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AND SHARE GOD'S WORD

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## Reading, Writing and Redemption.

It's that time of year when the focus of millions turns to the challenge of learning. Can there be a better setting for sharing the Word of God than in a place where the heart is already open to accepting something new? Our pocket-sized Gospels of John make it easy for students and educators alike to share their faith. Students listen to their peers and are open to new ideas. In this issue you'll find some inspiring stories by young people committed to sharing their faith with others.

## SHARING TIPS

### Sharing with young children

Our "God's Word to You" booklets are a perfect way to share with those who are still learning to read. This beautifully illustrated booklet presents a clear message of salvation. Member Janet B. of Springfield, Oregon put one in each prize bag for her 7-year-old daughter's birthday party.

*"Our group of race car drivers meets for devotionals and prayer before each race and we invite other drivers to join us. The Gospels are great as a gift to other drivers." —Steve D., South Point OH*

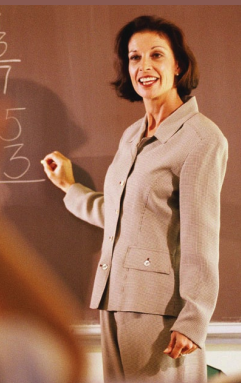
## THE POWER OF YOUTH SHARING

“ I am 14 years old. Last year, God laid it on my heart that there was more He wanted me to do at school than homework. God wants me to see my school as a battlefield. And I am His servant soldier. I am the salt and light in my school in the name of Jesus. He has given me courage, strength, and is using you for my resources. With Gospel covers that appeal to even high school teenagers, God can use me even more to reach young people for Him. God has used your ministry

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## EQUIPPING YOUTH TO SHARE

Researcher George Barna has found that there are disturbing changes in how today's young people view God. Never before has it been more important to provide real answers to the questions they struggle with.



With hearts open to learning, young people think about faith far more than others. This is an excellent time to share the truth of God's Word.

According to Barna, while most teens believe faith is very important to their life, more than half believe that Jesus sinned while he lived among us, 64% do not believe Satan is real, and of those who consider themselves Christians, only 26% said they were genuinely committed to their faith.

The Gospel of John does a wonderful job of addressing these issues, pointing out clearly that Jesus never sinned, that Satan is very real, and that commitment to faith in Christ is a life-changing and joyful experience.

Many of our members are young people fully committed to their faith who cannot afford to buy quality resources they can use to share what they believe. Our ministry of free Gospels of John makes it possible for them to reach out with God's message of truth, love and forgiveness. Their efforts are powerful. Barna found that 77% of believers in America accept Christ before they reach the age of 21. Your financial gifts make it possible for young people to reach out with the Word of God. We invite you to give to the League to equip them to share their faith. ■

## SINGLE-DAY SHARING FOCUS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

We encourage our members to share their faith every day of the year. The heart of our ministry is helping you build a lifestyle of personal evangelism, equipping you with a Gospel per day to give away.

But there are some days when hearts across the nation are united in a common spirit. In response, we created a special, limited-edition "True Freedom" Gospel cover especially for Independence Day. We offered it to our members with the goal of sharing every copy by the end of the day



"A Message of True Freedom" enabled our members to share more effectively around the Independence Day holiday. This initiative generated the largest volume of orders in our history and led many hearts to Christ.

on July 4. The response was overwhelming, generating the largest volume of orders in our history. Most of our supply was gone within three days, the rest by the end of the week. Across the country, people shared the Gospel in record numbers from dawn till well after dark. We are confident that thousands of lives were changed through this unique initiative. ■

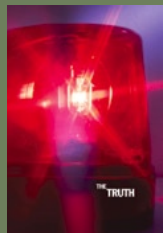
## TWO INSPIRING NEW GOSPEL COVERS

We released two new Gospel covers in the summer, each designed to meet the needs of members in unique sharing settings.

Large numbers of our members enjoy riding on two wheels instead of four. Many of them each month asked us for a motorcycle-oriented Gospel cover. With the help of a motorcycle ministry we were able to release a special cover for sharing with motorcyclists. The title, "The Perfect Road," was inspired by Jesus' discussion of the narrow road of faith.



"The Perfect Road" is designed to appeal to the motorcycle crowd.



"The Truth" lets emergency services personnel share their faith in context.

James from Watsonville, CA reported that at least 10 bikers made decisions for Christ in connection with this Gospel during a single bike rally!

Another group of members who have shared deeply moving stories of people responding to Christ in the midst of turmoil are emergency service workers such as paramedics, police officers, firemen, nurses and doctors. So often they find themselves face to face with people whose lives are truly broken, with nobody to turn to but God. Our new cover is simply entitled "The Truth." ■

## STORIES FROM YOUNG MEMBERS SHOW THE POWER OF SHARING YOUR FAITH

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more than you know. The impact and changed lives that I witness are tremendous. Thank you so much."

—Rebecca M., St. Johns MI

"I'm 17 years old. A bunch of us in the youth group went out to see people who had visited our church. As soon as we left the church parking lot, it began to rain really hard. We got maybe a half a mile down the road and saw two guys running in the rain. We gave them a lift. It turns out that they had just gotten out of jail that morning and were trying to get home. We dropped one off soon after. We didn't get to talk to him much, but we had Pocket Testaments handy, so we gave him one, told him that God loved him, and he left. The second one needed to pick up his vehicle about 15 minutes away. We shared the Gospel with him, and told him how much

God loves him. Before he left, we prayed with him, and gave him a Pocket Testament. This was on a Saturday, and he attended our church on Sunday! That day has reminded me to constantly be on the lookout for open doors and opportunities to share the Gospel. When you make it a priority to share the Gospel, open doors will be evident everywhere!"

— Matt N., Elizabethtown KY

"I'm 18 years old. Your Gospels have definitely been a blessing in my life. My friend and I decided to talk to a man who was stocking shelves. We shared God's love and Jesus' story with him for almost an hour. Though he wasn't ready to accept Christ as his Saviour, we prayed with him and gave him the Gospel of John. As we prayed, God assured me that he would read it and that God's Word would not return void. My friend and I are praying for him. I know that God's Word can be spread everywhere with this amazing tool. Thank you!"

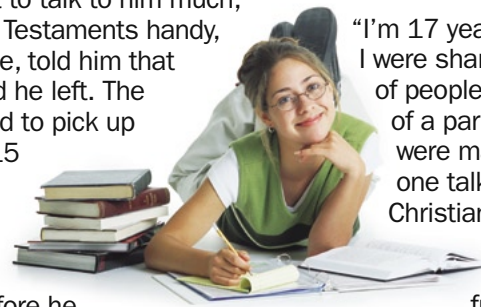
— Nicole, Bethlehem PA

"I'm 17 years old. A friend and I were sharing with a group of people smoking on top of a parking garage. They were making fun of us, but one talked seriously about Christianity. After that, one of the other guys who was making fun of us came to me privately to talk about his faith."

— Pat M., Wheaton IL

"I am 10 years old. You have made it easier to share my faith. I gave Gospels to my friends at a neighborhood 4th of July pool party. All the people that I've given them to seemed interested. May God Bless you for this ministry."

— Mary Grace P, Charlotte NC



## SHARING TIPS

### The expanded wallet

Okay, so you may not encounter a lost wallet every day. But we love what member Steven N. of Los Angeles did when he found one on the beach. He sent it back with a Gospel and a letter in which he shared his faith and invited the owner of the lost wallet to come to his church. You never know when God will give you a unique opportunity to share!

## CHANGING A TOWN

Member Ken Dye of Ashville, NC shared a story that really touched our hearts. After hearing that the community of Beresford, SD had lost its Baptist church, he joined a group of people from several churches to visit the town and help launch a new church. Camping out in the church building, they went door to door, talking with people face to face, sharing the Gospel and inviting them to come to church.

The response was overwhelming. Some 20 people gave their lives to Christ, and 50 families made a commitment to attend church. A variety of Gospel covers were used, with the

church and service information handwritten on the inside front cover of each one given away.

For Ken, the most emotional moment was a sharing opportunity with an elderly couple. As he was leaving one house after receiving no answer at the door, the resident drove up. Ken and a friend were in the midst of sharing the salvation message at the front of the Gospel when the man's wife drove up. He was worried that this would end the discussion, but to his delight she joined in the conversation and they continued to share. The elderly couple both prayed to receive Christ together. ■

### HOW TO GIVE TO THE LEAGUE

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