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Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**John 14:6**

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Dear Friend,

This year has taken a toll on so many, financially, emotionally, and spiritually. But in the midst of a global pandemic, one thing remains true – the sovereignty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now more than ever, the darkness of our world has shown that many are seeking the hope, light, and salvation that Jesus alone can give.

Even in the best of times, we know that Christians often struggle to share the Gospel and that struggle can leave them with feelings of frustration and even guilt. **That's why we're so excited to see heroes like you using this simple method to share Jesus.**

I am always amazed at how God works in our hearts to help us put aside our own worries and nervousness to reach more lost souls for His Kingdom. We are truly blessed to help you share the Good News with those who thirst for it!

League Members like you have personally adapted to change during these unprecedented times, continuing to share God's Word with those who need to hear the Truth, offering the eternal life that can only be found in Him. You have joined thousands of others in this movement of sharing Jesus. Millions have been reached. Lives have been saved.

The Pocket Testament League has also adapted to the pandemic, taking the Gospel to a digital version so Jesus can be shared anywhere on any platform, print or digital. League Members embraced sharing the Gospel digitally with thousands of strangers, friends, and family utilizing social media, texting, and emailing to do so.

Our international efforts continue to provide opportunities to reach the lost around the world. And our unique ability to offer the Gospel of John in foreign languages allows even more to meet Jesus in their own languages. We praise God that millions have come to know Him in dark places like China, Russia, and India, where we operate legally through our partners and the local church. Where many ministries have been asked to lead, God continues to open doors for pocket-sized Gospels of John to be printed and delivered one-to-one within these countries.

In the following pages, you will read about specific instances where League Members have shared the Gospel, taking advantage of divine appointments to invite others to meet Jesus. I am encouraged by their desire to further His Kingdom and hope you will be as well.

You will also find our annual report, which details the reach of The Pocket Testament League and includes information on the partnerships that have allowed The

League to operate in even more countries. We've also provided information about financial accountability, so you can see that The League is committed first and foremost to our mission of sharing the Gospel.

We have a goal of inviting 130 million people to meet Jesus by 2028, and I know that this is attainable with the help of League Members like you who continually fuel the movement through your personal sharing and financial contributions. I pray you continue to heed the call of the Holy Spirit, reaching souls for His Kingdom.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Collum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

David J. Collum

# A MOVEMENT TO SHARE JESUS

In 2020, you joined a Movement. A Movement of Christ-followers who are sharing Jesus. A Movement – that when faced with challenges like COVID-19, cancel culture and political uncertainty – **Unites in sharing the hope of Jesus**. In the last two years, because of the courage, faithfulness, and investment of League Members like you, Jesus is shared. Lives are saved.



**65 Million+**

daily engagements of people reading the Word of God



**12.5 Million+**

people to be reached with the Word of God



**25,862**

people using this simple repeatable method



**9,614**

new Members using this simple repeatable method



**45+**

countries reached with the Gospel



**8,000+**

stories of lives changed

## MEET THE TEAM

You want to know that you are partnering with the right team, someone who is effectively and efficiently reaching the lost. We get that. A recent independent study of League Members based on Barna Group research found:



### **95% Read Their Bible**

as compared with just 63% of born-again Christians nationwide.



### **7 out of 10 Read Daily**

Barna had noted in a previous study that reading God's Word is a leading indicator for sharing one's faith and that holds true for this phenomenal group of Christ-followers.



### **20% More Likely To Share Their Faith**

weekly than born-again Christians nationwide.



### **8 out of 10 Share**

their faith every month.

This global movement of Christ-followers, who are inviting millions to meet Jesus through the pages of His Word, is a pretty incredible group of Christians. Their love for God's Word and passion for reaching those who are far from Him, rings out in every story they share with us.

## **PARTNERS IN UNLIKELY PLACES**

In addition to The League's network of individuals all over the globe who are reading and sharing God's Word, The League partners with people who God has placed in strategic positions, leading ministries, businesses and key parts of government, to share God's Word legally using their networks.

These partnerships allow for a very efficient operation. In just the last three years:

### **200 Partners Invited More Than 10 Million People**



#### **Invitations Across the Globe**

in the United States, China, India, Russia and 42 more countries representing 50% of the world's population.

Leaning into the next great awakening that Dr. Billy Graham predicted would occur in the marketplace, The League supplies business leaders with custom Gospels of John and ongoing support for infusing God's Word into their business operations. Additionally, The League operates legally in dark places like China, Russia and India, supplying brothers and sisters around the World with the Gospels they need to share Jesus.

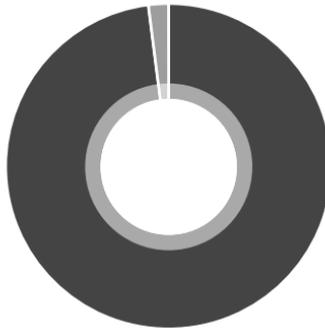
## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

We know you care that people are invited to meet Jesus, but sometimes, it can be hard to know where to invest most effectively. We understand. It's why at The League we are so focused on doing work efficiently using a simple cost-effective model that works for anyone.

Our team is virtual. No building, minimum overhead, with a constant focus on cost-effective excellence.

In fact, over 80% of PTL's total operating expenses went to directly to mission, serving Christ-follower who are actively sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world every single day. And this effort is fueled by the generosity of Christians like you.

### 2019 OPERATIONS SUPPORT & REVENUE



■ **98%** Contributors    ■ **2%** All others

## 2019 OPERATING EXPENSES



-  **80%** Ministry expenses
-  **12%** Fundraising
-  **8%** General and Management

We're proud to be held in good standing by these Independent third-party organizations:



If you would like a more in-depth look at our financial information, please email your request to [giving@ptl.org](mailto:giving@ptl.org).

## **INSPIRING STORIES**

Be encouraged as you read a sampling of the powerful stories from Members telling us how God has led them to share about Jesus with their neighbors, customers, family members, strangers, and more. It is clearly evident that together, we are advancing God's Kingdom.

## WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Usually, we think of adults as the ones who undertake ministry start-ups. Wanting to encourage her young fourteen-year-old son and twelve-year-old daughter to share their faith, Kimberly ordered two Gospel covers: *Love Coloring Book* and *Who's In Control*. Her daughter, in South Carolina, shared,

*“ I started a ministry out of  
my passion for refurbishing dolls.  
I am giving them to victims of domestic  
abuse and accidents,  
as well as to foster children.  
I'm including a copy of the pocket  
testament Gospel of John  
with each doll so these children in crisis  
have access to Scripture. ”*

Kimberly and her family know that when we are in trouble Jesus offers true peace. In John 16:33 we are reminded,

*“ I have said these things to you, that in  
me you may have peace.  
In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart;  
I have overcome the world. ”*

Kimberly declared that just like her two children, with the pocket Gospels, we all have access to share our faith. We can pray for divine appointments and either simply hand one to someone or leave it in a place where it can be picked up. This could change a person's life for eternity.

Now that's something worth being passionate about!

**Kimberly W.**

*from Seneca, South Carolina*

## **SET THE PRISONERS FREE...**

Chaplain Angel recently became a new Member after an inmate mentioned The Pocket Testament League.

He related,

*“ God used an inmate to share The Pocket Testament League with me, so I could then share it with more inmates—GO GOD! ”*

Chaplain Angel recounted that it's the first time he has ever worked in prison ministry, and he honestly believes the impact God is helping him have in these prisoner's lives, as well as with guards, is huge. In Matthew 25: 36 and 40, Jesus said: "... I was in prison and you came to me." Those behind bars are there because they have done something to break the law, and yet God encourages us to do our part in setting them free from sin and ignorance of the Cross and salvation.

*The League prints special Gospel covers without staples so they are acceptable for prisons.*

Both Chaplain Angel and the inmates of The Lake Erie Correctional Institution echoed:

*“ We greatly appreciate the Gospels of John. ”*

**Angel C.**

*from Conneaut, Ohio*

## OFFERING DIVINE HEALING

One night, Valentina K. of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada happened to sit beside a young lady on the transit going home. She began to converse with her.

*“ While we spoke, I pulled out a Pocket Testament Gospel of John with the cover ‘You are Worth More Than You Could Ever Imagine.’ ”*



The young lady almost began to cry when she read the Gospel cover, as she had recently gone through a very wounding experience. The woman looked at Valentina and said,

*“ This Gospel is exactly what I needed  
right now. Thank you. ”*

She was on her way to dinner, but she promised Valentina she would read the Gospel booklet in the morning. She also told her that she felt encouraged to definitely go back to church, as she hadn't been for years.

Valentina also felt encouraged, as she knew she had just experienced a divine appointment from God, as well as an opportunity for this woman to receive God's divine healing.

**Valentina K.**

*from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada*

## **TAKE A CHANCE AND WATCH GOD MULTIPLY**

While on a mission trip, Kathy from Holland, Pennsylvania took a chance one day. God prompted her to approach a man who looked downcast. She didn't ignore God's nudge and she shared the simplest, most profound message in her life – the miracle of eternal life God has given us. She recounted:

*“ I came across a man who looked so forlorn. I asked him if I could share with him about a miracle God had done in my life. ”*

The man was open to her testimony and she asked him if he would like eternal life as well.

He did!

*“ After accepting Christ, I simply gave him a Gospel of John, and together we looked at some verses. ”*

God took over and gave Kathy guidance. She asked the man if she could follow up with him and schedule a Bible study with him and a few of his neighbors.

*“ I helped them establish a weekly meeting of five people who were committed to studying God’s word together. ”*

God had orchestrated a multiplication of His Kingdom because Kathy had taken a chance and responded to God’s prompting. Just imagine – as you respond to one person, God may be providing the opportunity to multiply your simple action!

**Kathy C.**

*from New Holland, Pennsylvania*

## A GOOD NEIGHBOR

An effective way to introduce others to Jesus is by sharing Gospels in our local communities.

Jennifer, from Belton, Missouri, learned about The League on Facebook and she reported,

*“ I decided to order 30 Gospels of John to participate in the Summer Challenge. I joined all the PTL Members who touched 500,000 people in local communities across the USA with pocket Gospels. ”*

Jennifer went out with a couple of her neighbors to share God’s Word door-to-door. One man told them that he recently had a stroke. Jennifer asked,

*“ Could we pray for you? ”*

He told them his name is Vincent. After praying, Jennifer felt the Holy Spirit prompting her to hand him a Gospel of John. He took the booklet and she relates:

*“ I asked Vincent if anything we said today spoke to him and he replied that yes, the book of John did. ”*

The man disclosed that the book of John spoke to him because even though he goes by his middle name Vincent, John is actually his first name and he doesn't usually tell people that. Jennifer let him know that the feeling was a way of God speaking to him and telling him how much he is loved! John Vincent was very blessed and so was Jennifer. She decided to continue witnessing and sharing Gospels in her neighborhood.

**Jennifer C.**

*from Belton, Missouri*

## **SETTING CAPTIVES FREE**

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, Aleksandr shares his story,

*“ My sinful life brought me to prison and, even though I had never been in prison before, my circumstances were such that I have a life sentence. ”*

Aleksandr conveyed that it's very sad he had no interest in God while he was free, and he only came to understand who God is while in prison. And yet he exclaimed,

*“ I'm so glad there is an organization called The Pocket Testament League which reaches all the way to Russia. ”*

He went on to communicate that it's because of faithful people, who are willing to simply share a pocket Gospel, that others like him can have spiritual food for their hearts.

This struggling man, not unlike many who are newly introduced to Christ through a Gospel of John, reported honestly that he has read the booklet, but can't say that he has allowed the Lord to come into his life, illuminate his existence, and guide his path fully yet.

Aleksandr described that he still believes in God's help and support and that he is moving towards Him, His Light, and His warmth through his own weaknesses. The Pocket Testament League partners in Russia who visit the prison will continue to pray and minister to him.

**Aleksandr**

*from St Petersburg, Russia*

## SHARING SALVATION UNEXPECTEDLY

Deeply contemplative one day, Robert was having a conversation with his wife, Nancy, and decided to confide to her that he wanted to say the sinner's prayer. Knowing that he was a believer, she was surprised, yet eager to lead him to Christ... and she knew right where to get that prayer. Nancy shared that she had received a Gospel of John from a friend and then decided to order more. When they arrived, she had put them in her home ready to give out when the opportunity would arise. Knowing that the sinner's prayer is located inside the back page of a PTL Gospel of John, Nancy related,

*“ I got up and ran into the other room to grab a Gospel and I brought it in to recite the sinner's prayer with Robert. We went through it together! ”*

Deeply grieved, and yet with joy in her heart, a month later Nancy sadly conveyed that she had experienced a divine appointment with her husband of 59 years. She expressed that he had died, and she is confident he is with the Lord.

*Nancy has the sweet memory that she was able to share a pocket Gospel and the salvation message, in a most unexpected way, with her beloved husband.*

Even in a time of grief and sorrow God opens doors sometimes when we least expect it and with people who surprise us.

**Nancy C.**

*from San Diego, California*

## **AN AMAZING OUTCOME**

A young woman was shopping at the mall when she was approached by Joelle and a group of her friends from church. They simply offered her a Gospel of John and invited her to visit their church.

*“ The woman took the Gospel because, in her heart, she had been wanting to know more about God and what Christians believe. ”*

That following Sunday, the woman showed up at their church and Joelle was thrilled she had shared the Gospel. She kept in touch with the woman and followed up by texting with her. As time went by, the young lady confided to Joelle that she has ADHD and therefore had been reading the Gospel of John over and over so that she could get a full understanding of it. She also expressed how grateful she was that the members of the church group had come up to her that day.

The experience of sharing her faith with the Gospel of John got Joelle very excited about giving out more Gospels and she declared,

*“ This lady’s reaction is one of the most amazing outcomes I have seen to the Gospel! ”*

**Joelle P.**

*from Miami, Florida*

## **MULTIPLYING THE IMPACT: DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES**

Oleg, from Ukraine, shared that he recently met a homeless man named Zhenya who was ravenously eating some food that had been given to him. With compassion in his heart, he simply handed Zhenya a Gospel of John. He related,

*“ To my surprise, when I handed him the pocket Gospel, Zhenya started quoting Bible verses! He said he had taken Bible classes when he was younger. ”*

Later, Oleg wanted to find Zhenya again to talk with him about Jesus. He thought about the Bible story of Jesus healing the man possessed by a demon, who then became an evangelist. He prayed that God would bring about a similar transformation in Zhenya's life and he reported,

*“ I later saw him preaching the Good News to other homeless people, holding the Gospel of John in his hand! I took his picture and I thanked the Lord for using Zhenya to reach the homeless community. ”*

**Oleg**  
*from Ukraine*

## AT THE LIBRARY

Jason and his friend Jaden were hanging out and smoking outside of the library one day when

League Member Todd (Brooklyn Park, Minnesota) and his friend John had intentionally headed to the library to share Christ and Gospels of John. The four men started talking and Jason revealed that he was about to go into the army. Jaden expressed that he was also thinking about joining the military.

As the conversation progressed, Jason recounted a story about when he had recently been in a bicycle accident. He conveyed how he had a Bible in his backpack that day and it took the blow which saved him. Jason's friend, Jaden, was listening intently to the story and confessed that he didn't own a Bible. Todd reported:

*“ I pulled out a camouflage-design  
Gospel of John with the words ‘Desert Camo’  
written on the cover and handed it to Jaden. ”*

Both men were open to listening as Todd and John shared the Gospel with them, and when Todd showed them the sinner's prayer in the booklet, they prayed to accept Christ.

As they separated from the men, Todd and John agreed confidently,

*“ Giving out pocket Gospels of John is as simple as praying for a divine appointment, carrying them with you and having them handy when someone doesn't have a Bible. ”*

**Todd P.**

*from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

## **OVERHEARING A CONVERSATION**

Bob, a League Member who loves giving out lots of Gospels of John all of the time and wherever he is, also encourages his daughter to give out the Gospels. He recounts that a “really neat thing” happened to his daughter one day when she overheard a young lady tell her friends,

*“ I am really struggling with addiction to alcohol, and I’m searching for answers. I’m even wondering if there is a God. ”*

Bob related that his daughter, Sarah, went over to the woman and handed her a Gospel of John from The Pocket Testament League. The woman asked, “What’s this?”

Sarah responded:

*“ It’s the Book of John from the Bible and God’s personal message to you. God is real and He can help you. ”*

The young lady gave Sarah a big hug. And later when she recounted the story to her father, Bob confessed,

*“ Yes, we can have a divine appointment and share God’s Word with the Gospels even when we overhear a conversation! ”*

**Bob R.**

*from St. Thomas, Pennsylvania*

## LIVING WATER

Having the desire to bring the Word of God to Africa, a woman with a heart for evangelism ordered Gospels to take to Nigeria. Aware of the various army checkpoints all along their route, she was prepared for the soldiers who often ask for “pure water”, which is a euphemism for money.

*She ordered the Gospel picturing a waterfall and the words “Living Water” on the cover.*

Boxes of books were destined for Christian schools and a library, and in the top of each box these beautiful Gospels of John that say *Living Water* on them were placed. Their team was ready to answer the soldiers at each stopping point, to say that they didn’t have what the soldiers were asking for, but what they did have for them is even better. They had prepared themselves to offer the soldiers *Living Water* that would make them never thirst again.

*They were positioned to simply offer a Gospel of John and invite the soldiers to read it.*

The soldiers’ lives would be changed forever through the true *Living Water*.

**PTL Member**

*with a heart for Africa*

## **GOD'S WORD IS GOLDEN... EVEN WHEN TOSSED AWAY**

One day Barbara was walking in the park and saw the pocket Gospel of John cover "Forever Faithful" lying on the ground. She picked it up and related:

*“ I am already a believer, but I had never heard of The Pocket Testament League and as I read through the Gospel, I became more interested in finding out more! ”*

Barbara described how she went to The League website and reviewed all of the incredible information available. She expressed:

*“ It really grabbed me, and I thought to myself: PTL is a great ministry that I want to be part of! ”*

She then placed her first order of pocket testaments, asked for prayer that God would lead her through His Holy Spirit to the people she could touch, and that He would give her boldness to obey and do it. Barbara is very thankful she found the pocket Gospel that day and grateful to now be carrying and sharing God's Word with the Gospels of John.

**Barb F.**

*from Tequesta, Florida*

## **DIVINE APPOINTMENT**

Letitia was hoping to go to Heaven but didn't know for sure. One day she was walking down a local street in Tampa, Florida where Todd was simply handing out Gospels of John. As she passed by, Todd asked her if she knew if she was going to Heaven. She stopped to talk to him because she really didn't know how to figure it out. Todd recounts,

*“ Letitia was interested in hearing more about her eternal life, and so, using the plan of salvation in the pocket Gospel, I explained how she can know for certain that she will go to Heaven and be with Christ for eternity. ”*

As their conversation continued, Letitia decided to pray to receive salvation. Since she didn't own a Bible, Todd gave her a Gospel of John to take home and read. Todd had prayed for God's divine appointments that day as he stood on the street just handing out Gospels. And Letitia certainly was such an appointment. She left confident that she will go to Heaven. Glory to God!

The thought of sharing our faith with others can sometimes be a bit daunting. Todd says a very basic way for him to share his faith is by praying, asking God for a few divine appointments and then going out on a local street and simply handing people a Gospel of John. Then, he just lets God do the rest.

**Todd P.**

*from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

## DOES IT WORK?

One chilly afternoon in Alberta, Canada, the last thing in the world Mary was expecting was for a stranger to engage her in a spiritual conversation – but she was willing to listen to League Member Brian who merely opened a Gospel of John and shared his faith with her. Believing in the power of prayer and inviting the Holy Spirit to work, Brian had faith that Mary would respond in this appointment set by God.

Mary paid attention to the summary of the Good News contained in the front of the pocket Gospel. So Brian then asked her if she would like to pray the prayer of commitment in the booklet.

*“ You mean, right now?” she asked rather surprised.  
Brian replied, “Yes, right now. ”*

Mary confessed that she wanted to make that commitment, but she said she would do it when she was alone. Brian recounted,

*“ I encouraged her to sign her name beside the prayer in the Gospel of John, add the date and start reading at home, one paragraph at a time. ”*

Before she left, Brian advised Mary to ask God what He is saying to her as she reads each section of the Gospel. As Mary departed, Brian thought to himself,

“ *Praise the Lord! When God is in it,  
everything works out.* ”

**Dr. Brian F**

*from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

## **GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS**

Recently, Jane from Olympia, Washington was working at the local pregnancy resource clinic and a woman came in seeking a pregnancy test. The woman confessed that she had taken a pill in the first part of an abortion regime and then she immediately threw up. She had come in hoping that her baby was not harmed by her impulsive and desperate action.

The woman's pregnancy test came back positive and Jane conveyed:

*“ The clinic consultant was able to use a Pocket Testament Gospel of John and share with her where true hope really comes from. ”*

The woman accepted the pocket Gospel and stated she would read it. Several days later, upon returning for an ultrasound, the woman stated she had read the Gospel booklet and she had a few questions.

*Together they looked at her baby's heartbeat and then discussed, in depth, the questions the young woman had.*

Jane thankfully reported that as the young woman's pregnancy progresses forward, she has been coming back to the clinic for personal Bible Study. Jane testified with joy,

*“ God's Word and the Gospel  
of John Never Fails. ”*

**Jane C.**

*from Olympia, Washington*

## **THE GOSPEL IS THE TRUTH**

PTL Member Todd recently went with some Christian brothers to share the gospel in a northern suburb of Chicago. He describes how he met Lucas, a fifteen-year-old boy. Lucas proudly explained to Todd that he expected to enter the Kingdom of Heaven because he attends church regularly, confesses his sins, and does good deeds. Todd listened carefully to the boy and then asked him:

*“ What did Jesus do on the cross? ”*

Lucas pondered Todd's words carefully and felt confused by the question. As Todd simply opened a PTL Gospel of John and read the words of Jesus, Lucas began to understand from the Scriptures that faith in Jesus is the only way to be born again and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Wow! After following along in the pocket Gospel, Lucas said:*

*“ I had never understood God's Word and how to get to Heaven this way before. ”*

Lucas was excited as Todd handed him the pocket Gospel of John and encouraged him to keep it, read God's personal message to him, and have a conversation with God. Lucas was overjoyed as Todd detailed how he can now respond to the truth he has heard, repent, and trust in Christ rather than in himself. Lucas thanked Todd and then confessed:

“ *I believe that God sent you to talk to me. ”*

**Todd M.**

*from Oak Park, Illinois*

## FAITH STRETCHED

Wanting to stretch his own faith and also show others that God is real and alive, Julen talked to one of his friends, confessing that he didn't know how to do it. His friend told him,

*“ Hey, I've got the answer for you!  
Take these pocket Gospels of John to give around  
as you go about your daily activities. ”*

His friend told him to just pray, to ask God to bring the right people and simply give them a pocket Gospel. And that sounded doable to Julen. He started taking a few Gospels with him wherever he went. His town of Varese has lots of old chapels, so people had already heard about God,

*but he wanted to demonstrate through  
the Gospel of John that they could have an  
intimate relationship with Christ.*

He was surprised how God was giving him new opportunities to share his testimony about how Jesus is real and alive in his life. As he merely handed Gospels to others, he told them that God wants the same for them, too. He was surprised how his own faith was encouraged and began to stretch, as he read the Gospel and each day looked forward to seeing who God would bring his way.

**Julen M.**

*from Varese, Italy*

## **GOD SENDS YOU**

One day a man stood in the background listening to Kristy from Atlanta, Texas tell a small group about how she met Jesus. Earlier in the day, he had quickly and rudely shot her down, rejecting to hear her story and take the Gospel of John she offered. This time, with tears in his eyes, he pushed to the front of the group and listened intently.

*Kristy handed Gospels to everyone as the group dispersed, and she once again approached the man, this time inviting him to talk over lunch.*

He had just lost his son to addiction and, in his despair, he was planning to commit suicide that night. After a long conversation, Kristy disclosed:

*“ It was natural for me to hand him the Gospel cover ‘It’s Not Too Late.’ ”*

He confessed that he believed it was too late for him. She explained the message of Christ in the front of the pocket testament, gave him her phone number, and encouraged him to read the Gospel. Around midnight, she received a call from him. He had read the Gospel and wanted to be saved and to pray with her. Now, he is so eager to learn! And he told Kristy,

“ *God sent you with the Gospel of John to me.* ”

**Kristy G.**

*from Atlanta, Texas*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**Philippians 4:6**

## **AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE GREAT PHYSICIAN**

Recently, Kathy from New Holland, Pennsylvania was on a mission trip to Argentina and she visited a hospital to encourage the patients. Kathy shared,

*“ I met an old man who looked like he would die that day and I wanted to share God’s message of love with him and give him a pocket Gospel of John. ”*



Kathy had decided that day to simply give out Gospels to all she met. It’s amazing how God’s timing is so perfect, His appointments are divine, and even in a

person's last days of life, God is the Great Physician who can reach them with His message of deep healing love and joy of eternal salvation.

Kathy recounts that, later that day, after sharing with others, she went down the hall to leave the hospital and she decided to check on the old man again. When she peeked into his room, she saw that he was still intently reading the Gospel of John.

She thought to herself,

*“ I'm so glad I was able to give him  
a Gospel of John to read. ”*

**Kathy C.**

*from New Holland, Pennsylvania*

## **BY NO MEANS A COINCIDENCE**

It was his birthday, and yet Bogdan, a young accomplished lawyer, was anguishing and tormented. He had served at the top of the Russian Orthodox Church.

*He could quote The Scripture.  
But he didn't know what it meant.*

He stood there feeling the heaviness of his sins. He believed they were so horrible God could never forgive him. Lost in his thoughts, he eyed two people looking at a small pocket-sized booklet. Forcing aside his tortured mind, he approached them, curious and wanting to know what they were reading.

Vladimir, who had been trekking across Moscow simply handing out pocket Gospels from one appointment to the next all day, had prayed his usual morning request: that the Lord would help him glorify God by redeeming his time. So, he humbly answered,

*“ It's the New Testament, Gospel of John. ”*

He and Anastasia were putting English Gospels of John into bags that she would be sending to Nairobi, Kenya. Without any hesitation, Bogdan cried out,

*“ Help me and tell me how I can be saved. ”*

Bogdan picked up the Gospel booklet and held it, somehow understanding that his life depended upon it. And after an hour of conversation and asking for prayer, Bogdan confessed to Vladimir,

*“ This meeting with the Gospel of John  
was scheduled in Heaven  
and by no means a coincidence. ”*

**Vladimir**

*from Moscow, Russia*

## **NEVER UNDERESTIMATE GOD**

Devastated from the loss of her husband to cancer, at just 33 and afraid of how she would raise their five young kids on her own, Sandra found her faith in God slipping.

*That's when a Gospel of John changed everything.*

A League Member had left one lying at the laundromat where Sandra did her weekly wash. Sandra picked it up and began reading about Jesus. Reading God's Word prompted her to begin a journey towards Him, first by turning her radio dial to the local Christian station and eventually inviting Jesus into her heart and life. Now, Sandra's faith is flourishing. She shares that she reads the Bible daily and even teaches at her local Sunday School.

*Never underestimate how God can use  
these powerful Gospels across space and time  
to meet someone exactly where they are and  
draw them to Himself!*

**Sandra**

*from Buffalo, New York*

## **GOD AT WORK IN THE FAMILY**

Andrew from Forest, Virginia tells how just recently he learned about The League through his job. It was then that he realized how PTL played an important role in his family's Christian heritage. He revealed:

*“ A Pocket Testament was given to my father 25 years ago and was a big part of his journey to becoming a Christian. ”*



Andrew is grateful because the simple act of someone giving a pocket Gospel not only changed his father's life for eternity but transformed his as well. His father accepted the Gospel of John, read it, and faithfully shared with his wife and family. He and all of his

children became Christ-followers. With deep joy, Andrew now feels privileged to introduce his two sons to Christ and bring them up in the same manner as his father did for him. He declared,

*“ I’m excited and trusting God for ample opportunity to continue my family tradition by carrying and sharing the pocket Gospels of John. ”*

**Andrew G.**

*from Forest, Virginia*

## DIGITAL GOSPEL

Excited about discovering The Pocket Testament League's digital Gospel of John, Faith from Singapore couldn't wait to start sharing with her friends and acquaintances. Although an electronic version of the entire Bible is easily available, Faith felt that it wasn't easy for someone who has not been exposed to the Gospel to download the whole Bible and start reading. She had been given a Chinese Language Gospel of John with the picture of a beautiful sunrise over the water, as a boat crosses in the early morning, and the words, *Navigation for Life* on the cover. She joined The League and enthusiastically started ordering her own Gospels to give out.

*This small pocket-sized portion of the Bible,  
as well as The League's digital version  
of the Gospel of John were just what Faith  
had been praying for.*

She prays daily for God to lead her to people she can send the digital Gospel to. Faith feels even more motivated knowing that she is part of the Global Movement of other Christian brothers and sisters sharing the Gospels of John. Now she uses this simple method of sharing Jesus by handing a pocket Gospel to someone or sending the Gospel digitally.

**Faith L.**

*from Singapore*

## **THE SECOND CHANCE**

*“ I love The League and the little  
pocket Gospels of John, ”  
proclaimed Carlos from San Antonio, Texas.*

He remorsefully confessed that it wasn't until he went to jail that he started dealing with the many transgressions he had committed in his past. While in jail, another inmate shared the Gospel with him and encouraged him to read the Bible. He struggled, but with God's help, after about four months of reading every day, he began to grasp the Gospel of John and it changed his life forever!

Now out of jail and a Christian for just a little over a year, he is getting a second chance. He has a solid church home and has felt God's tug on his heart to evangelize in his surrounding neighborhoods.

Carlos learned about The Pocket Testament League through a friend at his church who told him to go to the website online. He was thrilled to see that the Gospel of John comes in a small pocket size, has so many beautiful covers, is easy to order, and is so simple to share with others. He is just getting started and joyfully expressed,

*“ I love Jesus Christ. My purpose in sharing the Gospels of John is to win souls and lead the lost to Jesus. I’m super happy that I found The Pocket Testament League! ”*

**Carlos A**

*from San Antonio, Texas*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10**

## **SHARE AND GOD WILL DO THE REST**

Alena from Rocky Point, New York excitedly expressed:

*“ I love The Pocket Testament League!  
I carry several Gospels of John with me to share  
when I am out and about and when I travel. ”*

She relayed that God provides divine encounters for her to share her Gospels. One such encounter was at a train station one day when she and her husband were on their way to the airport. Alena described how a young man who looked like he had been in a fight struck up a conversation with them. Alena enthusiastically reported:

*“ We ended up sharing the Gospel,  
praying with him, and I gave him the Gospel of  
John with the cover title ‘The Best Gift.’ ”*

When they parted ways, she recounted it was obvious to her that his spirit was lifted. And even though the man didn't receive Christ as his Savior at that moment, she was happy she had shared with him and he was very receptive. She is trusting God to do the rest and she is now praying that God's Word in the Gospel of John finds its way into his heart, soul, and life.

**Alena P.**

*from Rocky Point, New York*

## **SENT FROM GOD HIMSELF**

In a deep depression and reeling from the loss of her only son, middle-aged Julia had become addicted to alcohol in order to kill the pain. In her desperate situation she cried out,

*“ God, please do something in my life!  
And God was already sending her the hope  
of Christ in a Gospel of John. ”*

In spite of the numbing -38 degrees Celsius in Siberia that day, a faithful team of Christian women were downtown going from house to house to share God's hope through His Word and they knocked at Julia's door.

The women shared the Scripture with her and offered her salvation and healing. Julia prayed to accept Jesus Christ, proclaiming that the prayer, fellowship, and encouragement had given her hope for a new life in Jesus. Julia declared,

*“ God Himself sent the women with the  
pocket Gospel to me. ”*

### **League Members**

*in Buryatia, Siberia, Russia*

## THE GOSPEL THAT MULTIPLIES

Christine from Rapid City, South Dakota met a Chinese businesswoman at her local mall. They engaged in conversation and she was able to share with the woman about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Christine related that she gave her a Gospel of John and when she saw her a short time later, the woman conveyed,

*“ I shared the Gospel of John you gave me with a friend. ”*

This inspired Christine to order more Mandarin language versions of the Gospel. She gave them to the businesswoman who said,

*“ I handed all the Gospels out to co-workers and friends! ”*

The Chinese woman was curious and wanted to know what church Christine had gotten the pocket Gospels from. Christine discovered there was not one single Chinese-speaking church in their city, so she brought this up to her own pastor. As a result, they have started a Chinese church plant and are providing them with Gospels of John!

*We never know the plans God has when we simply give just one Gospel of John!*

**Christine R.**

*from Rapid City, South Dakota*

## **SPREADING GOSPELS FAR AND WIDE FROM HOME**

Fleeing for her life from Haiti after an uprising to rid the country of Christians, missionary Didi returned to the USA to regroup. Recently, she went to a local garage sale that League Member Norma from Milford, Pennsylvania was holding. Norma always keeps several Gospels of John in various languages on hand. It was there that Didi saw five pocket Gospels in Creole where Norma had simply put them on a table.

Norma struck up a conversation with Didi and learned about her missionary work in a Haitian orphanage. Didi handed her card to Norma as she picked up one Gospel and asked if she could have it. Norma encouraged her to take all of them. Didi told her about how as soon as it is safe, she is planning to return to the orphanage where she cares for children she has come to love. She confided to Norma,

*“ Reading God’s Word with the Gospels of John  
will draw the children to Jesus. ”*

The next day, Norma realized that she had more Creole Gospels, so she emailed Didi to come by and pick them up. Norma shared how Didi excitedly declared,

*“ Finding the Gospels in Creole was a divine appointment and an answer to prayer. ”*

With our simple obedience to share, we never know how God will work to spread His Word far and wide with these little Gospels – even across an ocean to a small island like Haiti.

**Norma D.**

*from Milford, Pennsylvania*

## GOD ANSWERS

After receiving a pocket Gospel of John that Fernando simply handed him, the young man couldn't stop smiling! Fernando had offered it to him as a gift, explaining that many people don't read the Bible because they think it is too difficult to comprehend. Fernando then continued to clarify that the Gospel of John is uncomplicated in defining God's Plan of Salvation.



The young man just smiled more when Fernando revealed to him that, *The Gospel of John is the best starting point for reading the Bible*. Finally, Fernando couldn't contain the question any longer and he asked the man the reason for his smiles. The young

man conveyed his joy in receiving the booklet and excitement in being able to read it. He disclosed that he wanted to know more about God. He declared,

*“ I was here asking God to answer me,  
and then you just merely walked up and presented  
me with this Gospel of John. ”*

The man conveyed that he couldn't stop smiling because he had received the answer he was looking for from God!

**Fernando S.**

*from Nova Odessa, Brazil*

## SET FREE

Haunted by horrible memories of his past and steeped in substance abuse, Chuck struggled tremendously – feeling that God could never forgive someone like him. As a Marine, he had so many painful war experiences that he felt were unforgivable.

*His close friend Brian simply  
gave him a pocket Gospel of John and  
encouraged him to read it.*

One late night Chuck called Brian. He had hit rock bottom, felt completely unforgivable, and was ready to commit suicide. Through his tears and gut-wrenching agony, he confessed to Brian that he had no reason to live. Brian confided,

*“ No one is unforgivable in the sight of Jesus.  
Let’s read together through the sinner’s prayer  
in the pocket Gospel. ”*

That night, through his aching sobs, Chuck accepted Jesus as his Savior. He is on the long road of recovery from consequences of his past life, but Jesus is walking at his side. Chuck’s request is that anyone who reads his story will say a prayer for him to continue to grow in Christ.

*The Gospel of John revealed Christ's forgiveness  
and now his spirit is set free.*

**Brian W.**

*from Dallas, Texas*

God is our refuge and  
strength, a very present  
help in trouble. Therefore  
we will not fear though the  
earth gives way, though  
the mountains be moved  
into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and  
foam, though the mountains  
tremble at its swelling.

**Psalm 46:1-3**

## **CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD**

Brian from Carthage, New York recently spent some time with a young military couple. Positioned with a caring heart, Brian paid close attention to this spiritually suffering couple as they sadly expressed their disillusionment with religion and horrible treatment they experienced in their pasts. They confessed to him that they couldn't understand how a loving God could allow such things to happen.

*Recognizing that this broken couple was searching for the truth, Brian simply shared a Gospel of John with them.*

They gladly received the pocket Gospel with the assurance that God was not behind the terrible things they had gone through. Brian explained that God offers a way to overcome our past injustices through a personal relationship with Him.

*As one of the millions around the world who has learned how to share Jesus with the Gospel of John, Brian confirmed his confidence in God's Word.*

**Brian K.**

*from Carthage, New York*

## SHARING WITH A CO-WORKER

Observing her co-worker, she was curious and interested when offered a pocket Gospel of John booklet. She didn't know that Fe was shy about sharing the Gospel, and that she had even chickened out a few times when she really wanted to share her faith at work. That day, God had clearly given Fe from Scarborough, Ontario, Canada an opportunity to share with her co-worker who responded enthusiastically about studying the Bible. She conveyed,

*“ As I simply handed her a Gospel of John, we talked about starting a Bible study at work later. ”*

Fe was so encouraged that she ordered more Gospel booklets to share at work with her other colleagues and friends. Fe was so inspired that she expressed,

*“ I then signed up for the PTL Evangelism Boot Camp on The League website and got started with the first lesson right away. ”*

She is praising and thanking God for His faithfulness to her, her co-worker, and The League.

**Fe F.**

*from Scarborough, Ontario, Canada*

## TRUE HOPE FOUND

That morning in Greentown, Indiana as David was heading out, he felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to put the “Hope” cover of the Gospel of John into his pocket, knowing that this is a simple method to sharing Jesus that can work for anyone.

As he drove along, he noticed an old pickup truck stranded on the side of the road. The truck owner was in dire need of a lug wrench, as his rear tire was about to fall off. David had the exact required tool to solve the problem and the man confessed,



*“I have about lost all hope as I have so many difficulties.”*

David pointed out to the downcast man that their meeting was set in perfect timing, and his tire had not fallen off. Pulling the Gospel booklet out of his pocket and handing it to the man he offered these words,

*“ Would you be blessed to receive some hope?  
This Gospel of John will change your life today and  
eternally, if you just it read and believe. ”*

The man gladly took the pocket Gospel and they parted with a handshake and a smile.

That morning David had the right wrench to fix the man's tire, and, more importantly, the right message in the Gospel of John for true Hope to be found.

**David L.**

*from Greentown, Indiana*

## **AN APPOINTMENT SET BY JESUS**

During the unprecedented time of the coronavirus, one League Member partnered to share Jesus with an acquaintance of hers named Tom. Not realizing his own deep need for Jesus, Tom was focused on facing the COVID-19 pandemic with great concern over the compromised function of one of his major organs. This League Member saw that Tom needed to not face this alone, but rather lean into Jesus through the Word and prayer.

After selecting a Gospel of John with her favorite cover, she prayed she would have the opportunity to give the Gospel to Tom and in an appointment set by Jesus, she found him alone just before lunchtime. She was able to approach him with the words, “Tom you need the Lord, and

*I simply invite you to read this  
Gospel of John. It is the place where you can  
meet Jesus. Will you read it? ”*

With social distancing, she hasn't seen him since that day, but she is praying for him and believing he will receive Christ as his Savior, because that day

*Tom reached out, took the Gospel and said,  
“ Yes I will read it. ”*

**A caring League Member**

## **LOCAL OUTREACH IN THE PLAZA**

Sitting in the local plaza, several young girls listened with interest as Griselda from Concepcion del Uruguay, Argentina spoke about Christ. One of the girls had recently lost her mother and she was living with her friend.

*Griselda merely handed her a Spanish version of the Gospel of John, while inviting her to the local church, and the girl accepted with pleasure.*

Two other girls accepted the pocket Gospels and as one of them took it, she openly confessed,

*“ I used to read the Word of God, but it’s been years since I have taken the time to open the Gospel. ”*

She related that she was ready to return to Christ, as God had released her from drugs. At that point her friend spoke up, eyes filled with tears, as she told of the personal pain she had suffered in her life, admitting her anger toward God. Griselda compassionately gave her a hug and a pocket Gospel. Later she conveyed,

*“ I’m grateful that God daily provides grace for me to share the love of Jesus and my faith with the Gospels of John. ”*

**Griselda T.**

*from Concepcion del Uruguay, Argentina*

## SHARING IN A DIFFICULT TIME

One recent afternoon, Todd told how he shared his Gospels of John in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. He knows people are feeling afraid of the COVID-19 and he encourages Christians through this challenging time to remember to read Psalm 91 and

*“ Don't let fears stop us from reaching out to others with the Gospel. ”*

On the way to running his necessary errands, he saw a homeless couple and simply gave them Gospels of John. While waiting for his coffee to be ready, he asked the server, named Devon, if he wanted to know Jesus. Amazingly, Devon responded yes and prayed the sinner's prayer in the Gospel of John given to him by Todd. Devon accepted the pocket Gospel because he didn't have a Bible. Khaleed who was working with Devon, grabbed the Gospel out of his hands to look at it for a moment, but Devon offered Khaleed his own Gospel of John and discovered that he wasn't certain of his eternal destiny. Khaleed also prayed to ask Jesus to come into his heart! All Todd could say was,

*“ To God Be All the Glory ”*

**Todd P.**

*from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota*

## **PART OF THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT**

Excited and nervous at the same time, Samir called our team to place an order with The League for Arabic and English-Arabic Gospels of John.

*Someone had given him a pocket Gospel.*

Since he had become a Christian, he felt convicted and passionate about sharing his faith in Jesus with those who do not yet know Him. So, with a sense of urgency in his voice he was trying to communicate that he doesn't have a computer to go to the PTL website, but he really wanted to order so he could hand out Gospels. He had caught the vision that he could be part of the Global Movement, joining hundreds of Christ-followers who are reaching the lost with the Word of God, using Gospels of John.

After declaring his thankfulness in knowing Christ, Samir listened as the PTL Member Care Specialist on the other end of the phone conveyed that The League understands.

*It isn't necessarily easy to share your faith,  
but handing someone a Gospel of John is a simple  
method that works for anyone.*

Samir agreed. He could hardly wait to get his Gospels to share one-on-one with the people God would be sending him to meet.

**Samir J.**

*from Brighton, Michigan*

Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do  
I give to you. Let not your  
hearts be troubled, neither  
let them be afraid.

**John 14:27**

## THROWING A LIFELINE

Vivian has a deep desire to tell others about Jesus. Her heart aligns with The Pocket Testament League's Global Movement to help people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John. She recently shared her feelings that the coronavirus has changed the world and made it a different and a scary place. Vivian confessed,

*“ I've decided to be bolder in simply giving away more Gospels of John during this unprecedented time. ”*

When expressing her concern for others to know Jesus as their Savior, she put it this way:

*“ Every time I merely give someone a pocket Gospel, I'm throwing a lifeline to a person who is drowning in the cares, worries, uncertainties and fears of life. ”*

Vivian's conviction is that she can't just walk by someone who is drowning in stormy seas without trying to do “something” to help. She tells the people she meets that Jesus promised we would have peace that surpasses all understanding and find meaning in life, despite all the challenges. Vivian knows that sharing the Gospel of John is the only “something” that will truly save their life for both now and eternity.

### **Vivian C.**

*from Le Mont sur Lausanne, Switzerland*

## FAR FROM HOME

When asked how she was doing, a store cashier confessed to Dan from Sturbridge, Massachusetts that she was longing to be home again. Even though she currently lived where she was working, her heart was somewhere else. She told Dan she was actually a long way from home.

As Dan left the store, he wrestled with his own insecurities and emotions for a while, but he felt that God was prompting him, so he went back into the store. He recounts,

*“ I simply handed her a Gospel of John, and told her it was a story about someone else who was a long way from home. The cashier took the pocket Gospel and said she would read it. ”*

Dan relayed that many times when he gives out a Gospel, he never sees the person again. This was one of those times he confided and said,

*“ I’m grateful for the clear salvation explanation and bolded verses in the Gospel booklet. This will make it easier for her to hear the message clearly and quickly. ”*

He is praying that while she is reading the Gospel of John, God's Spirit will draw her to salvation through Christ and help her understand that her true home is with Jesus.

**Dan C.**

*from Sturbridge, Massachusetts*

Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be frightened, and  
do not be dismayed, for  
the LORD your God is with  
you wherever you go.

**Joshua 1:9**

## **911 – GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Jason, President of OTR Performance, is pivoting because his wholesale distribution center has been shut down with all the closed businesses during the pandemic. So, truckers have been stopping by to pick up his product. With every product, a Gospel of John goes out.

One of the truckers pulled out and was on the road for a bit when he began having a heart attack. He knew he was having a heart attack. So, he pulled over, called 911, and then looked over and there it was: the Gospel of John. And so...

*He read the Gospel of John as he waited for the EMTs to respond. And he gave his life to Christ.*

That day, that man was saved physically, and he was saved eternally all because a CEO in the middle of this pandemic pivoted and thought about how he could continue to use his business for the Kingdom of God.

**Jason C.**

*from Macomb, Michigan*

## TRUE HOPE

Even though it seems harder in these times of Covid-19, Caleb's passion for sharing Christ with others caused him to join the PTL Global Movement to help people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John.

*He confessed that he has simply been giving Gospels to people whenever God provides an opportunity.*

Caleb knows that true hope comes in knowing Christ and so he has faithfully been encouraging others with the pocket Gospels in order to bring hope into people's lives. He uses the PTL digital Gospel of John and shares through the internet, as well as offering Gospel booklets when it is possible to talk to someone in person.

Motivated by the need for Jesus that people have in their lives to replace the fear which has gripped the hearts of many, Caleb offers true hope through sharing the Gospel. His favorite verse is John 3:16 and the hope of everlasting life in Jesus.

**Caleb A.**

*from Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

## A MIRACULOUS MOMENT

It all began with a neighborly act. Richard was helping his neighbor take out a gigantic bramble bush from the remotest corner of their adjoining properties. As they were finishing the last parts of the cleanup, they began to talk about Jesus! Richard recognized that it was a miraculous moment. Richard never expected that Jesus would be the topic of conversation, but his neighbor started asking all the right questions and the Lord provided the answers.



*As they wrapped up the bush cleanup experience Richard simply handed his neighbor, who had tears in his eyes, a Gospel of John.*

He recounted that they actually hardly know each other but as they parted, his neighbor hugged Richard and thanked him for what he had shared. Excitedly, Richard went home and shared everything that had just happened with his wife, telling her that he believes he just led their neighbor to the Lord!

The following day, he met his neighbor at the fence. He relayed that he read the entire Gospel of John the previous night and he had asked Jesus to forgive him of his sins and asked him into his life! He described how he did it just like the first few pages in the little Gospel booklet explains. He also said that he called his mom and shared everything with her. Richard praised God! Another soul is added into the Kingdom!

**Richard**

*from Pennsylvania*

## **A DIGITAL SHARE— WHILE OUT FOR A WALK**

A League Member, Ann, and her husband were out for a walk when a woman waved them down. The woman, Becky, was nervous and as she spoke, it was clear that she was overwhelmed and afraid because of the current COVID-19 situation.

Ann acknowledged Becky's fear and confusion. Ann and her husband had a nice conversation with Becky and agreed these are uncertain and likely fearful times in which we live, but they have a certain peace. They explained that God does not want us to be fearful of our circumstances because He knows exactly what's going on and has allowed this for some specific reason. Becky agreed that was probably true and they started to talk about God - she was very open to this.

Becky shared that 2 years ago she was at death's door with colon cancer, but thinks God spared her life for a reason. As they spoke, Becky wanted to hear more. The three of them had an open dialogue about how to know God through His son, Jesus, and what Jesus came to do for us.

*Ann remembered saving the PDF download of the Gospel of John on her iPhone! She eagerly asked Becky if she could share something with her and she said YES.*

Once Becky opened the PDF, Ann showed her the opening pages which talk about the exact things that worried Becky! It was as if the words on the page were written just for her. Ann suggested she slowly read through the Gospel of John, praying prior to reading and asking God to reveal Himself to her. Becky began to cry and hugged Ann and her husband and thanked them profusely for talking to her. She felt so much better! It was absolutely a divine appointment and they ended with prayer together right there on the walking trail.

**Ann**

*from California*

## **A SEED HARVESTED**

Elderly and with a meager income, Zoya was alone: her only son had died at the young age of 48 years. Left by herself, she had begun thinking quite a lot about God. Some seeds of faith had been planted in her heart many years ago, but she had no idea how to get the answers to the many questions that filled her mind: to her lack of understanding of faith and doubts about God.

Then one day recently, a group of Christian volunteers from Moscow visited her, bringing a food package and a copy of the Gospel of John. Zoya recalls,

*“ I eagerly took the pocket Gospel and started reading it right away! While the volunteers were making lunch for me we started a conversation about Christ and salvation. ”*

Zoya was so elated to have these kind volunteers to talk with. She was able to ask her questions and actually get answers from the Gospel booklet they had given her. After they left, Zoya continued to read the pocket Gospel and that evening she called one of the volunteers and asked if they could visit her again to explain more about faith in Jesus and peace from God. She recounts,

*“ I told the volunteer that many years before I heard the verse from John 3:16, ‘For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...’ And there I was reading the Gospel booklet and I found that verse again! ”*

A seed of God’s Word that had been planted a long time ago was harvested in Zoya’s heart and life that day. She was so happy and grateful for the Gospel that she exclaimed,

*“ As I continued reading the Gospel of John I believed in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. ”*

**Faithful Followers**

*from Moscow, Russia*

## HOPE IN GOD

Feeling devastated and hopeless, Kerri was just trying to get through the day waiting on tables in the restaurant where she worked. Her younger brother had committed suicide. They were very close, and she missed him with a deep aching in her heart. She had attended several different classes to help with her grieving, but nothing could fill the void she felt deep in her soul.

As she cleared one of the tables, she picked up a little booklet that the customer had left with a tip and stuffed it into her pocket.

*She didn't really pay attention, but the booklet was a Gospel of John with a picture of a rose and the words "A Story of Perfect Love" written on the cover.*

At the end of the day, Kerri put her tips and the Gospel in her purse and didn't think about it again until much later when it resurfaced one day. She was drawn to open it, and Kerri read the little Gospel booklet over and over again several times.

*With each reading of the Gospel of John, she felt God was soothing and comforting her until she came to the point at which she was moved to pray and accept Christ.*

Once she said that heartfelt prayer, it was as if God opened the floodgates of Heaven to her. Kerri's desire for others to know Jesus became infectious. She had an impact on her family members and her husband got saved. They both started sharing pocket Gospels. Now she is using the Gospels to teach others to place their hope in God as she had done.

**Kerri B.**

*from Temple City, California*

## **RETIREMENT HOME OPPORTUNITY**

Living in a retirement home, David in Georgia decided to offer a weekly Bible study to the residents using the PTL Gospels of John. The first time they met, three people attended and then slowly over the next few weeks a small representation of the total residents began to join them.

*He provided everyone in the group  
a Gospel of John and they began reading  
through it and studying the Word.*

When the coronavirus hit and all of the people in the retirement home were “sheltering in place,” David noticed that even though they were allowed to go outside their rooms, none of the residents were coming out into the halls. They were too afraid.

David decided to go to the PTL website, click on “Join the Global Movement” and help those where he lives meet Jesus by ordering enough Gospels of John to give to everyone. He talked to the staff at the retirement home and was given permission to go one-by-one and simply give the Gospels to each resident and share his faith. The staff members also became interested in receiving a pocket Gospel. He now had the opportunity of a greater impact than he ever imagined could be possible before.

**David H.**  
*from Atlanta, Georgia*

## **SPREADING THE WORD**

With a joyful heart, Aldrin exclaims,

*“ I love to help people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John. ”*

His city Medan in Sumatra is a trading port hub and regarded as one of the four chief central cities in all of the thousands of Indonesian islands. Acknowledging that Christianity is one of the six main recognized religions in the archipelago, Aldrin explains,

*“ I work in a resort and, as well as oversee the handling of five churches. It makes me so happy to share the Word of God, pray for the congregations and simply hand the Gospels of John to members of the community. ”*

Aldrin shared how he has even recruited friends who want to participate in spreading the Word of God with the pocket Gospels. They spread the Gospels in the churches, to families and elderly, and throughout the community. Aldrin is grateful to be a Member of The League. He enthusiastically expresses,

“ *Having the pocket Gospels of John has made me more confident in my ministry—to go out into the community and reach more thirsty souls who need the Word of God.* ”

**Aldrin S.**

*from Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia*

But the Lord is faithful. He  
will establish you and guard  
you against the evil one.

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**

## **SHARING GOSPELS IN BUSINESS**

Business leaders during this pandemic continue to share their faith with people. At Specialized Storage Solutions in New Jersey, Bill is the President and CEO and he is a Member of The League and of C12.

As the virus has hit and we are seeing the economy being impacted, Bill's business is also being impacted. So, what did he do?

*Well, he sat down and began writing letters to his top customers, letting them know that he cared about them and letting them know that he was praying for them, and sharing with them a little bit about his faith and including a Gospel of John.*

Bill has been witnessing to people in a very relational way, because he genuinely cares about these folks who are his customers.

And guess what? His customers are responding and he's hearing back from them and their relationship is getting deeper and deeper and deeper.

In the middle of all this uncertainty, and there's a lot of it, Bill's doing what he is sure and certain about – his faith. He's sharing the person of Jesus.

**Bill B.**

*from Fairfield, New Jersey*

## **NO LONGER AFRAID**

For many years, Matthew in Oklahoma confessed that he has been too scared to share Jesus in person with any of his neighbors. Wanting to be more confident in communicating his faith, he decided that every day he would pray Acts 4:31 and ask the Lord for boldness to reach those in his neighborhood. And God started answering his prayer!

Matthew recounted that so far, he and his fellow Christians have knocked on the doors of all 20 homes on their street and shared with their neighbors. They have now moved on to the next street and are praying that God will help them share with the people in every house in their neighborhood!

Matthew and his partners pray, ask God to work, knock, introduce themselves and ask if there is anything they can pray for them.

*They share the Gospel and simply give  
them a Gospel of John.*

In the process of helping people meet Jesus, they have made new friends: some who are Christians and some Matthew feels are yet to become Christians. Matthew

praises God for granting them His Spirit of boldness and effectiveness, for the PTL Gospels of John to leave at each home, and for no longer feeling afraid to share with his neighbors.

**Matthew H.**

*from Norman, Oklahoma*

## **SHARING WHERE BIBLES ARE SCARCE**

After ordering 400 Gospels of John to add to the more than 2,000 Paul has already sent to the Caribbean, his missionary pastor friend Julian was grateful to receive them for Puerto Rico, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, where Bibles are scarce and the people live in tents and shelters. Pastor Julian relayed to his friend,

*“ The Gospels of John are used for disaster relief. They are great because they not only contain the Word of God, but also have a clear outline of the fall of man, the need for Christ, and the Way to Salvation. The Message cannot be missed. ”*

Giving the pocket Gospels to national believers who circulate them in the earthquake zone of southern Puerto Rico provides them with a good refresher in the fundamentals of evangelizing.

*“ We use the Creole Gospels in Haiti and the Spanish and English booklets in Puerto Rico. The League bilingual Gospel version appeals to many people and may help them with learning English and Spanish. ”*

Paul and Julian are dedicated to getting God's Word into the hands of the people in the Caribbean where Bibles are scarce.

**Paul R.**

*from Markville, Minnesota and his missionary pastor  
friend Julian for Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic,  
and Haiti*

## SHOW KINDNESS

Neesa, lonely and afraid, had been stranded for some time in the local mall parking lot. She had pulled in when she heard a kitten meowing in her car's engine bay. She parked her car towards the back of the parking lot and put the hood up, but she couldn't see the kitten. She didn't know what to do, and no one had stopped to help her.



A while later Wendy, Alan, and their daughter were headed to the mall, so they drove into the lot. They noticed Neesa's car, so Alan pulled in and they all got out to offer help to the woman. She nervously introduced herself and told them about her situation.

Alan went to work to save both the kitten and Neesa. It took nearly 2 hours, but he was able to extricate the small kitten from the vehicle safely. While Alan worked, Wendy chatted with Neesa, learning that she was from China, had been isolated at home for the past several weeks, and her son worked as a pilot for a Chinese airline that flew in and out of the hub in their town.

Wendy noted that Neesa was visibly impacted that they had even stopped to interact with her; much less offer help.

*As Alan finished putting Neesa's vehicle back together, Wendy felt led to share a Gospel of John.*

She had two covers with her, one Thanksgiving-themed and the other with an American flag. Not wanting to offend Neesa, she grabbed what she thought was the Thanksgiving cover and jotted a note about how God can even use kittens to connect us, but when she closed the Gospel Wendy was surprised to see it was actually the American flag cover.

*She quickly prayed to God, "Well, I guess this is the cover You want her to have!" Then simply handed the pocket Gospel to her as a gift.*

Neesa thanked her profusely, reminding Wendy again that she was from China. Neesa seemed genuinely moved, even with all that was going on during the pandemic, that Wendy was kind and wasn't concerned with her being Chinese.

*Wendy expressed how she loves that all God asks of us is to show kindness and be bold in giving others His Word by simply handing them a Gospel of John. She confessed that He can handle the rest!*

**Wendy K.**

*from Hilliard, Florida*

## **FACE MASKS AND GOSPELS**

With a deep concern for the lost, Shellie from Batavia, Ohio went to The Pocket Testament League website. She was excited to join the Global Movement to help people meet Jesus by sharing the Gospel of John.

*She had faith that God would provide divine appointments for each of the pocket Gospels.*

When the Covid-19 crisis broke out, she was prepared. Shellie already had an extensive background in sewing, so she got to work making protective masks for first responders. Working with a team of ten other ladies, they have been making thousands of face masks and donating them to nursing homes, counseling centers, emergency rooms, and other places.

*With every mask that goes out, Shellie includes a personal note and a PTL Gospel of John.*

The requests for masks for first responders just keep growing so fast! Shellie confessed with deep joy in the Lord, that God has made it possible for her and her team to use their talents to bless others with both the masks and the Gospels of John.

**Shellie F.**

*from Batavia, Ohio*

## **AN OPPORTUNE TIME**

Although stay-at-home directives have been issued, the world pandemic hasn't stopped Maria in São Roque, Brazil from sharing her faith with pocket Gospels. Events and public activities in her beautiful resort city have been canceled for a time, but for her sharing Jesus has not been canceled.

*“ I actually feel like the Lord has given me a special opportunity during this time... because people seem more open than ever before to receive the Gospels of John and learn about who Jesus really is. ”*

Surprised beyond her imagination, Maria sees how God is working throughout the Earth during a difficult time for people. Her simple act of putting Gospels where people pick them up is her way of giving God the Glory.

*“ I am grateful to be part of the Global Movement to invite people to meet Jesus with Gospels of John. ”*

Maria shared how she puts Gospels in her bag, goes to the supermarket, pharmacy, or on a walk through her neighborhood. Then she simply leaves the Gospels for people to pick up and watches as people smile and take the pocket-sized Gospels.

“ *I see how people have thirsty souls and are hungry for the truth of God.* ”

**Maria V.**

*from São Roque, Brazil*

## A SEED PLANTED

At the end of the highway off-ramp near the exit, there was a young man standing with a sign that read “I’m hungry. Can you help me?” Sherrie relayed, “God just tugged at my heart.” So, she drove up the road to a food store and bought some food and water. She recounted,

*“ I put a pocket testament in the bag with the food and drove back to where this young man was standing. ”*



Because he was standing at the ramp, Sherrie waited a moment until he saw her parked on the side of the other road, and she motioned for him to come over. He looked alert, not drugged, so she asked him to tell her

his story. He got tears in his eyes and said that his dad had left he and his mom when he was young, his mom had just died, and he was kicked out of the apartment they had lived in.

He felt lost, alone, and not sure where to turn. He told Sherrie his plans but felt he couldn't achieve them. She shared some local places to help him and told him to go to the church to try to talk to someone there, to help him get through this tough time in his journey, but to never give up. Sherrie handed the bags of food to him and he wept. She told him that God has big plans for him. She said, "There's a booklet in the bag that will help you to know how much God loves you and how to have a personal relationship with Him." He wiped tears from his eyes and thanked her for all the food. She asked, "Are you going to call for some help? And are you going to go to that church?" He replied, "yes ma'am!"

*Thank you for giving me hope.*

Sherrie said, "God bless you," and pulled away. She confessed that she's never seen him since, so she doesn't know whatever happened to him – but a seed was planted.

**Told to Bernie B. by Sherrie P.**  
*from Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

## FOOD FOR THE SOUL

It's been almost ten years since Michael started sharing Jesus by simply handing the Gospels of John to adults and children. He has been helping the homeless and giving out pocket Gospels, in both English and other languages, to those who come to his local food pantry. This year with the COVID-19 virus and due to many people experiencing work loss, Michael reported that they have been very busy serving between 125-175 people every week at the food pantry. They are happy to pray and share the Gospel message with them. He related,

*“ Everyone who comes to the food pantry receives a pocket Gospel of John. The PTL gospels have opened the door to discuss the spiritual hunger which only Jesus can meet, that exists in many of the people. ”*

Michael has noticed that, because of the current crisis, people have been much more receptive to the Gospel message than in the past. He noted joyfully that they have shared the pocket Gospels with everyone. He also revealed that even though individuals are very thankful for the food,

*“ They seem to be especially grateful for the spiritual food for their soul in the pocket Gospel. Some people even take more than one Gospel to share with their families and neighbors. ”*

**Michael M.**

*from Chicago, Illinois*

## **NEVER TOO OLD FOR THE GOSPEL**

One day after seeing a post from The Pocket Testament League on Facebook, Henry chose to click on it and go to the website. He and his wife, Phyllis, both 87 years old, had moved into a retirement home in Naniamo, British Columbia. He wanted to share the Gospels of John with those in their new living quarters.

*He began simply handing the Gospels  
to people as a gift.*

One day, he was talking to a very alert and extremely intelligent 101-year-old man named Norman. Norman told him that he had attended a church years ago for a short while, but he didn't really have much interaction and wasn't too interested in the church.

*Henry decided to give Norman  
a pocket Gospel of John and encouraged  
him to read it.*

Norman took the Gospel booklet. A short time later, the two men were having another conversation and Norman told Henry that he read the Gospel, but Henry didn't give it to him.

*He said, "It was the Lord who gave  
the Gospel of John to me."*

Norman died a month later and went to spend eternity with Jesus because of God's divine appointment and Henry's faithfulness to simply hand him a Gospel of John and encourage him to read it.

**Henry D.**

*from Naniamo, British Columbia, Canada*

## SHARING EXPONENTIALLY

Being “at-risk” seniors and unable to go out of their apartment very much due to the pandemic, Phyllis and her husband have still been sharing Gospels of John. Phyllis expressed,

*“ When any delivery person comes to our door, we give them a Gospel of John. And if they are a Christian, we give them an extra pocket Gospel to share with someone God puts in their path while doing deliveries. ”*

They don't actually know how many people are hearing about Jesus because of the exponential handing out of the Gospels, but Phyllis believes they are reaching many people. For example, she gave four Gospels to her son-in-law, a pastor. Well that very day, waiting for a doctor's appointment for her granddaughter, he sat near a woman who started talking to him. When she found out he was a pastor, she told him she was looking for the truth and not finding it in her current religion.

*He told her to read the Gospel of John and she would find what she was searching for there.*

He was upset with himself because he had forgotten the Gospel booklets in his car. But God intervened. Both of them were going to their cars at the same time and they were parked near each other. He was able to give her a Gospel of John after all. Phyllis declared,

*“ I am so grateful that God’s Word is being shared and it is so simple to hand someone a Gospel, even for a disabled person like me. ”*

**Phyllis P.**

*from Longview, Washington*

## **A COMPLETE CHANGE**

Mable works in a hotel and one day a gentleman started up a conversation with her. He had stayed at the hotel previously but had come back to tell her that his life had been changed during his stay there. You see,

*Mable orders Gospels of John and simply leaves the pocket Gospels in each of the hotel rooms.*

The man wanted to let Mable know that finding and reading that Gospel in his room made a complete change in his life during a difficult time. He explained to her that he had recently become homeless, had lost all hope, and was ready to give up,

*But everything changed when he checked into the hotel and found the Gospel of John there in his room.*

The gentleman went on to relay to Mable how he read the pocket Gospel and because of the life-changing Words, he began a new life journey with Jesus!!

**Mable G.**

*from Laurinburg, North Carolina*

## **DON'T GROW WEARY OF WELL DOING**

With painful backgrounds, no positive role models, and no clue how to make good decisions, Russians Olya and Kostya entered their marriage and started having their own four children. Life became hard. In their search to make life easier, they started taking drugs. As the years passed, they found themselves far down a slippery slope.



God, in His mercy, sent them a faithful group of Christians who started visiting frequently, stood by them, shared Jesus, prayed, and found tangible ways to help bring positive change into their lives. A spokesperson for the group shared,

*“ We gave them the Gospel of John and children’s Gospels for their little ones. We visited them on a regular basis, but it wasn’t easy because they weren’t ready to give up their lifestyle, and it was heartbreaking. ”*

Things got worse for the family and they hit what seemed like their lowest point. After several warnings from the police, the children were split up and taken away from Olya and Kostya. Shocked and devastated to lose their children, they were broken. Slowly, they began to realize that the only way to get their children back would be to reevaluate and change their lives.

The Christian group never gave up on them. Their spokesperson conveyed that they continue to visit and encourage them,

*“ We will not grow weary in doing good for this couple. We continue to visit, encourage, pray for and share the Gospel of John with them, and the couple has begun to take the first steps in actually reading the Gospel of John. ”*

The volunteers are steadfast in helping and praying for them. As they guide them through the Gospel of John, they pray that they will allow Christ to restore them, their children will be returned, and together their family will serve the Lord.

### **Faithful Volunteers**

*from Moscow, Russia*

## **BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN**

Sue had been working in after-school Good News Clubs with about 150 children and bringing Jesus to them with the children's Gospels. She sadly disclosed,

*“ When the pandemic abruptly hit our area and the schools closed down, we no longer had the opportunity to minister to the kids in our after-school Good News Clubs. ”*

Sue tells how they didn't want to stop ministering to the children and they needed an alternative way to reach them. Realizing the children always have lots of questions, she related,

*“ We mailed to each of the 150 kids a ‘Jesus, Got Questions’ Gospel of John. The questions in the Gospel booklets are similar to what we would teach during our club time and providing a Gospel of John in large print was the perfect gift to send to the kids! ”*

Even though they still are not back to school with the kids yet, Sue and others on her team have been working with a food truck that services the poor and offering the pocket Gospels from the truck. She was excited to convey,

*“ Even the adults in the food line have been taking a ‘Jesus, Got Questions’ booklet. This is a great resource for them, as well, since some have difficulty in reading and the large print is so helpful for that. ”*

Sue knows that the children have lots of questions and in their youthful quest for discovery they ask freely, but the pandemic has opened up for even adults who have the same questions to be able to meet Jesus with a Gospel booklet.

**Sue L.**

*from Forest, Virginia*

## **SOMETHING WAS MISSING**

Recalling that she took a long road to arrive at where she is today, Paula is so excited to be part of the PTL Global Movement and help others meet Jesus with the Gospels of John. She had attended church sporadically in her childhood and sort of listened but confessed that she never really understood the Bible. As a young girl, she lost any faith or hope she might have had. She relayed that she tried to block out the horrible pain, anxiety, and depression of her childhood with drugs. Her life became very dark and riddled with problems. Eventually she quit the drugs but admitted,

*“ Something was missing in my life. ”*

Later, deeply saddened when her beloved mom died, Paula decided to get a job to keep herself busy. At work one day, while having a discussion about God, one of her co-workers invited her to church and she hesitantly accepted. Paula recounted that she will never forget that church visit. She remembers,

*A gentleman was outside the church at a table with a variety of different covers on the pocket Gospel of John. She took two, read the Gospel, and was saved!*

Paula tells how her life was changed forever! She joined The League and enjoyed learning the story about how it began and how many have been saved through the Gospels of John. She has gotten involved in her church and outreach ministries. Because of her walk with Jesus and her passion for the Gospel of John, her husband has also gotten saved.

*She loves helping others have their lives changed, as hers was, by introducing them to Jesus with the pocket Gospels.*

**Paula M.**

*from Warrington, Pennsylvania*

## TAKING IT A STEP AT A TIME

Knowing that sharing his faith in Christ isn't always easy, Joe decided to take it a step at a time. He started by giving out pocket Gospels mainly to the homeless, along with a bottle of water and a few dollars. But what he really wanted to do was share the Gospel more openly with his family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Realizing that it can be a bit more intimidating to share with people you know well, Joe related,

*“ The Pocket Testament League makes it simple to share the Gospel of John both digitally and with a variety of attractive booklet covers. ”*

Joe decided to take the next step and start posting the PDF link on his social media accounts.

As he has begun to move on to the next step in sharing his faith, Joe is looking for divine appointments and he expressed,

*“ Now I want to hand out the Gospel of John to whomever God places in my path. ”*

**Joe R.**

*from Avondale, Arizona*

## **SETTING A CAPTIVE FREE**

Curious about the reason, Kensaku from Japan noticed that a man who had been attending his church had stopped showing up. Then one day Kensaku's ministry and the church received a letter informing them that the man had committed a crime and was in jail.

Wanting to be of assistance, Kensaku replied to the police station and offered his services to counsel the man. Two weeks later, they corresponded with him and requested that Kensaku go to the police station to meet with the man. He had been asking a variety of questions, seemed to be interested in Christianity, and asked for someone from the church to visit him.

*As part of the PTL Global Movement in his part of the world, Kensaku wanted nothing more than to help this man meet Jesus by sharing with the pocket Gospel of John.*

He took a pocket Gospel with him and went to meet the man. After just a short time in conversation, Kensaku could tell that this man was definitely a "seeker." So he answered the man's questions, simply offered him the Gospel of John booklet he had brought, and prayed with him to be saved. Another captive has been set free!

**Kensaku S.**

*from Hiki-gun, Saitama Prefecture, Japan*

## THE BEST GIFT

Knowing that there are so many opportunities for God to provide divine appointments throughout our days and in the course of our daily encounters, John decided to share a Gospel of John with his lawn technician in the fall. Feeling confident in the free gift of eternal life that God offers when a person meets Jesus, he related,

*“ I simply handed him ‘The Best Gift’ cover of the Gospel John. ”*

He didn't know if his technician would read the pocket Gospel, but he was certain of the life- changing transformation it brings through salvation. So when his technician returned in the spring and confided to John that he had read the pocket Gospel more than once, John's heart was encouraged. The man revealed,

*“ My life was changed forever by reading the Gospel of John. ”*

With a more peaceful composure than when they had last seen each other, he conveyed to John how after receiving and reading “The Best Gift” cover of the Gospel, he had made a decision to follow this new way with Jesus instead of one of drugs and alcohol. As a result, another major change had happened in his life: previously he had not spoken to his mother in six years but was now communicating with her.

John plans to take the opportunity to follow-up with his technician again as he continues to service his lawn over the summer. John expressed with joy, *Praise the Lord for the Gospel!*

It truly is *The Best Gift!*

**John E.**

*from North East, Pennsylvania*

## A MEMORY REVIVED

Excited to be among The League Members who read their Bible faithfully, Linda revealed,

*“ I started with a pocket Gospel of John 66 years ago And I have continued to read my Bible every day since! ”*



Linda went on to describe how a vivid memory of hers was revived recently after reading a PTL email quoting a survey initiated by The League, using Barna data. It confirmed that 7 out of 10 PTL Members are faithful in reading the Bible daily.

Linda decided to respond to the email and express how thankful she is for the work PTL Members do to help people meet Jesus by reading the Word with the pocket Gospels of John.

Recalling a milestone in her 66 years ago, she recounted,

*“ A man from the Pocket Testament League came to our small Bible Camp and spoke to us at Pickeral Lake in South Dakota. ”*

Linda clearly remembers that day so long ago when the man challenged their group to each sign a little commitment statement that every day in the following year, they would read a portion of God’s Word. Linda reported,

*“ I ended up signing The League commitment to read the Word daily and to my knowledge I have not missed one day since. ”*

Being among the 98% of League Members who feel personally responsible to share their faith, Linda even wrote a little book about her life and included her memory of how thankful she is that the League encouraged her to meet Jesus daily by reading the Bible.

**Linda L.**

*from South Dakota*

## BEING PREPARED

Praying and being prepared with several covers and languages of the Gospel of John in her bag, Patricia asked God to guide her to people who would be open to learning about Jesus. That day at the dentist's office, God brought a young lady from Iran across her path. Although feeling a little nervous, Patricia thought about how much people desperately need the peace and hope of Jesus, and so she decided to just merely give a pocket Gospel to the young woman. Patricia thankfully recalls,

*“ I was prepared. I had a Gospel of John with me in the lady's native language of Farsi, so I simply handed it to her. ”*

Patricia mentioned to the lady that if she just has 5 or 10 minutes free, she can read the Gospel anytime or anywhere since it fits into her purse or pocket. The lady not only accepted the Gospel but asked if Patricia could get one for her in Korean as well. She promised the lady she would order some Korean Gospels right away and have them to give her in two weeks when she returned to the dentist for her next appointment.

With a grateful heart to God for the opportunity to share His Word, Patricia reflected,

*“ We can reach others, even from other nations, right here in America, if we are prepared and carry the Gospels of John. ”*

**Patricia C.**

*from Carmichael, California*

## CREATIVE DURING COVID-19

With the pandemic as a common bond and as restrictions are beginning to relax, Eric and his wife, Carrie, have been able to visit a little more with their neighbors, those they meet while out walking, and even just conversations through a piece of plexiglass. They carry pocket Gospels with them and offer them to people they meet throughout the week.

Eric shared that he has come up with several ways to be creative during COVID-19 and simply hand or give out the Gospels of John. He told about one rewarding experience recently when their Muslim neighbors were gracious and invited he and his wife to share a Bangladeshi meal.

Eric recounted,

*“ The shared meal opened a chance to show our appreciation with flowers and a thank-you card. We also tucked in a Gospel of John and the message, ‘This book has changed my life and it has something unexpected if you read it.’ ”*

Eric and his family pray daily that lives would be changed through giving the pocket Gospels and God would truly reveal Himself to those they come in contact with. Eric related,

*“ Although we are limited by social distancing, I know that God is able to break through any barriers and create opportunities for me to share the Gospel. ”*

**Eric and Carrie C.**

*from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada*

## CONFIRMATION FROM GOD

One recent Sunday, Bernadette went to a local park to do her swim workout in the lake. She recounted,

*“ As I walked from the parking lot to the lake, I sensed the Holy Spirit nudging me to witness to someone, so I took a Gospel of John with me. ”*

Bernadette sat on the beach for a while and an out-of-state family sat very close to her, loudly talking about an issue they had. She went for her first swim and when she sat to rest, she heard the family continuing to talk about the issue.

Wondering if she was to witness to the woman who had the problem, Bernadette went for her second swim, returned to the beach, and prayed. She remembers,

*“ I told God I was willing to talk to the woman, but He had to bring her to me so we could speak privately. ”*

At that moment, the woman opened her pretzel bag and it ripped. Bernadette offered her a plastic bag and she conveyed,

*“ The woman, named Sherry,  
came over to me and we started talking.  
God confirmed I was to witness to her! ”*

Bernadette could tell that Sherry believes there is a God, but does not yet understand His plan for salvation for her, so she shared a verse with her from 1 Peter, which happened to be one familiar to her. Sherry said it gave her chills and confirmed she was to believe what Bernadette was saying. Bernadette recalls,

*“ Just before we had to run off the beach as lightning and thunder started, I gave Sherry a Gospel of John and encouraged her to read it and pray. ”*

**Bernadette H.**

*from Farmington, Maine*

## FAITHFUL

After receiving her pocket testaments in the mail, Gail did as she had faithfully done many, many times before – she armed herself with her pocket Gospels and was ready to meet several people that day and simply hand them a Gospel of John. She recounts,

*“ I grabbed my Gospels of John and headed to the park across the street from my home. ”*



Being blind, she waited at the crosswalk hoping that the drivers would see her white cane and stop so she could cross. Well, this day a vehicle stopped immediately. Unable to see the driver and unaware that his window was open, she automatically said, “Thank you.” To her

surprise, a man answered, “You’re welcome.” She quickly walked toward him, simply handed him a pocket testament, and then immediately crossed to the other side of the street. As she stepped on the sidewalk facing the park’s entrance, she remembers,

*“ I heard someone yell, ‘Hey, I’d like one of those! What are you passing out?’ ”*

It was a young lady named Garnet who had just gotten off her night shift and was riding her bike through the park. Gail was thrilled to spend a few minutes with her and hand her a Gospel of John. She gives out her favorite cover with a lighthouse and the words, “Finding Your Way.”

As Gail moved on, she heard two people who were sitting on a bench. She approached, handed each of them a pocket Gospel, and began to speak about salvation. They introduced themselves as Elisa and her boyfriend, Donny. As it turned out, Gail attended the same church Elisa’s grandmother had when she was alive. God made a connection between Elisa and Gail. Sharing about the sin that all of us have and our need of forgiveness through our only hope in Jesus Christ, Gail joyfully expressed,

*“ That day, with their pocket Gospels in hand,  
Elisa and her boyfriend, Donny, bowed their heads  
and trusted Jesus as their Savior! ”*

Gail was faithful to simply hand them the pocket Gospel and God was faithful to touch their hearts and draw them to salvation.

**Gail B.**

*from Westerly, Rhode Island*

## SHARING THE GOSPEL BY PHONE

With a past experience of difficulty sharing anything spiritual with her father-in-law, Florence took a chance again while on the phone with him. He lives in France and doesn't have much time left to live now, so she thought maybe this time he would listen and let her talk to him about the plan of salvation. She conveyed,

*“ I shared the plan of salvation as found in the front of the pocket testament Gospel of John with him over the phone. ”*

Florence felt so grateful that he was very alert and engaged in their conversation. He listened very carefully to her words as she shared how everyone needs the forgiveness Jesus offers through His sacrifice on the cross. He even had a few questions!

This time he told her that he really appreciated everything she shared with him. She expressed with joy,

*“ Praise God! His word is powerful and it was so amazing to be able to simply read the plan of salvation all clearly laid out in the pocket Gospel! ”*

**Florence M.**

*from Grafton, Massachusetts*

## THE ANSWER FOR FEELING OVERWHELMED

During a recent visit to a nearby mental health clinic to help his son cope with depression, Stephen observed the young office receptionist respond with great patience and kindness as a very disturbed woman screamed and ranted at her for several minutes. Several times in the past, he had seen the receptionist respond with such long-suffering and a good nature toward everyone who came to the office, but also noticed the frazzled look on her face revealing the stress of her job.

That day, the waiting room was crowded with people and the receptionist took the abuse without retaliation. Stephen, with concern and care for the woman, acknowledged,

*“ I could see in her face an expression of being overwhelmed, so after the woman stopped screaming, I walked up to the receptionist’s desk and simply offered her the Gospel of John. She accepted the Gospel with genuine gratitude. ”*

Returning to the clinic for a subsequent visit with his son, Stephen related that upon entering the office he noticed the opened Gospel of John booklet on her desk. He shared,

*“ I approached her and commented  
on the open Gospel of John and she said that  
after a particularly difficult patient,  
she opens the pocket Gospel and draws comfort  
and peace from reading God’s Word. ”*

**Stephen S.**

*from San Antonio, Texas*

## **GOSPELS IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES**

Acknowledging that how she does many things differently in her daily life has changed during the pandemic, Jessica related,

*“ Now I wash my hands before handling Gospels of John and I put each one in a plastic bag before I go out. Wherever I go, I continue to take with me a Gospel in each language available. ”*

As she simply hands out the pocket Gospels, Jessica is excited that she always gets such positive responses from people working in the neighborhood: gardeners, builders, and delivery people in residential areas, as well as others such as those loading and unloading products behind grocery stores. Jessica remembers,

*“ One morning I gave out Gospels in several languages: Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Cambodian ”*

She tells how she simply handed a Korean gospel to a young man who was helping renovate an apartment in her building and asked if she could pray for him or his family. Next, she gave a Vietnamese Gospel to a woman sitting in a sports car in a parking lot and prayed with her. The woman responded with thanks and tears in her eyes.

That same morning, Jessica gave out a Spanish Gospel to a person she passed and then stuck a Cambodian Gospel through the mail slot of a Cambodian restaurant that looked like it had been closed for a while, as she noticed the mail had stacked up on the floor. Jessica prayed for the owners and their business to survive and thrive and is grateful that the Gospels of John are available in so many languages.

**Jessica R.**

*from Long Beach, California*

## TRUE SUSTENANCE

While heading to the feeding program in his neighborhood, Nikolay always has to stop along the way and rest several times to alleviate the pain he has from when he worked in a factory all day. At the age of 78, he has no further means to make a living. So he digs through trash cans for paper and plastic bottles to recycle to earn money to pay for the trip to the feeding program. One of the students compassionately reflects,



*“ We gave Nikolay a Gospel of John to read while he is resting, and he put it in his bag. He carries the pocket Gospel with him everywhere. ”*

Nikolay works relentlessly to get the money he needs to be able to make it to the location where he will be fed by the students. In spite of his physical suffering and tired body, Nikolay knows he will get physical food, and more so, spiritual food for his soul. The students have gotten to know him, and they take care of him when he arrives each time.

The students offer a message of hope in Jesus that sustains him between the visits.

*“ Yes: we provide the food he needs for his body but he is encouraged every day with the true sustenance to life – God’s Word. ”*

**Pavel T. and students**

*from the Ukraine*

## LED BY THE SPIRIT

With a prayerful heart each morning, Alexander asks God to empower him to be led through the Holy Spirit to people with whom he can share his faith and Gospels of John. Alexander interacts with customers on a daily basis at the gas station where he works. He always greets the customers, passersby, and the homeless by beginning with some small talk about the weather and then listens to when the Holy Spirit prompts him to turn the conversation to Christ. Alexander recounts,

*“ I tell them that actually it doesn't matter what the weather will be tomorrow, because the Lord Jesus Christ ultimately controls the weather! Then I simply hand them a pocket Gospel of John and encourage them to read about it. ”*

One day recently, Alexander met a homeless man and started to make small talk about the weather. He revealed,

*“ As I handed him a Gospel of John, he told me his name is Glenn. I decided to ask him if he had a prayer request. ”*

Alexander could sense that Glenn was a struggling believer. He wanted Alexander to pray that he would be free of his meth addiction. After praying for him,

Alexander expressed to Glenn that he would continue praying for him and others who need to be freed from their meth addiction in their area.

That day, Glenn walked away from Alexander with a grateful heart for both the Gospel of John and the prayer. And yes, once again Alexander sensed that God had led him by His Spirit to help someone meet Jesus in a deeper way.

**Alexander P.**

*from Yuba City, California*

## OPENING THE DOOR

During the pandemic and social distancing, David has been trying to think of creative ways to help others meet Jesus with his Gospels of John. So, he decided to reach out to his neighbors. He relays,

*“ I inserted tea bags that would make a large pot of hot or cold tea inside several Gospels of John to give out in my neighborhood of about 45 homes. ”*

David continued telling how he wrapped each of the pocket Gospels like a small package and included his business card with a picture of he and his wife on the front. To complete the small gift, he added a personal handwritten note with their signatures, which read,

*“ This small booklet is a gift to encourage you, our neighbor, during these difficult times. When social distancing is over, let’s have a block party to celebrate! ”*

David went on to express how he walked around his small neighborhood and simply put the Gospel with the

celebration invitation on each doorstep. He conveyed with delight that after distributing the little packets,

*“ I got several ‘Thank You’ responses and agreements to help with the celebration. So, we have opened the door to walk through! ”*

**David**

*from Lakeland, Florida*

## A CHILD'S TREASURE

Having been separated for some time, Layla was finally in the loving custody of her grandmother who had relentlessly searched for her. Her mother lost her to Child Protective Services and because her grandmother Donna wasn't her blood relative, she was not allowed to know where Layla was. Donna remembers,

*“ You see, she had gone to church with me when she was a very young child and given her heart to Jesus. Somehow along the way, during her stay at three different foster homes, Layla had gotten one of her most treasured items: the children's pocket Gospel with the cover 'Jesus: Got Questions?' ”*

Grateful that God placed the children's Gospel in Layla's path, Donna has watched her granddaughter read “Jesus: Got Questions?” frequently and they have discussed how she relies on it often to get her questions answered.

Layla doesn't remember where she got the little pocket Gospel book, but it is her treasure. Her grandmother

has now ordered more children's Gospels for her and Layla recently told her,

*“ I want to be a missionary. I am going to share the pocket Gospels with my friends. ”*

**Donna F. and Layla**

*from Beckville, Texas*

## **A SMALL LIFE HACK**

Wanting to be more efficient for both how he shares his Gospels of John and how the recipient can benefit from the truth inside, Konstantine from Russia came up with what he calls his “small life hack.” He revealed,

*“ I want others to feel like they are really getting a gift when I give them a Gospel of John! So, I wrap them in some pretty craft or gift paper and put them in a beautiful envelope. I also include a special letter written personally by me and with my contact information. ”*

Konstantine describes how this small life hack helps him be efficient, intentional, and prepared with his Gospels and how it is a way for the recipient to feel special when they open the envelope. Wanting to encourage others who share Gospels of John, he explained,

*“ I simply hand the beautiful envelope with the pocket Gospel enclosed to any person I meet on the street or interact with for a short time. Sometimes before giving the Gospel envelope, I offer to do something kind to help them. ”*

He has prepared the recipients for a special time to open their gift. He always requests that they open the envelope at a time when they are at home, alone, and in a calm atmosphere so that nothing will disturb them. He wants them to know that they are opening the most special gift they will ever receive in their life.

**Konstantine**

*from the Russian Federation*

## RESPONDING TO THE NUDGE

Carrying the Gospels of John with him every day in the car he drives for work, one day Niccolai picked up a young lady at a mental therapy clinic where she was a patient. Niccolai remembers,

*“ I always pray and ask the Lord to guide me in sharing the pocket Gospels. That day I felt the Lord nudge me to give one to this young lady. ”*

Waiting for the right moment, Niccolai reached for one of his Gospels so he would be prepared to give it to her when the Lord opened the opportunity. And the moment arrived. He shared,

*“ I waited for the right moment and we got stuck at a long red light; so I went for it! I simply handed her the Gospel of John and told her that I felt God wanted me to give it to her. ”*

Niccolai also shared John 14:6 with the young lady. She seemed to carefully listen to him as he told her about Jesus' love for her and how He is the way, truth, and life to the Father. She kindly accepted the pocket Gospel and thanked him. As she left the car, Niccolai prayed for her with confidence that she is in God's hands now and He will take her to the next step to getting saved.

**Rev. Niccolai**

*from Mesa, Arizona*

## **A STRATEGY FOR SHARING**

With prayer and a strategy for helping people meet Jesus, Chuck and his co-laborers take Gospels of John to the streets and boardwalks in his local area. Chuck relates,

*“ Once people engage in conversations with us, we always give Gospels of John to them. There’s no pressure; we just simply offer them the story of Jesus written by His best friend, John. ”*

Additionally, Chuck explains how he and his friends take a moment to show people the Bridge Diagram in the front of the Gospel of John and have them read aloud a few of the key Scriptures in order to get them interested in the power of the Word. Chuck related,

*“ I challenge them to read just 2 pages of the Gospel each day and if they do, they will finish the Gospel of John before the end of the month. ”*

Chuck always likes to have an assortment of 4 to 6 covers with him so he can let them choose a cover they like. He expressed,

*“ It’s amazing how people, especially teenagers, are drawn to certain Gospel covers and squeal with delight, I like this one!”*

Chuck knows that they are more likely to read the Gospel if it’s the cover they chose for themselves and this is an important part of his strategy when sharing the Gospels of John.

**Chuck H.**

*from Stockton, New Jersey*

## FOLLOW ME

**Jesus loves people and people are curious about Jesus. Jesus' solution is simple. Follow me. For centuries, people have been doing just that, following Jesus.**

Becoming a follower of Jesus is only the beginning of an exciting journey. Jesus called it being “born again” (see John 3:3). It means that you now have a personal relationship with God as your heavenly Father. You are not alone. God sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to be your Counselor, to guide you into all truth (see John 14:26; 15:26; and 16:12-15). He will help you live each day for God and to accept the changes He wants to make in your life. You can depend on His power to enable you to grow as a follower of Jesus.

Being a follower of Jesus involves a whole new life. Start now:

- ✓ **READ** a part of the Bible each day.
- ✓ **PRAY** daily; talk to God as you would a close friend.
- ✓ **WORSHIP** God by attending a church where the Bible is taught.
- ✓ **JOIN** with other followers for support and encouragement.
- ✓ **SHARE** your faith in Christ by offering people one of these Gospels.

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- † The necessity of the new birth for entering the Kingdom of God, as described in John 3.
- † The obligation upon all believers to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ and to seek the salvation of others.

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As Christ-followers, we are facing more challenges today than ever before – challenges working to prevent us from sharing our faith. COVID-19, cancel culture, political uncertainty – it's scary to think about where this world could be headed.

Our only hope is Jesus. That's why together, we are building a movement. A movement of Christ-followers who are sharing Jesus.

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In the first two years, we have already reached 12.5 Million people with plans to reach 30 Million in the next three years. During this time we have received over 8,000 stories. We love sharing stories. Our beginnings start with a story. The story of Helen, a 12-year-old girl who brought her Bible to school to read with her friend. That simple act of trust in God's Word launched a movement that continues today to invite millions of people to consider the person of Jesus.

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