toll-free at 877.810.9100.

WHAT PASTORS ARE SAYING:

“I am thrilled about The Pocket Testament League’s ongoing efforts to encourage and equip congregations to Read, Carry, and Share the Word of God.”

—Rick Warren, Senior Pastor
Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.



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*Check out the forums where you can post prayer requests and share your experiences.

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