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So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed

John 8:36

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Dear League Member,

It gives me great joy to share this report with all of you – we are two years into our BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS GOAL of reaching 30 million people in 3 years.

These past two years have been amazing! – they truly have been the Years of Hope.

Why would I dare make such a declaration, especially these two past years? Because brave and courageous followers of Jesus continue to answer His command to “Go and Make”. And as I speak with them, pray with them, and listen to them – the word Hope resonates.

To be clear, each individual situation is different and for many very difficult. Some face extreme violence. Others face governments that each day increase restrictions they must overcome. Still others are caught up in a multi-century culture of exploitation. Yet in every situation, they share their determination to share Jesus – HE IS THE TRUE HOPE.

And it works. This year, more than 10 million people will be invited to meet Jesus – with the very living Word of God. Stories have poured in. Stories from our Members, stories from Partners, and even stories from those who have downloaded the READ CARRY SHARE® APP.

When I consider these 10 million in 2022 alongside the 8.6 million invited in 2021 – that means almost 19 million people of our 30 million goal have been reached!

I try and wrap my mind around that number. One way to think about it is that every hour, of every day, for the last 730 days – almost 1,100 people are engaged with a Gospel of John.

But it is each person that is important. Many a preacher has said, “If you were the only person on the planet, Jesus would have come and died for you.” God loves us one-by-one.

The following pages highlight how the Hope of Jesus is being shared with the world — through stories sent to us by League Members, key partners, and the people who live in some the world’s most persecuted countries.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you. You give me hope — hope that we can respond to the challenges God has laid before us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David J. Collum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Collum

A TEN YEAR VISION TO SHARE JESUS FROM 2019 - 2028

In 2022, you fueled 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 us in sharing the hope of Jesus.** In the last four years, because of the courage, faithfulness, and investment of League Members like you, Jesus is shared. Lives are saved. How does this happen?

It starts with **READING...**



77.9 Million+

daily engagements of people reading
the Word of God

Which leads to **CARRYING...**



35,433

people using this simple repeatable method

That results in **SHARING . . . INVITING**



25.6 Million+

people to be reached with the Word of God

In **OVER...**



240+

countries reached with the Gospel

ALL OF THIS TAKES A COMMUNITY — MEET YOUR COMMUNITY

League Members are in community with each other, connected to one another over the Hope of Jesus and passionate about sharing God's word. We partnered with Liberty University and the Barna Group to get insight into our community.

What characteristics are found in our community of League Members and Partners?

Generous:



100 percent of Members' Sponsorship
requests were fulfilled this year.

Consistent:



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.

Courageous:



20% More Likely To Share Their Faith

weekly than born-again Christians nationwide.

Influencers:



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.

In fact,



8,606

new Members joined the Team this year

Leading to



11,495+

stories of lives changed reported

But it doesn't stop there...

PARTNERS IN UNLIKELY PLACES ARE STEPPING ON THE GAS

The League's network includes partners from all over the globe, who love Jesus, love God's Word, and have a heart for the lost. They are reading, carrying, and sharing God's Word. The League partners with people.

...people who are like Daniel who we read of in the Bible!

People God has placed in strategic positions, leading ministries, businesses, and key parts of government — to share God's Word using their networks.

These partnerships accelerate reaching the world for Christ.

**From 2019 through 2022, hundreds of Partners
Invited More Than 25 Million People to meet Jesus.**

- Reaching America
- The Continent of Africa
- Russia, Ukraine, and throughout Eastern Europe
- China
- India
- Pakistan / Afghanistan / The Greater Middle East
- Every country in the 10x40 Window

And they are just getting started!

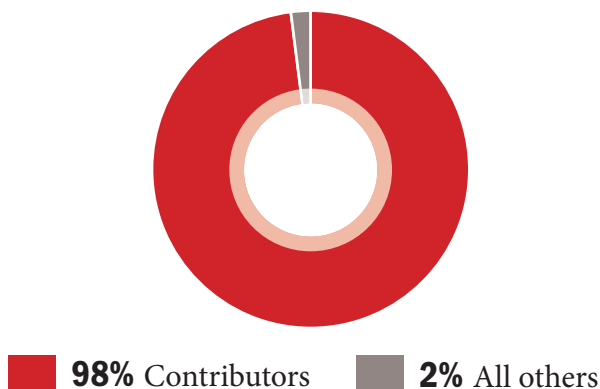
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

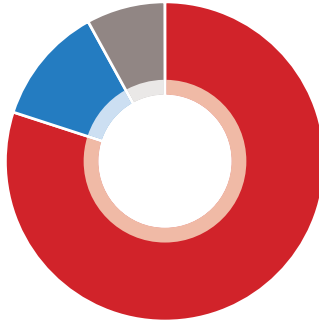
Our team is virtual. No building, minimum overhead, with a constant focus on cost-effective excellence.




In fact, almost 80% of PTI'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.

2022 OPERATIONS SUPPORT & REVENUE



2022 OPERATING EXPENSES



-  **79%** Ministry expenses
-  **13%** 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.

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INSPIRING STORIES

Most of us, as Christians, struggle to share Jesus. It leaves us feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, or even guilty. At The Pocket Testament League, we understand. That's why we created a simple method to sharing Jesus that works for anyone.

It all starts with the Gospel of John.

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.

REACH AMERICA

THE GOSPEL IS FOR SHARING

Elwin was a new Christian. Nurturing his baby faith, a man from his church Bible class gave him a Pocket Gospel of John and taught him that the Gospel is for sharing.

Elwin promised he would personally hand the Gospel to someone so they too could meet Jesus. Each day for a week, Elwin put the Gospel in his shirt pocket and carried it with him. Then he moved the Gospel to the inside of his briefcase. Every time he opened his case he'd see the pocket Gospel calling out to him and he longed to share it with someone.

Being in the insurance business, Elwin made lots of phone calls. One day he called Virginia, an elderly woman who wanted to discuss her insurance policy. She answered but was sobbing so hard he could barely understand her. Drowning in a sea of grief, Virginia told Elwin that her husband had just died.

Elwin looked down and saw the Gospel of John booklet in his case. He picked it up and began to read a randomly selected section to her over the phone. The Word soothed her broken heart and began to calm her body and soul.

For the first time, Elwin shared his faith by handing Virginia that pocket Gospel when they met in person. Not long after their meeting, he had a follow-up appointment scheduled with Virginia but couldn't reach her. Her daughter called him to say Virginia had been admitted to the hospital and shortly after had died. She revealed that the dust of life had been washed from her mom's soul and she became a changed person after he shared the Gospel of John with her.

Elwin J

from Egg Harbor Township, NJ

JOYFUL

*Carol sat on the end of the bed staring into space,
remembering how joyful her son was, and how
much he loved Jesus and reading His Word.*

Clutched tightly in her hand was an old, extremely soiled and tattered pocket Gospel of John.

Carol had found the Gospel booklet amongst her son's personal belongings shortly after he died and went to be with Jesus. She recalled how he always carried the little book with him.

*Carol decided to open the Gospel booklet and read
it...the words promising God's hope and peace.*

Carol not only wanted this hope and peace for herself, but she wanted to pass it on to the rest of her family. She decided to order Gospels of John for all of her grandchildren. She selected the cover *Joyful* because as she finished reading the Gospel, Carol began to experience a joy she had never known before.

Carol B

from Venice, FL

GOD’S WORD IS TRULY ALIVE

Ron had given his young accountant friend in Boston a pocket Gospel of John with the cover title “The Most Important CEO in the Universe Would Like A Word With You”. Ron was aware that his Christian friend was dating a law student from a Hindu family. He suggested to his friend that perhaps she might be willing to read the Gospel of John.

Delighted and surprised, the next evening Ron received a call from his friend saying that the young Indian woman had read the Gospel and given her life to Christ! Now she had more questions about her faith and new relationship with Jesus. Ron and his friend exclaimed together, “God’s Word is truly ALIVE!”

Ron H

from Lancaster, PA

A SIMPLE THANK YOU

Pastor Dale read the simple thank you note describing how the unnamed man had read the Gospel of John and was compelled to give his life to Jesus. Not knowing anything more about the man than that he had received a pocket Gospel from their church, read it and given his life to Christ... once again Dale was in awe of how God works to draw people to Himself. He described,

*The unnamed man had received a Gospel of John
from our church. The postmark on the envelope
revealed that the short note he penned
was from out of state.*

*In spite of how the man had received the Gospel
booklet, it drew him to give his life to Jesus.*

Pastor Dale makes sure that the church always has a supply of pocket Gospels available for people to take. The members were blessed when they learned of the man's note and grateful for how God is working through their church. The note acknowledged them for providing the Gospel of John so that he could meet Jesus. It was a simple... Thank You.

Pastor Dale W

from Long Beach, CA

A SIMPLE BUT MUCH NEEDED ENCOUNTER

As Anne simply handed a pocket Gospel of John to Alan, he took it gladly, saying, "I need this."

Anne began to engage him in conversation, asking Alan if he was familiar with the Bible. He replied that he knew about it but had never read one. Anne revealed,

As we talked a little more and I showed him the opening pages of the Gospel booklet, he made this surprising comment: "Maybe it will help ease my depression and anxiety."

Anne told Alan that the Gospel will show him the way to be made new in Christ. Since he was installing a new garage door for her, she didn't want to keep Alan from his job... but, she urged him to be sure to read the Gospel booklet and told him she would be praying for him.

It was a short simple encounter. As Anne walked away encouraging him not to forget to read the Gospel, Alan held up the booklet and again he said, "I will; I need this."

Anne S

from Newport News, VA

A HEARTFELT LEGACY

Elenn's thoughts crossed through time thinking of her father, Jerome, ruminating on his love...

... for The Lord, God's Word and helping others meet Jesus with the Gospels of John.

She had just discovered a donation tucked into a PTL envelope, waiting to be sent. Elenn had found the envelope amongst her father's personal papers while going through some of his things after he died and went to be with Jesus. She recalled how he always told her about The League's ministry to the world.

Elenn decided to mail her father's last donation to the League with a note describing how PTL was one of his top 10 ministries to support. He had often told her about The League.

Elenn's father shared Gospels at home and abroad; in his dentist's office, in the local hospitals and at the nearby university where several international students read the Gospel, prayed for Jesus to forgive their sins and be their Savior and Lord. He even taught people at his church, as well as pastors from other churches, how to share the PTL pocket Gospels.

At that point, Elenn made her own decision about The League. She decided to give a personal donation to PTL and carry on the heartfelt legacy of her father.

Elenn P

from Livonia, MI

SO MANY STILL HAVEN'T HEARD

Helen is motivated by sadness because there are so many people in her neighborhood and city who still haven't heard about Jesus! She shared that those she meets are eager to receive the little pocket Gospel.

Helen is realizing that people everywhere are desperate, and hungry for God's Word— from those working in stores, at the hospital, and even neighbors. Her own neighbor and long-time friend recently passed away from cancer, but prior to her death, one day she stopped Helen in the lobby of their building and said she was dying. Helen recounted,

*As we spoke she looked at me with such sad
hopelessness; almost saying I surrender.
That moment was the perfect time to invite
her to give her life to the Lord. Right there in the
busy lobby, with a pocket Gospel, my friend
gave her heart to Christ.*

Helen declared that she is dedicated to giving out the Gospel of John because there are so many who still haven't heard about Jesus.

Helen B

from New York, NY

HISTORY AND CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

Carolyn's parents were former missionaries who partnered with the League in Viet Nam during the war. Her dad, John, distributed vast amounts of PTL pocket Gospels to the Vietnamese soldiers. Also, being considered a "War Correspondent," Carolyn's dad was allowed military flight and was often behind the lines. Carolyn recalled,

The American military would fly him in their big helicopters into some of the most dangerous war zones so he could pass out the pocket Gospels.

Carolyn revealed that there is no telling how many people came to Christ through the many cartons of Gospels that he handed to both Vietnamese and American soldiers so they could meet Jesus. His last day alive on this earth, John was in Europe. He gave out Gospels of John all day long and that night went to be with Jesus.

Carolyn confided that her dad implanted in his daughter a love of the Word of God and she is carrying on the tradition.

Carolyn shares the Gospels with unbelievers, as well as with the children in the kid's choir at her church. She gives out children's Gospels, along with Cadbury candy and the story of Helen Cadbury.

Carolyn H

from Olympia, WA

GOD'S WORD MULTIPLIED AND ALIVE

Marilyn describes herself as a devoted Christ follower and since she became a Member of the League she has dedicated herself to learning all she can about how to help people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John. Marilyn has taken the PTL courses "The 21 Day Challenge" and "Life in His Name" to be more prepared to share her Gospels. She disclosed,

I am committed to seeing God's Word multiplied and alive in my area. I gave two Gospel of John booklets to a woman who had just given her life to Christ. The woman shared the first one of the Gospels with a homeless man.

The woman told Marilyn that she offered the other Gospel to a man who has a prayer ministry. Marilyn was elated to learn,

*The man with the prayer Ministry asked for
100 Gospels of John to share when he goes out to
provide prayer at community events.*

Marilyn has seen that just by sharing with one woman, the multiplication of God's Word is already alive in Helena, Montana!

Marilyn L

from Helena, MT

TAKING JESUS TO THE HOMELESS

After being brought up in a Christian home, going astray and ending up in prison, Jack got what he says is a wake-up call to return to Jesus. He went full circle, gave his heart back to Jesus and returned to his Christian family and roots... just like the prodigal son. Jack confessed,

God turned me completely around, gave me a new start, a Christian wife, and a good life. This led me to want to help the homeless and poor.

Jack decided to keep what he is doing private... between himself and God. He didn't even tell his wife for a long time. He takes food and Gospels to the homeless he sees on the streets. He takes the time to talk about Jesus to those who are down and out in life. He shares his past life, struggles, and how he too was homeless with nothing.

Once each person sees that Jack understands their life and struggles from his own experience, he tells them that there is light at the end of the tunnel... Jesus.

The Gospel of John is small and simple so these homeless folks Jack spends time with can understand God cares about them.

Jack M

from Puyallup, WA

NOT ALONE

Carlos is one of the many who have been invited to meet Jesus with a Gospel of John since several years ago, Pastors Lori and Jesse, not affiliated with a church, decided rather to start a ministry to bring the church into their community; reaching out to the homeless and veterans. They described,

One important observation we made is that the homeless are grateful when we take time to show we care enough to offer hope in the midst of their difficult circumstances. That's what Carlos told us.

When they met, Carlos was a young man plagued with an addiction problem and living on the streets. Jesse and Lori spent time with him, and Carlos opened up to them. He shared what had brought him to this point. Lori described,

We made the effort to befriend Carlos, offer him the Word of God in the Gospel of John and pray for him. His life is a long hard road, but he now knows that he is not alone.

Listening to people on the streets, praying for them and simply inviting them to meet Jesus in the Gospel of John is the most critical part of Pastors Jesse and Lori's ministry as they serve their community.

Pastors Jesse and Lori D

from Turlock, CA

PRAYER WARRIOR

Each time I prepare to give out Gospels, I first pray. I never imagined that my desire to put the Gospel of John into the hands of those around me would turn into a prayer ministry.

I give the Gospel of John to members of our ice hockey team every 16 games as new players join each new session. I write inside the front cover to each individual, committing to pray for them on a certain day of the week, every week while we are a team. I then ask for prayer requests and give my phone number and email address.

Giving someone a Gospel of John and letting them know I am praying for them has more impact than I ever imagined. I have lots of stories.

Recently I gave a pocket Gospel to a man on our team and prayed for him and his family weekly. He has a college age daughter who was hit by a car and survived without much injury. When it happened, he thanked me again for the Gospel booklet and told me that he immediately thought of me praying for them.

If it were not for these pocket Gospels of John and my desire to share them with others, I don't think it would have occurred to me to start a prayer ministry to my teammates.

Gerry P

from South Park, PA

ON VACATION

“For me, really?” “That’s so sweet. “You made my day.”

That’s what people said, with their faces lit up, as Marlene handed them Gospels of John and treats.

Many young people, and older alike, were so surprised to receive a thoughtful free gift. Marlene told,

I’m was so excited to share the Gospels while on vacation. We went to Florida, South Carolina and Georgia and handed out over 500 Gospels of John and candy in zip lock bags.

Marlene recalled that simply giving out the Gospels for people to read and meet Jesus is a wonderful way to serve God while enjoying vacation-time and bringing joy to so many people! She conveyed,

Only one man didn't take the Gospel, as he revealed he is already saved. He encouraged us to please keep sharing the Gospel as we were doing. And I did, I gave a Gospel of John to every person we came in contact with.

Marlene gave Gospels to hotel staff, tour guides, national park staff, every gas station attendant when they stopped, fellow vacationers, and at every place where they ate out during their 2-week vacation.

She was able to invite many people to meet Jesus... and while on vacation!

Marlene W

from Redding, CA

HEARTFELT GOSPEL

Praying that morning over several of her pocket Gospels of John, Diane tucked them into her bag, ready to take them wherever God would lead her. She ran several errands and gave out most of her Gospels. She needed to pick up something from a shopping center, and she felt compelled to go to a center she doesn't normally visit.

She entered the center, headed toward the store she was planning to visit and passed a couple taking a photo of their little girl. Diane recalled,

*I didn't want to interfere with the family,
so I offered the Gospel to another man
I saw nearby. He refused it.*

Diane decided to go back and offer the pocket Gospel to the couple with the little girl. They were foreigners and spoke in broken English.

*I asked if they'd like a Gospel of John and the
man said the word, "John?" as if asking a question.
As he took the booklet, he held it to his heart.*

He told Diane that he used to be a very mean person and years ago his wife told him that unless Jesus was in his heart she never wanted to see him again. He told her how the Lord changed him many years ago.

*The man told me that he wants to be like me and
share the Gospels of John. I introduced him to The
League and how to order his own Gospels to share.
He was still holding the Gospel to his heart.*

Diane C

from Crofton, MD

A HOME IN JESUS

It's pretty hard for homeless people who have lost everything. We don't always know what to say to a homeless person, but we can let God talk to them through His Words in the Gospel of John. Robert disclosed,

While on my way to work each day, I faithfully give the PTL Gospels to the homeless who are on street corners. My package includes a Gospel of John, several practical items and food.

Robert has witnessed people who open the bag immediately and start reading the first few pages of the Gospel. Then they have looked over at him and nodded with a warm smile.

Robert D

from Irvine, CA

GENTLE PERSISTENCE

Michael simply offered a Gospel of John to Hans, a young 22 year old Afghan man... Hans was adamant when he said NO.

Hans then launched his anger against the United States. He also began to expound his belief that Jesus was

just a prophet, but not God. He had a lot of anger and bitterness. Michael recounted,

I felt from the Lord not to argue. He had said “no,” to the offer of a Gospel, but we talked. Actually, I mostly listened to him.

As their conversation progressed, Hans told Michael that he didn’t dislike him per se, or those who he considered normal Americans, but he was angry with the government. After a while, their exchange shifted to be mainly about Jesus. Hans maintained the Islamic view.

Hans told me that if I would study Islam, and dig into it, I would see that it’s true. So, I told him if he studies this Gospel, and looks into it, he can see if it’s really true too.

With Han’s anger and defensiveness slowly dissipating, the two men ended on a friendly note. Michael confided,

I offered Hans a Gospel again, and he took it, saying, “I’ll read that. I hope I will meet you again.” I replied, “I hope I’ll see you again too.” Hans rode away on his bicycle and was glad I had been gently persistent.

Michael B

from Lebanon, PA

I NEEDED TO HEAR THAT

Some people just don't seem to care that they are rude when they cut in front of you. I was already feeling unvalued and unimportant when a woman cut in front of me in the grocery store.

Then, a fleeting fugitive, she whisked herself away saying something about going to get ice cream and it won't take long. Allowing some flat but raspy sounds to follow after her, I told her not to worry as I wasn't in a hurry. She returned in a moment, as she said she would, and reaching into her bag she retrieved a little booklet which she simply held out to me.

She told me it was a gift for my kindness... A Gospel of John, and she read the words aloud to me that were printed on the cover, "You're worth more than you could ever imagine".

A smile began to stretch across and smooth out the crumpled paper of my face. I really needed to hear that! And so, I mustered up the courage to tell her. The woman asked me my name and told me her name is Trish. Then she asked if she could pray for me.

So right there in the store, with ice cream in her hand and the Gospel of John clutched in mine, she prayed for me to know how much Jesus values me.

Trish C

from Carmichael, CA

A LIFE-CHANGING OUTCOME

Jess has the same heart as all who are connected to the League; he loves Jesus, he loves God's Word and he is dedicated to being part of a community of believers who care about helping people meet Jesus with the pocket Gospels of John. Jess placed his first order of Gospels and conveyed,

I have several friends who are atheist or agnostic. Getting them to read the Bible seems like a big ask. Asking them to read one Gospel in a small pocket booklet is different.

Praying for Christ to shine through him, Jess is sharing in his personal spheres of influence. He simply offers the Gospel to his friends who, like all, are traveling this rocky road of life. Jess knows,

Instead of asking my friends to read the Bible, the Gospel of John booklet, that also includes a clear Gospel explanation, feels like a smaller ask that will have a life-changing outcome!

Jess J

from Baton Rouge, LA

THE GOSPEL SPEAKS

Jason's city opened a park where the homeless can camp, without being cited, if the shelters are full. It has over a hundred tents and two hundred residents. Jason, his wife Angela and others are ministering to their physical and spiritual needs with practical supplies and the pocket Gospels of John. Since there is no electricity at the park, they brought a battery charger that can charge more than 30 phones at once. Jason relayed:

I have my 4 covers of PTL Gospels of John to the left of the battery charger: "Bright Hope for Tomorrow, Finding Hope, You Are Not Forgotten, and He Can Heal."

Jason offers for people to take the Gospels when they are curious and start to look at the booklets. Sometimes he is able to have a conversation about what the Gospel of John is.

According to Jason, he and the other volunteers have chosen to step out in faith and share God's love even when they don't have the exact words to say.

I've cried many tears with those experiencing homelessness. I can charge a phone or purchase a meal but the most important thing I can do is simply offer them the Gospel and let God speak.

Jason R

from Modesto, CA

A NEW WOMAN

*"I feel like a new woman!" She said again,
"I feel like a new woman!"*

That was the response from Carolyn after she prayed for Christ to be her Savior. Pastor Nick had just shared the Gospel with her, and Carolyn's heart was opened to be transformed by Jesus. Pastor Nick conveyed,

We were in a store and Carolyn was giving out samples of yogurt. I approached her to get a sample and she asked me, "How are you today?" I said, "I'm blessed and highly favored of the Lord!" She replied, "So am I."

Nick began a conversation with Carolyn and discovered that she did not know the Gospel, nor did she really understand that Jesus had died for her so that she could live eternally in Heaven. He began to share the Gospel of John with her and asked if she would like to pray for Christ to be her Savior. After praying, he told her that her name is now written in God's Book of Life in Heaven! Pastor Nick recounted,

After praying, Carolyn told me she felt so much like a new woman that she just wanted to run around the store! Carolyn just kept repeating, "I feel like a new woman!"

Pastor Nick K

from Brooklyn Park, MN

HOPE NEEDED

Hope in Christ is not just wishful thinking, but is built on the certainty of who our God is.

Being a new pastor of a mission church to Native American Pueblo tribes in New Mexico, Robin and her husband have shared the Gospels of John and hope in Christ with their church members. She also shares Gospels when she is out running errands. Recently Robin recounted,

I took Gospels of John with me when I went out shopping. I asked the Lord to show me who to give a Gospel to. I felt the Holy Spirit prompt me to approach the cashier.

Robin prayed for an open door, the right words to say, and for God to show her something about the cashier's need. Robin revealed,

I felt God impressing upon me that she needed hope and I had a Gospel of John with the word "Hope" on the cover with me. So, I approached the cashier when no one was behind me in line, I paid for my purchase and handed her the pocket Gospel.

Robin told the cashier that The Lord told her to give her the booklet because she needs hope. The woman looked into Robin's eyes and replied, "I do need hope! It's as if you could read my mind." Robin explained that this Gospel from the Bible will give her hope and encouraged her to read it. The woman became emotional and said she felt like crying because she really did need hope.

Robin S

from San Fidel, NM

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK YOU WILL EVER READ

Pastor Stephen encourages his congregation to help people meet Jesus by simply handing someone a pocket Gospel. He and his church members give Gospels of John out on a regular basis.

Recently Stephen handed a Gospel of John to a man at the Gas Pump. As the man received the pocket Gospel, he asked about the contents. This started a short but powerful three-minute conversation between the two men.

Stephen didn't reveal to the man that he is a pastor, but instead just began to encourage him to read it. He told the man that it is the Word of God and the most important book you will ever read. He pointed out the pages in the front of the booklet and the simple diagram. Then he explained that in only 10 minutes the man can read everything Jesus said in all of the bolded words in the whole booklet.

The man commented on the beautiful cover and how great it is to have God's Words in such a small booklet that is a keepsake.

Stephen agreed that it is truly a keepsake and people don't usually throw away books. Before they parted,

Stephen told the man a quick story about how one day he was leaving a restaurant after his meal and the waiter followed him out to give the Gospel book back to him. He had seen it on the table and thought it looked like an important book. Stephen told the waiter that it is the most important book you will ever read and he left it as a gift for him.

Pastor Stephen S

from Laramie, WY

NO ONE IS FORGOTTEN

Rev Robert and Lance see The Pocket Testament League as a true partner in ministry—joining together to reach flood victims, comforting them and drawing toward Christ these sufferers of catastrophe and hardship.

Weekly, Rev Robert and Lance have been making the 4-hour trip from northern to eastern Kentucky to bring aid to the flood victims. Once they arrive, they make up buckets with food, personal hygiene essentials, cleaning supplies, and most importantly—every bucket has at least two pocket Gospels of John for every family. Rev Robert described,

*The people we help are so happy and
thankful to receive the Gospels. They especially are
grateful to receive the Gospels with the cover
“You Are Not Forgotten!”*

While enroute to the flood area, Robert takes every opportunity to help someone along the way meet Jesus with the Gospel of John. He simply gives them, as a free gift, to waitresses, waiters and restaurant patrons when they stop to eat. The other day, while headed to their destination, they had to stop and wait for 15 minutes at a road construction site.

*When they finally were flagged through,
they offered a Gospel to the flag lady. She shrilled
with delight that receiving the Gospel made her day!
No one was forgotten.*

Rev Robert B

from Wilder, KY

GOD IS FAITHFUL

After a Sunday sermon, Sarah felt compelled to have a conversation and share Christ with a friend. Sarah confessed that although she gives out Gospels— actually sharing the Gospel in conversation is difficult and sadly rare for her.

*They had scheduled the time for the get together.
However, when the day of the meeting arrived,
Sarah felt tired all day. After work all she wanted to
do was sleep and be a couch-potato.*

Sarah had shared Christ with this friend before, so she didn't think her friend would accept yet another Gospel of John. Still, she put one in her bag to give herself courage and clarity in sharing. When she got home from work, Sarah's mom pointed her to the coffee pot, and they prayed together. Sarah recalled,

*My conversation with my friend went amazingly! I
know the Lord Jesus is at work in her life, but God
also used the experience to strengthen me as well.*

Sarah saw how God is faithful to her— when she steps out in faith. He gave her the courage, clarity, energy, and the words she needed. She confided,

*As our conversation neared an end, I shared the
Gospel message with my friend by using the Gospel
of John. I was surprised and pleased that she took
the pocket Gospel that I offered her.*

Sarah M

from Bedford, VA

MESSENGER IN THE HOSPITAL

At 75 years of age, and during what Jeremy calls his “golden years”, his path seems to cross with many in the medical field. He has had 8 surgeries with the most recent being knee replacements.

Jeremy likes to have a plan for sharing his Gospels, so he prays for the right moment and with being in a medical environment much of the time, he makes sure he has plenty of Gospels that might appeal to doctors and medical staff. One Gospel cover he has kept handy is “A Story for Your Heart”.

Jeremy feels God will do the work in each person’s heart if they read the Gospel. He has often shared Gospels all along the way and in the halls right up until it was time for them to prep him for the surgery.

Once before surgery the Lord prompted him to take quite a few Gospels with him to the hospital. He had enough Gospels to share with everyone right up until the surgery.

He gave them to the person at check-in, the nurses, the person pushing the bed, and the doctor performing the surgery. Jeremy is the messenger in the hospital, and he lets the Lord use his Word to speak to people's hearts.

Jeremy C

from Chicago, IL

A CHURCH IN ACTION

We are the body of Christ taking the Gospels of John to those around us. Our church members are taking advantage of the PTL Evangelism Boot Camp and together we have met every month for more than a year to evangelize in our community.

As Evangelism Director, I keep our small church supplied with Gospels of John in the literature rack for greeting newcomers and supplying long-term members for evangelism.

We have shared hundreds of Gospels and they are always well received. Our members actively engage in simply handing someone the Gospel and being soul winners on a daily basis in everyday life.

We share the Gospels with our prayer groups. We use them to thank people who have served us in restaurants, stores and places of commerce. Many of our Members partner with Celebrate Recovery to put a Gospel of John in Manna Bags with food, clothes and toiletries to give out to the homeless; asking their names and praying for them.

The Gospels of John tell the complete story of salvation with a decision opportunity to share with an unbeliever. I feel assured knowing our church members are taking action with the Word of God in hand.

Joy C, Church Evangelism Director

from Alpine, CA

THE REAL MULLIGAN

*Everyone needs a do-over...
A “mulligan” in golf terminology.*

Golf Coach and organizer of middle school FCA golf teams, Chris works with 100 student athletes. The PTL Mulligan Gospels are the perfect cover for starting a conversation about a do-over. Chris revealed,

I handed out the Gospels to my middle school FCA golf team; Guardian Golf. I marveled to see these kiddos read God's word out loud on the golf course. The students were so happy because the Gospel is small enough to fit in their golf bags.

Chris also handed each of the 30 eighth grade kids from South Adams Middle School a stack of 20 gospels. These Fellowship of Christian Athletes club members were encouraged to simply hand the booklets to other students around the campus, have conversations, invite kids to read the Gospel and join the FCA huddle group during lunch. Chris exclaimed,

It was pleasing to see these little Gospel booklets in small hands throughout the halls at school. People like free stuff; and the Gospel is the free gift of salvation—The Real Mulligan!

Chris T

from Berne, Indiana

WHAT LIFE REALLY DEPENDS ON

Christy gives Gospels of John to people the Lord puts on her heart. She carries the Gospels with her in her purse and car. Additionally, Christy keeps Gospels close to her door when she knows she'll be getting deliveries; so

she can hand a Gospel to each delivery person. Christy confided,

I pray in advance for the people God puts in my path, and I believe the Holy Spirit is working in their lives. I trust God that they are ready to receive His Word.

Christy recalled the day she gave a Gospel to one young man who delivered some groceries to her home. She noticed how gladly he accepted it and that he told her he was excited to read it in between his deliveries. She declared,

I am praying for that young man to have his life changed for eternity when he reads the Gospel of John

Christy F

from N Fort Myers, FL

HEAVENLY WINGS

Wings of faith, flight attendant, Sue had been sharing both what God's been doing in her life and the Gospels of John with a few people.

And now, Sue has decided to go a step further by giving everyone she meets a pocket Gospel to make sure they know how to get to Heaven. Soaring with her own wings, Sue confided,

I'm letting them know there are two final destinations the Bible speaks about: Heaven or hell... and I let them know this Gospel will clearly explain how to get to Heaven.

Flying high without looking down... Sue has created a little cardboard box, shaped like a suitcase, with a world map on it; filled with candy and a Gospel of John. Sue revealed with joy,

I'm giving Gospels out to both flight crew members, as well as to all I come in contact with. I want everyone to know how to get to Heaven.

Sue M

from West Chester, PA

EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE

Susan couldn't help but notice the young pregnant homeless woman who sat on the highway exit ramp, slumped with her face buried into the crook of her husband's arm. They looked so hopeless. With compassion surging from her heart, Susan was compelled. She revealed,

God moved me to bless them. I put some money in a Gospel of John booklet and gave it to them. Then I went down the street to buy them meals.

As Susan re-approached the couple, she observed them reading the Gospel together and the woman was crying, but her face seemed radiant. Susan lowered her car window, held up the food and as the man received the gift, Susan asked him if they had a question she could answer. Susan recounted,

The man smiled and said the Gospel book answered all of their questions. He thanked me and said they had prayed for Jesus to be in their lives, and they felt better than they had for a long time.

Susan asked their names, promising to pray for them and their baby. She offered help and her church information, as well as her own. The two thanked Susan

for giving them the Gospel and the couple confided that for the first time they were excited for their future.

Susan B

from Jacksonville, FL

THE DOLLAR MINISTRY

Several years ago, Pascual's wife and he were homeless and bound by drug addiction. Jesus delivered and set them free from this bondage! Now, he is a driver for a substance abuse program for females, and he encounters a lot of homeless people. Pascual shared his current story and how he has a "Dollar Ministry,"

*My heart goes out to the homeless, and
God put in my heart the idea for a ministry.
I highlight John 3:16, include a flyer to my church.
I also highlight John 14:6, placing a dollar there,
and then share the Gospels of John.*

Pascual approached a homeless man today. And, as always, he introduced himself and asked the man's name. Pascual wrote the man's name down while explaining that his church members and he will be praying for him. Pascual conveyed,

I told the man that Jesus loves him and has not forgotten about him. I simply handed him the Gospel and encouraged him to read it; especially the highlighted verse where the dollar has been placed.

Trusting God to work in their hearts, Pascual continues to pray for this man and everyone he gives the Gospel of John.

Pascual A

from Fresno, CA

GOD KNOWS

A pool of water filled her eyes as the woman started to cry. She couldn't speak and Bridget didn't know what she was thinking. Bridget had simply handed her a Gospel of John and asked her if she knew Jesus.

Setting out that morning to share her faith with the Gospels of John, Bridget went about her activities for the day. And this day, while in a public place, the woman had caught her attention. Bridget felt the Holy Spirit leading her, so she approached the woman and held out the pocket Gospel to her. Bridget confided,

I keep the Gospels of John in my purse and car at all times, and that way I always have them on hand. I share Gospels with people from all walks of life, everywhere I go.

Bridget feels that it really helps having the Gospel in hand and it makes it easier to start up conversation. But in this case, there was no conversation. The woman merely nodded thank you, clutching the Gospel to her chest as she walked away. Pondering, Bridget disclosed,

God knows this situation and I'm thankful I had a Gospel to give her. I know she is equipped with the soul saving words of God and God knows that long after we parted, she is able to read His Words to her.

Bridget G

from Raleigh, NC

CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR WITH THE GOSPELS

Joe is a very enthusiastic ambassador for Christ. While sharing his faith in Jesus he is grateful to have the Gospel of John in various forms to share with others. Joe revealed,

I shared the link to the pdf Gospel of John on two of my Facebook profiles; one is personal and the other is for a group. Immediately I had ten views in less than 20 minutes.

Last week, Joe took two guys out with him to a local park so they could learn to be comfortable simply sharing Gospels of John and starting friendly conversations about God with people who were receptive. Joe gleefully expounded,

In less than one hour we shared Gospels with 14 people. Everyone was happy to receive the pocket Gospels. Seniors, high schoolers, and young parents all received an invitation to meet Jesus.

One of the men even told Joe that he and his granddaughter are participating in a mission trip soon, and he is going to become a Pocket Testament League Member and take the Gospels to share.

Joe W

from Lafayette, IN

NEVER TOO OLD

Vilma wakes up in the morning and says, “Lord Jesus make this day be more about you and less about me.” It hasn’t always been that way for her. She used to hate people and was full of anger.

Her life changed when she met Jesus. Then, she read 1 John 3:15— *Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life present in him.* Now she exclaims that she has no needs or wants, and nothing matters except Jesus. He cares for her, and he covers her needs.

90 year old Vilma is still active! She heard about PTL on the radio, and since she has no internet or email, she called The League to get help with orders for herself and a friend.

Vilma is able to live independently, but she is visually impaired. Nevertheless, she continues to be very articulate, and she shares Gospels of John with family and people she meets. She also writes notes to people and includes a pocket Gospel of John.

As long as God sustains her, Vilma feels she is never too old to help people meet Jesus with the Gospel of John!

Vilma C

from Hamden, CT

SET FREE... FOR REAL!

One day, while in jail, the jailer began to distribute small Bibles to the women in Mara's area. Accepting the small booklet, Mara opened it and began to read. Over the next days some of the women started getting together to study the Words written in their pocket Gospels. Mara disclosed,

That simple act of receiving a pocket Bible in jail, made a huge difference in my life. I studied the Scripture and learned about how Jesus came to set me free. Reading the Gospel led me to ask Jesus to come into my heart and life. When I left the jail, I was physically set free, but when I entered the jail and received the Gospel into my heart I was spiritually set free forever.

Mara wants to do the work God has given her. She now wants to take The Pocket Testament Gospels to the local jail to help others meet Jesus and find the same freedom she has found.

Mara S

from Cotter, AR

A COMPLETE CHANGE OF DEMEANOR

The woman, and her elderly dementia plagued mother, got into the ride share vehicle. On her phone, using foul language and preoccupied, she lied and said she couldn't talk because she was driving. She abruptly ended the call.

Unaware that the driver was hoping to share a pocket Gospel of John with her, the woman became a bit self-conscious, confessing to him that she had only told a “little white lie.” And to her surprise, the driver confidently told her that all lies are the same.

A river of words gushed out of the woman as she revealed details of her life as a Muslim, her desire to live peacefully, her prolific prayer life and her desire to understand the meaning of repentance.

The driver was amazed that God had other plans, as he thought for sure she wouldn't be interested in hearing anything about Jesus. Asking if she knew who Jesus is and explaining the Gospel message, the driver noticed that the woman's mother also acknowledged his words.

The woman had a complete change of demeanor, and she was thirsty to hear about Jesus. She was simply handed a pocket Gospel from the driver, who also asked if she wanted to pray with him.

The woman happily responded to the Gospel and prayer. As she exited the vehicle, with a grateful heart, she enthusiastically exclaimed she couldn't wait to read more about Jesus.

Anthony J

from Oakville, CT

A VERY RELATABLE WAY TO SHARE THE WORD

In over 20 years of being a League Member, Monte expressed that he could not recall any negative response he'd ever had when simply offering someone a pocket Gospel. In all his years of sharing Gospels he has only been responded to with smiles, some tears, and appreciation for caring. Monte recalled,

It seems that the Holy Spirit goes before me preparing the person to receive a Gospel. Once I gave one to a young woman working in a sandwich shop and she was so interested and thankful to receive the Gospel.

Monte had a few moments to converse with the sandwich attendant and her heart was opened. He sensed that after reading the Gospel, she would be ready for salvation in Christ.

Monte is enthusiastic about the many Gospel covers. He is like most PTL Members in his appreciation of the many varied covers,

The different covers help me to present the Gospel and connect with a person. The pocket Gospel of John is a very relatable way to share the Word of God with others!

Monte David C

from Taylors, SC

YOUR STORY IS JUST GETTING STARTED

Exhausted and weary, Tara approached to take David's order. He had come in from the hot Texas day for the relief of a quick lunch in an air-conditioned restaurant. After Tara brought David his food, he mentioned he would be offering a prayer of thanks for his meal and would love to know how he might pray for her.

That day, the words in the Gospel of John were ready to be given to Tara.

Tara began by telling David she was on parole and then spilled the bowl of her stressful situation. Among the challenge of her job, financial stress, being required to pay for and take counseling classes, she was also about to break up with her fiancé.

They prayed and Tara felt a ray of hope.

During lunch David called a local church, learned of available counselling services, and more.

David gave Tara the church contact information, a pocket Gospel of John and talked about Jesus. Tara smiled as she looked at the Gospel cover. It read,

“Your Story is Just Getting Started.” It was perfect!

David

from New Hampshire

NO ONE IS FORGOTTEN BY JESUS

It was just another day in the Colorado detention center and one of the detainees was doing his assigned tasks while working in the supply room. He happened to stumble upon a box of pocket Gospels with the compelling words “You Are Not Forgotten” written on the cover.

*Curious, he picked one up, began to read it
and became engrossed in the words he read.*

It appeared that when the shipment of Gospels was received at the detention center, someone just shoved the box into a corner of the supply room, and they were forgotten.

*Similarly, prisoners have often described
how they feel lost and forgotten.
But Jesus never forgets anyone.*

Not only was the man propelled in his spirit to read the Gospel booklet, but he decided to give them out to the others in the center. He was overwhelmed by the knowledge he gained in the Gospel that “Jesus is Real.” He revealed,

*One of the other prisoners was so excited after he
read the pocket Gospel, And especially the words
“You Are Not Forgotten,” he thanked me saying,
“God Bless You.”*

This man also is trying to learn all he can about Jesus, because he chose for Jesus to be his Savior and he no longer feels that he is forgotten.

A Detainee

in a Colorado prison center

I NEED THIS!

The other day, Helen went to pick up her husband's cell phone at the local phone store. The young store assistant was very sweet and helpful to Helen, but she had just dealt with a frustrated customer who left and said she would return later. The store attendant revealed to Helen that she was worried the woman would be angry, and she couldn't take the added stress. Helen conveyed,

*She told me she was so stressed with so many things.
So, I quickly and simply handed her a Gospel
of John... but before I could say anything
she grabbed the Gospel, said "I need this," held it to
her chest and began weeping.*

The young woman confessed that she has a 2-year-old autistic child, and her husband doesn't understand his daughter. Helen was able to share about her sister's autistic son and how God helped her sister, such that he received early intervention, today is 21 years old, graduated from High School and received his driver's license. Helen relayed,

*This young lady was just sobbing.
I told her to look for a church where salvation is
found only in Jesus. She said she would, and she
couldn't wait to read the Gospel of John.*

Helen B

from New York, New York

THE BASHFUL WITNESS

*The Gospels of John are not just for the lost,
but they are providing hope and encouragement
as well to some bashful and struggling
witnesses who share them.*

While telling one of her 80-year-old friends this week about her Gospel group, Susie noticed one of her friends become emotional. With tears in her eyes, Susie's friend confessed that she thought she was too old and too bashful to be useful to the Lord.

*Susie had explained how being part of a small group
of retirees and widows who simply offer people the
Gospel of John, had given her the encouragement
she needed to share her faith.*

After listening, Susie's friend thought she and her 85-year-old husband could also share these Gospel books when they went to their appointments each week. So, Susie gave her friend 5 pocket Gospels and they prayed for the Lord's direction. The following day, Susie's friend called to report she had placed two Gospels in two doctor's offices.

Her friend conveyed she witnessed to someone who asked about the Gospel. She was “over the moon” excited and not feeling too old or bashful at all to share Gospels.

Susie Ann B

from Bayou Labatre, AL

8 SALVATIONS AT A SKATE PARK

The skate park in Burnsville was busy that afternoon when Todd stopped to share the Gospel.

Several guys were taking a break or just standing around watching others perform their feats of flight. Todd's voice could be heard clearly as he beckoned those on the periphery of the park to gather around for a short survey. Todd conveyed,

Fourteen guys responded favorably when I approached them to do a short survey. First, I asked where they will spend eternity when their lives end. Those who answered “heaven” were then asked why they would go there.

Three of the young guys already knew the Lord. Three others weren't interested in getting saved and wandered off. Todd simply handed a Gospel of John to each of the remaining eight guys, explained the Gospel message and

asked them if someday they would like to roll through the pearly gates.

*The remaining eight all prayed with Todd,
trusted Jesus as their Savior and will be
spending eternity in heaven.*

Todd P

from Brooklyn Park, MN



LET JESUS DO THE DRIVING

Life's a highway and we are the cars Jesus drives to reach His desired destination. Well... that's what my husband and I experienced today when we went to our appointment at the local hospital.

It seemed we were being driven down the wrong road when guided into an office that we thought was the wrong one. But we went where we were steered. Once inside the room, we noticed a gentleman ahead of us.

He was wearing a shirt that read, I am The Way, The Truth and The Life. We thought he might accept a Gospel of John... so, we waited for an opportunity to offer him one.

The man was occupied with his case and we were directed to a different window, so...

We simply put the Gospel booklet down among his papers. When he gathered his things, the man held up the pocket Gospel and asked in a loud voice, "How did this get here?"

My husband made eye contact, gave him a wave and the man held the Gospel up so all could see it. He talked aloud about Jesus to everyone in the waiting room.

At that moment it seemed appropriate for us to start giving out Gospels while he spoke. As soon as we finished, we were called into another room and told we had been waiting in the wrong room.

In the new waiting room, we had enough Gospels left to share with the people there, as well. That day God drove us on an unexpected road to point people to him with the Gospels of John!

Told to Power Sharer Byron G

from Lakeland, FL

THE RAVAGES OF THE PANDEMIC

The stress of the pandemic has taken a toll on many. Caregivers bear a heavy burden to look after those in their charge, as well as taking care of their own bodies and mental health.

Olive knows this so well as she goes three afternoons a week to care for Shannon's 89 year-old dad. Of late, her countenance has born the sorrow, grief and agony that her distressed heart has been experiencing. She speaks chipper quips of encouragement for her patients and yet wears a smile she hopes will conceal her pain.

Shannon sensed her discouragement and asked her one day how she was handling the stress of the pandemic.

Olive's words gushed out as she felt safe to bare her soul to Shannon. Shannon recalled,

I was able to pray with her and give her a Gospel of John to read. She said that she reads the Bible but hasn't read it straight through. I encouraged her to read the Gospel of John straight through.

Shannon is praying that as Olive reads the pocket Gospel, God's peace will begin to fill her soul. She hopes to encourage Olive in the future and remind her that Jesus' truth never changes and that makes Him our Rock! She will be watching for Olive's facial expression to reflect the peace of Jesus and not the ravages of the pandemic.

Shannon K

from Jefferson, OR — Power Sharer

PICK A PLACE

*I told myself... Pick a place! Any place...
just pick a place, and then let that be where I help
people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John, because
people are receptive and in need of God's grace,
mercy and peace.*

Some people pick their neighborhood, or places where they run errands. I chose the parking lots of my local stores and superstores. Daily God provides Divine Appointments and I often share 30 Gospels of John in one day. The thing that amazes me is that people are hungry for God's Word and very grateful to receive and read the pocket Gospels.

*It doesn't always seem easy to share my faith,
but it is simple to give a Gospel. One lady even ran
after me as I was walking toward my car, just to get
a Gospel and she asked if she could get a few
extras to share with friends.*

I've had several occasions when people have seen me with the Gospels and they approached me in their cars, rolled down their windows, and asked for a Gospel of John.

*It's not uncommon for people to tell me that they
found me and the Gospel at the perfect time
because they really needed God's Word.*

So, I just picked a place to share the Gospel because people are waiting to meet Jesus.

Stephen B

from Fruitland Park, FL — Power Sharer

MY STORY IS JUST GETTING STARTED

Pat was wheeling in a brand-new bicycle to meet Marc at the shelter. As Pat approached, Marc just stood. Marc's eyes reflected aching pain and completed his sad countenance; augmented by his slumped shoulders. After brief introductions, Marc began,

I have been staying in this shelter and trying to get back on my feet. Going through really hard times, I've been crying out to improve my situation. The bicycle will help me do that.

Marc's interest surged as Pat told him about the lights which make the bike nighttime compliant and the bicycle kit he was also receiving. Pat pulled out a little booklet from the kit and told Marc that this booklet has the light he needs to guide his life.

"Your Story is Just Getting Started" was written on the cover of the booklet. Pat opened the small book and explained that it is the words of Jesus to me. He told me about the Gospel, Jesus loves me and encouraged me to read it.

Pat confided to Marc that the shelter and *Bikes For Christ* have the common goal to help him improve his

life to get where he needs to go both physically and spiritually.

Both the pocket Gospel and the bike went from Pat's hands to Marc's grateful, yet tight grip.

Now clutching the bicycle and the Gospel, hope seemed within his grasp, and it began to spring up in his soul. Marc thought to himself, "I think it's true, my story is really just getting started"!

Pat S

from Dover, FL , Power Sharer — Bikes for Christ

A MUCH-NEEDED ENCOUNTER

Jessie was a deeply worried mama bear trying to care for her cubs. Extremely aware of the dangers facing their lives in the days ahead, Jessie kept fighting to get through each day... one at a time.

She had just dropped her oldest child off at the kindergarten class near the park. She was carrying her 10-month-old child and rushing to her car. As she reached for the handle to open her car door, a woman approached her. The woman's arm was outstretched, and she was offering Jessie a small booklet.

Jessie took the booklet and an exclamation of delight released from her lips because she realized it was a small book of the Bible. Then Gail asked Jessie how she could pray for her.

Jessie had been carefully hiding her pain, but her voice broke and she started to cry. She told Gail that she and her husband had recently separated, and she has been worried about what the future holds for her and her children.

At that moment Gail was glad she had ignored her back pain and listened to God nudge her to walk into the park. Most days she shared the Gospel of John with the people God brought across her path.

Before Jessie rushed off into the activities of her day, Gail gave her a hug and promised to pray daily for their marriage. As Jessie opened her car door to leave, she told Gail that receiving the pocket Gospel was a “God Thing” for her and this had been a much-needed encounter!

Gail B

from Westerly, RI — Power Sharer

NO RELIGION CAN SAVE US

When it is cold outside people seem to be in more of a rush than ever. Even so, I've noticed that more people are taking the precious pocket Gospels of John from me.

I reach out to simply hand the little Gospel booklet to them, while I'm praying they will take it and maybe even stop and listen to how no religion can save us and Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Today I made my way out of the park near my home and over near the Post Office. Being blind, I use my white cane to guide me to a car I hear parked and running. I then tap on the window as I wave the pocket Gospel, hoping the person opens the window so I can hand it to them.

Not everyone opens their car window, but this time Dan did! I simply held out the Gospel and Dan actually got out of his car. I began speaking the Gospel to him while weaving in some of my own life story.

Dan told me he is 30 years old and has been a nominal Catholic for most of his life. Like others I have spoken with, Dan thought his good works would be sufficient to get him into Heaven. Dan told me he has a good friend who he observed as a drunk for many years and who

had recently put his faith in Jesus and had a complete life change.

I asked Dan to open the Gospel booklet and read John 3:1-7 aloud. Dan agreed with the Word that he is a sinner and no religion could save him. So, Dan bowed his head and trusted Jesus to be his Savior.

Gail B

from Westerly, RI

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WILL GO WHEN YOU DIE?

Dan and Kathy are PTL Power Sharers who travel around the country setting up booths at local and state fairs and share the Gospel with the pocket Gospels of John. They had recently opened booths at the Louisiana, Arizona and New Jersey State Fairs.

In their booth they simply ask people to respond to the question, "Do you know if you will go to heaven when you die"? In Arizona 154 people prayed for repentance and Christ to be their Savior so they might spend eternity with Jesus in heaven; in Louisiana 117 and in New Jersey 7 members of the local high school football team heard the Gospel and all of them made a profession of faith in Christ.

Ron and his son JaRaydon stopped by one of Dan's booths. The two of them weren't sure about going to heaven. Dan opened a Gospel of John and began reading verses to them.

They both were glued to every word Dan read and pointed out to them. Ron had an amazed look of wonder on his face. Dan asked Ron if anyone had ever shown him what the Bible says about being saved and forgiven of your sins. Ron replied, "No man but I have wondered about it. And that day Ron and his son not only knew about Jesus and His saving grace but prayed to spend eternity in heaven.

Dan and Kathy D

from Ft Scott, KS

PRAY AND SIMPLY GIVE A GOSPEL

Shannon has been sharing Gospels of John for several years now. She simply offers hundreds of people a Gospel every month. She is known as a PTL Power Sharer. She has mailed Gospels to her family members, gives them to friends, shares them when running errands and pretty much offers the free gift of salvation in the Gospel of John to people everywhere she goes. Shannon confided,

I pray that everyone who receives an invitation to meet Jesus in the Gospel of John, will be transformed by God's Words of truth, receive His grace and have faith to trust Jesus for salvation.

That's how she prayed for Dalton. She needed to stop at the tire store while she was out running errands. She struck up a conversation with Dalton. And as she often does, she simply asked him if he has read the story of Jesus in the Gospel of John and if he would like a copy... as she held one out to him. Shannon conveyed his response,

Dalton opened up and told me that he used to go to Sunday school and he went to Vacation Bible School when he was a child. As he reached out his hand to accept the pocket Gospel, he told me that he wants to get back to learning about God and he will read it.

Shannon knows God will work in his heart when he reads the Gospel. She has done her part.

Shannon K

from Jefferson, OR — Power Sharer

GOD IS BIGGER THAN ANY PROBLEM

Typically carrying one small pocket size packet of tissues, Chaplains Mike and Susan soon discovered they needed to bring a large size box of Kleenex to their ministry table at the Gun Show in Denver where hundreds of veterans were in attendance. The Chaplains conveyed,

We had the only ministry table and grown men were openly weeping while talking about what they had endured and their need for healing. We gave free Gospels, listened, talked, supported and encouraged.

Chaplains Mike and Susan confided,

At first, we felt out of place, but God moved at that Gun Show. Underneath the strong exterior, most veteran's hearts are hurting. They have unresolved grief, anger, post- traumatic stress issues and more.

Mike and Susan lost count of how many veterans they talked with over the weekend; the veterans just kept coming to their table every few minutes. The vast majority of the veterans were US Marines, followed by Army, Navy and Air Force. Chaplains Mike and Susan observed,

All of the veterans were very appreciative that we listened to them. They took Desert Camo, A Message of True Freedom and You Are Loved Gospel covers. We told them God's love is bigger than any problem they can face; including suicide.

Susan S

from Westminster, CO — Power Sharer

A CLEAR PICTURE

Bruce had been trying to make sense of his muddled picture of life for some time now.

And it was no mistake that he ran into Charles that day at the donut shop. Charles simply offered him a Gospel of John; the free gift to lead him to God. Charles recalled,

*Bruce had lots of questions.
He asked me about the Catholic church and Mary.
He was interested in Islam and he asked if it's
necessary to believe in Jesus.*

As the girl working at the donut shop also listened intently, Charles opened the Gospel of John booklet and read John 14:6 to Bruce, explaining that Jesus is the only way to come to the Father, and in Jesus Bruce can

find the truth and true life he was searching for. Charles shared,

Bruce wanted to know if there is a church nearby where he could learn more. I wrote my phone number in the back of Bruce's pocket Gospel and gave him the names of several churches in the area.

Completely absorbed in being invited to meet Jesus, Bruce almost left the shop without his donuts. He was finding peace and seeing that his roller coaster search to find God had finally come to an end. Bruce was starting to see the pieces of the puzzle he'd been trying to complete finally come together. He was getting a clear picture.

Charles S

from Lebanon, OH — Power Sharer

TWO FAMILY MEMBERS, ONE HEART

Hidden under his cowboy hat, feeling a little shy and with an aching heart, the six-year-old boy was a ping-pong at Susan's vendor table... .. multiple times looking, leaving and then coming back again.

An hour earlier, wandering alone past the various vendor tables, the mom of an active duty deployed

service member had also paused and inquired at Susan's table. Receiving a Gospel of John, she began to pour out her heart— as only a mother can do. Susan revealed,

*Concerned for the safety of her eldest son Body,
deployed in a hostile and dangerous area,
this mom's aching heart needed someone to listen,
support, encourage her and pray.
She had come to the right place.*

Positioned next to a vendor attracting children because they were giving away yo-yos,

Chaplain Susan hosted a table at a recent car show raising funds to prevent veteran suicide. She offered encouragement, prayer and the Gospel of John to young and old alike.

*The six-year-old who had mustered up his courage
to be an ambassador for his brother—a soldier far
away, had been one of many who stopped and asked
to have a Desert Camo Gospel.*

Eager to get the Gospel to his brother, the young boy was so proud to take several pocket testaments for both his brother and his buddies. Susan, the brave little cowboy and a couple of others on Susan's team, prayed together asking God to protect his brother's unit. When asked his brother's name, the little cowboy nobly revealed it was none other than Body.

That day, God used a PTL Desert Camo Gospel to comfort two family members, with the same heart, for their beloved son and brother.

Susan S

from Westminster, CO

TWO DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

An unusual thought crossed Gail's mind. Always passionate about getting out to the local park to share her faith, Gail struggled with not really feeling like going out that day.

As Gail pondered and envisioned so many people lost and not knowing Jesus, she began to be compelled to get outside to share her Gospels of John. She went out later than her regular time, but God's perfect timing was in place. She was to have two Divine appointments.

God was sending Gail to meet Chuck who was seated on a park bench. Gail approached and simply offered him the Gospel with the cover "Finding Your Way. At first, he declined.

Chuck confided to Gail that he believed in Jesus, but he did not believe in church. They conversed for quite a while and Chuck revealed that he used to attend a

church, but he had not been in a long time. He was counting on his good works to get him into Heaven.

Gail explained God's plan of salvation and Christ's death on the cross for Chuck. He opened-up that he had been taking care of his wife with terminal cancer for 10 years. Gail offered to speak with her on the phone. Chuck then accepted prayer and the Gospel.

As Gail parted from Chuck and made her way down some steps, she heard someone ask if she needed help. Gail stopped and asked his name, as she simply offered him a pocket Gospel.

Jessie, a 21 year old Community Service Officer in town, gladly took the Gospel. He had no Biblical background and was willing to listen to The Plan of Salvation. He wanted to pray and trust Jesus as his Savior!

Jessie told Gail that he had never heard "born again" clarified the way she explained it to him.

Gail was happy she had not followed her desire to stay in that day, but instead listened to God's prodding to keep his two Divine appointments.

Gail B

from Westerly, RI

SOME EASY, SOME NOT

With the pandemic and other global conditions, things are still changing around us. Dan and Kathy observe that it is also so with the Fair Business.

Dan and Kathy spend most of their time on the road traveling from local and county fairs all over the USA. They have observed that some fairs have had so many vendors and attendees that they couldn't accommodate everyone, and others have had so few that they have experienced their lowest attendance ever... Some Easy, Some Not! Dan recounted,

The good news is that in Biloxi, MS 278 people visited our tent, answered the question, "Do they know if they will go to heaven when they die"? ... and met Jesus as their Savior with the pocket Gospels of John.

In Wise, VA, 106 people did the same. Taking the moment to ask this critical question gets a person thinking about where and how they will spend eternity. For example,

Tyodus had always thought that his Good Deeds would need to outweigh his bad ones, and that—actually, wasn't looking promising.

After seeing what the Bible had to say in the Gospel of John, Tydus readily agreed that he needed to be saved from his sin and prayed for Jesus to be his Lord! Simply reading Jesus' Words in the Gospel made it *EASY* for Tydus to decide where he will spend eternity.

Dan and Kathy D

from Fort Scott, KS — Power Sharers

JUST SIMPLY ASK

Shannon prays and asks God for Divine appointments throughout her day. All she needs to do is simply ask someone if they have ever read the Gospel of John before.

Shannon never leaves home without pocket testaments in her bag or car, so she is ready if someone answers they have never read the Gospel before and would like to. Shannon described,

I was out running errands and I had to drop something off at the FedEx office. Emily took care of my package, and we had a brief conversation. I asked her if she had ever read the Gospel of John before.

Emily responded that she had never read the Gospel, so Shannon asked if she would like to have a small Gospel to read. She smiled and replied that she would. Shannon simply handed one to her before she exited the office. Next, she went to the credit union.

*Christine works at the credit union.
I asked her if she has ever read the Gospel of John.
She said no, but that she would like to.*

Shannon simply handed Christine a pocket Gospel and left to complete her errands for the day. Twice someone was given the opportunity to meet Jesus with the Gospel and all Shannon did was simply ask.

Shannon K

from Jefferson, OR — Power Sharer

ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE?

God meets and equips the willing. In Mike's ministry, they always ask people if they're willing to make Jesus known, as they place Gospels of John in their hands for them to read, carry and share.

Mike is a PTL Power Sharer and part of a traveling Tent Ministry. Recently they held a seven-night series of meetings right in the middle of the city in Waynesboro, VA, with 14 different preachers sharing the Word of God. Mike related,

At the beginning of each meeting, we tell people about The League. I wear cargo pants and the Gospels fit perfectly in the side pouches. I demonstrate how easy it is to reach into my pocket and simply offer a Gospel.

The PTL Gospels of John are critical to the mission of the Tent Ministry. Mike says his “Bottom Line” is that God is knitting us all together in the body of Christ. Each person can share the Gospel as God’s Spirit guides them.

Mike is dedicated to encouraging and equipping others to share the pocket Gospels. He demonstrates, as a first-hand eye-witness, how the Lord can work through someone who is willing to share the Word.

Mike A

from Fishersville, VA / Gospel Hill Ministries, Power Sharer

BRINGING THE GOSPEL AND ETERNITY INTO CLEAR FOCUS

In an area where tragedy and horrific crime has taken place, the experience of raw emotions and pain often causes people to open-up more readily. Being face to face with human mortality causes people to think about eternity.

As street evangelists, Todd and his friend Pastor Mark recently went to an area where a hate crime and mass shooting had taken place. They shared the Word and invited people to meet Jesus in the Gospel of John. Todd related that he shared the Gospels of John and prayed with 18 people who got saved.

Michael was riding his bicycle and stopped by to listen as I shared the Gospel. I handed him a pocket Gospel, shared the plan of salvation and prayed with him to invite Jesus to become part of his life.

Pastor Mark prayed with another six people who received Gospels and salvation through Jesus. Additionally, Mark received permission and preached the gospel on a bus. The reality that life is fragile and can end unexpectedly at any time brings the Gospel and eternity into clear focus.

Todd P

from Brooklyn Park, MN — Power Sharer

HAVE A GOOD DAY

Byron finds it necessary to carry a good many of the Gospels of John with him each time he goes out. He never knows how many he may need to have at hand.

Byron is especially pleased when some people want to take a second Gospel to pass it on to a friend or family Member.

While in a crowded waiting room at the doctor's office recently, Byron was encouraged by both the sight of people receiving pocket Gospels as well as by the people themselves who were receiving them.

Byron put some Gospels on the waiting room table and people began picking them up and reading. He recalled one woman who asked him for another booklet because she wanted to give it to a colleague. He handed her a couple of Gospel booklets, she thanked him and immediately went over to her colleague to offer one to her.

Byron recounted that the woman turned to him and said, "Have a good day". Then she looked at the Gospel in her hand and it had those exact words on the cover! She let out a cry of delight and hurried across the room to give it away as well.

This got the attention of others in the room and the result was people approaching Bryon requesting Gospels for themselves and an extra for their spouse or child. Byron was having a “Good Day”.

Dr. Bryon G

from Lakeland, FL, His How's Ministries — Power Sharer

HUMAN GOODNESS IS NOT THE DOOR TO HEAVEN

As a PTL Power Sharer, Todd gives out hundreds of Pocket Testaments. He is always prepared with several Gospels and various covers—ready to share as God provides Divine Appointments.

Yesterday he was having lunch in a fast-food restaurant and God opened the opportunity for Todd to have a conversation with a young woman who was open to hearing about Jesus, receive a Gospel of John and pray for Christ to become her Savior and Lord.

As Todd got up from the table after his conversation with the young woman, he eyed a man who was wearing a World War II Navy veteran cap entering the eatery. Todd thanked him for his service to our country.

The two men began to converse, and Todd told him that he had spent some time in the army.

Todd smiled his big ear to ear grin and said, “Now I’m in the Army of the Lord.” The man introduced himself as Richard and let Todd know he is 95 years of age. Todd recounted,

Richard revealed that even at 95 years of age, he was still under the illusion that he would go to heaven for being a good person.

Todd confirmed to Richard that he probably is a good person, but human goodness does not take a person to heaven and eternal life with God. Only accepting the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross can lead him to heaven. Todd shared the Gospel with Richard and then led him in a prayer to have Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Richard didn’t have a Bible and since his poor vision would make reading small fonts difficult, so Todd offered him a Gospel of John in large print.

Todd P

from Brooklyn Park, MN — Power Sharer

SHARING FROM BUSINESS TO CUSTOMER

My brother and I both work in the prison system. When someone is arrested it is a perfect opportunity to show them the love of Jesus. There are many times I have the opportunity to pray with prisoners and I would love to give them a pocket Gospel.

Beverly works for the Police Department as a Supervisor in charge of the jail. She had ordered some shoes for their prisoners and was so excited to find the pocket Gospels enclosed with the order of shoes. She revealed,

I am a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I was so excited to find the Gospel booklets and prayer for salvation that was enclosed with the order of shoes. It brought me to my knees.

The Bob Barker Company is one of the PTL's Ministry Partners who order customized covers on their Gospels of John and share them through their business interactions. They always include their custom Gospel covers with orders from their customers.

Beverly contacted Angela to let her know that God is using their company to bring His Word to a hurting world by sharing "Business to Customer."

Angela D,

from PTL Partner Bob Barker Co in Fuquay Varina, NC

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION

Don puts on the “Make a Difference” or “M.A.D. Live Events” which he presents in churches. In partnership with The League, he uses the Gospels of John to teach people how to daily share their faith in Christ. Don shares his faith with others all the time. He revealed,

Personally, I shared the Gospel with 42 people this week. Also, I shared the Gospel at our church's food pantry ministry.

A man named David had come through the food pantry line by himself. Don invited him to sit down and the two men had a long conversation. David opened up, sharing his story. He had been an army sniper and later he became a motorcycle gang member doing more horrific things. David had been arrested and spent years in prison. Eventually he resigned from the biker gang and had been going to the church food pantry for several years. Don recalled,

That day, after listening to David's story, I shared the Gospel and God's plan of salvation with him, but he said he wasn't ready to make this decision,

Don's brother Bob was listening nearby and began to pray silently for David. All of a sudden, David sat up,

shifted his body, and said that something had just come over him and he needed to make this decision NOW!”

Don told him again what he needed to do and in his own words he prayed for salvation, giving his heart and life to Jesus Christ!

David cried at the end of his prayer, which brought tears to Don’s eyes, as well. The two men hugged and reveled in the amazing and complete transformation God had just made in David.

Don S

from Johnson City, TN — Partner

HOPE IN A BACKPACK

With the pandemic, no job, being new to the USA and really hard times, our family didn’t know what we were going to do for school supplies for our children this year. We really had nothing.

This is what one parent thankfully expressed when the members from the church, around the corner from their school, took them under their wing. Their family was so grateful to receive the backpacks, an invitation to the church and an opportunity to make new friends. With a big grin on her face, one child blurted out,

My family and I couldn't stop smiling! We had hope. There were so many things in the backpack I could use at school and my parents were happy to get the toiletries. We needed everything!

How did it happen? Well, each year Matt Anderson from Star of Hope Ministries works with local churches who stuff backpacks with school supplies, toiletry kits and pocket Gospels of John for their annual event. This year they helped 2,000 children from low income and struggling families receive the Gospel and start the school year off with much needed supplies and an invitation to meet Jesus. Matt conveyed,

The much-needed backpacks, full of supplies and the Gospel, are the catalyst to developing relationships with each other and with Jesus. Children and families find "Hope in a backpack!"

Pastor Matt A

from PTL Partner Star of Hope Ministries,
Project Backpack, in Paterson, NJ

GOSPELS BEING FOUND AND READ

Kayla just recently started ordering Gospels to invite people to meet Jesus. She decided to try sharing her Gospels of John at local events in her small town. She explained,

I volunteered at an event last Saturday and I had a bundle of Gospels of John in my purse. I was invited to add the Gospels to a pamphlet case.

Kayla was thrilled that she was able to place the Gospels in the foyer of the building where people entered the event. This area was a perfect spot for people to see the beautiful and colorful Gospels covers to attract them to open the booklet and read. Kayla related,

No sooner had I finished positioning the pocket Gospels in the case than a woman walked out of the adjoining room into the foyer and started looking at the pamphlet wall.

Overjoyed, Kayla saw the woman pick up a Gospel of John and start to read it. God was at work and all Kayla had to do was place the Gospels in a location where they could be found and read.

Kayla K

from Peachland, BC, Canada

A WHOLE-HEARTED DECISION

Not too long ago, Don had the opportunity to do some trail ministry while out riding. That day on the main trail he met a new Trail Ranger. On previous trips he

had shared the Gospel with each of the Rangers and prayed with them. This was his first conversation with Holly, a lady Ranger who had only been on the job for a few weeks. Don explained,

While conversing, she agreed for me to share something that changed my life. I simply handed her an off-road-themed cover of the Gospel of John and asked how I could pray for her.

As Holly's eyes welled up in tears, she told Don her prayer list is very long. Don consoled her revealing that God already knows her struggles and challenges. With permission, he put his hand on her shoulder and prayed for her. She thanked him and they separated on the trail. As he rode away, Don felt a prompting to look for her again on the way out of the trail system.

Don couldn't wait to see what God was going to do with their next encounter. He found Holly parked on the side of the trail on his way out. He stopped and asked if he could speak with her again.

Asking if she died today, where she would spend eternity, Holly said she didn't know. Don told her she could know for sure, explained the plan of salvation and invited her to repent and put her faith in Christ right then.

*Holly said she'd like to think about her decision.
Don encouraged her to think about it...
because her decision must be whole-hearted.
Before they separated, Don prayed God would
continue to draw Holly to the Father.*

PTL Partner Don S

from Johnson City, TN

THE MIRACLE OF INSPIRING OTHERS

Tim and Tawnia have begun to simply share their faith by handing someone a pocket Gospel of John. They are also going a step further by inviting other Christians to do the same. Tim confided,

*Recently, a close Christian friend of mine
has been watching how my wife and I share our
faith. So, I invited him to join me in a business
meeting and see how simple it is.*

My friend attended the meeting, observed me simply offering a pocket Gospel and the positive response of the recipients. He was so inspired that as we were leaving the meeting he turned and told my clients, "God bless!" Tim revealed,

*I walked my friend through how to order
Gospels on The League website, so now he can
start sharing the Gospels himself, as well.*

Just as Paul gave thanks to God for the believers in Philippi because of their partnership with him in the Gospel, Tim and Tawnia give thanks for being able to bring others alongside to be part of the community of believers who help people meet Jesus with the Gospels of John. Tim exclaimed,

*To share the free-gift of Christ with a person is
amazing! And more... to be able to inspire another
person to share the free-gift of Christ with others...
... Well, that's a miracle!*

Tim and Tawnia L

from Mechanic Settlement, NB, Canada

THE DOOR TO A NEW FRIENDSHIP

*Virginia likes to carry the Gospels of John with her as
she goes about her daily business. If she sees someone
in a store or on the street that the Lord prompts her
to simply give a Gospel to... she says, "I do so!"*

One day one of the cashiers at a local grocery store looked very sad, distressed and tired. Virginia

compassionately asked her how she was feeling, and the woman opened up and shared that her husband had recently passed away from Covid-19. Although Virginia didn't have a pocket Gospel to give her at the time, she did encourage the cashier and said she would pray for her. Virginia described,

The next time I saw her in the grocery store, I gave her a Gospel of John and talked to her about the comfort Jesus gives. She willingly took the Gospel and it became the door to a new friendship.

Nowadays, Virginia looks for her friend every time she goes into that store and her cashier friend welcomes her and waves for Virginia to come to her aisle. Virginia revealed that she loves helping people draw closer to Christ with the pocket Gospels and she also enjoys meeting new friends because she shares her Gospels! Virginia can see how God put the two of them together for mutual encouragement as sisters in Christ.

Virginia B

from Lethbridge, AB, Canada

I CAN'T STOP!

Ezequiel loves Jesus and he is excited to help others meet Jesus too, with the pocket Gospels of John. He has been sharing Gospels for more than eight years and his enthusiasm only increases as he witnesses people reading the Word and putting their faith in Christ. He exclaimed,

*Through the Gospel books, thank God,
people have surrendered to the Lord. People ask
to take a Gospel book to family members and
even the children want the Gospels.*

Everywhere he goes, Ezequiel simply hands Gospels to people; especially young people. He has seen young men take and read the Gospel and consequently ask for more for their wife and family. Then shortly thereafter he has seen them start attending church. Ezequiel resounded,

*I thank God because lives have been saved, and
that's why I need to continue evangelizing with the
Gospels and I can't stop!*

Ezequiel N

from Suzano, Brazil

CONTINENT OF AFRICA

THE CART

Even though several people have their facial features hidden by a protective mask, Paulus sees grateful eyes and renewed smiles as the people he just shared Jesus with hold up their Gospels taken from his cart.

One man, seated on a bench, is so intently reading the Gospel booklet in his hands. He is one of the many people in South Africa who are oppressed by the pandemic and are steeped in physical poverty, but most of all—are hungry and dying spiritually.

Through strategic partners, The Pocket Testament League is printing the Gospels of John on the ground in South Africa and is focused on working with churches to provide food along with the Gospel.

Paulus, with Walking for Jesus Ministry, is one of the many Christians dedicated to the movement of helping people meet Jesus with the pocket Gospels. In the morning, still feeling a little flu-like after the previous week's rain walk, Paulus stands in front of his cart filled with pocket Gospels of John. He is ready to begin his walk to share the Gospel and simply hand people the Word of God.

And at the end of the day, after covering 19 km—almost 12 miles in and around Swellendam—east of Cape Town in South Africa, Paulus’ cart is empty, people’s hungry hearts are filled with Jesus and only the cross with the name of Jesus is left on the cart.

Paulus E,

Walking for Jesus Ministry, in So Africa

A BUSY DAY

It was a busy day for Anthony.

A sea of small eyes transfixed on Anthony at the Impact Africa School as he told them about Jesus from the Gospel of John booklet that each child held in their hand.

Earlier that morning, boxes filled with Pocket Testament Gospels of John in the children’s heart language were opened and gifted to them as they eagerly held out their hands. Anthony encouraged the children to read some every day from their Gospel booklet.

After sharing pocket Gospels with over a hundred children at the school, he headed to a local prison and

was able to speak to the inmates about Jesus and provide them with the pocket Gospels as well.

Later that day, Anthony showed up at a venue where he was scheduled to share the pocket Gospels and there was a gathering of people at the same venue but attending a different event.

Before going into his event, Anthony went right to work, pulling out Gospels of John and handing them out to everyone standing in his earshot while telling them about how they could meet Jesus when they read the Gospel booklet.

It was a busy day for Anthony.

Anthony A,

So Africa, Impact Africa, partnering with
Global Voice of Prayer and PTL





SAVING A PRISONER

Good morning soldiers of the most high. Yesterday we ministered to someone in the cells at Northmead police for buying a stolen phone. He was there for a while and said his case was complicated and had no one to help

him. We led him to Christ. Prayed for him and believed God for a miracle. By 6 p.m., he called me and told me he was set free. He was released. The owner just dropped the case. What a mighty God we save.



EASTERN EUROPE

ENTHUSIASTICALLY SHARING THE GOSPEL

“Come on everyone, even if you haven’t met Jesus yet, take the Gospel booklets and tell everyone you meet along the way to read and meet Jesus!”

Full of passion to share his faith, Evangelist Oleg shouted these words as he delivered a few hundred Gospel of John booklets to Vadim and Tatiana’s church in Kyiv. With such enthusiasm, it’s easy to forget that those who share their faith with the Gospels in Eastern Europe live under constant oppression.

Vadim and Tatiana’s ministry is the filter that protects the myriad of Belarus refugees fleeing to the outskirts of Kyiv.

*We feed their souls with the thousands of
Gospels that have arrived in the Ukraine
through Mission Eurasia.*

Their ministry provides food items and helps the refugees put their documents in order so they can move to the safety of other countries, while offering eternal life in Christ.

*We are enthusiastic about being part of what God is
doing through the great movement of people meeting
Jesus everyday with the pocket Gospels of John.*

Pavel

from PTL Partner Mission Eurasia, Eastern Europe and
Oleg, Vadim and Tatiana from Ukraine

A LIFE SALVAGED

I met him in my village. I had never met such kind people before as Peter and his evangelistic team. Peter began to talk with me, and I told him about my life.

I was a shipwreck. Who could ever salvage me... a 44-year-old alcoholic with a four-year old child, and who had served time in prison for theft? I had been drowning in guilt and I was so distraught that I had attempted suicide several times.

Peter recalled that when Saya told him about her life, he shared with her about Jesus Christ—who is able to forgive and restore. He opened the Gospel of John and she met Jesus.

I had carried the weight of the world on my shoulders, but as Peter read the words in the Gospel booklet, I felt the weight being lifted off me. I couldn't stop myself; I was glued to his every word and I began to cry and couldn't stop the river of tears flowing down my cheeks.

Peter recounted how Saya prayed and asked God for forgiveness, and for Him to salvage and transform her life. She then happily kept the Gospel to read every day.

Each Wednesday and Saturday Peter's evangelistic team continues faithfully to head out to villages in the countryside of the Samara Province in south Russia. They visit and help those who are homeless, live in poverty or need, have large families, are disabled or need rehabilitation and simply share the Gospel of John.

Peter K, Evangelist/Church Planter,
from Samara in So Russia

CONFIRMATION

In spite of all the turmoil going on in the world, God is still at work drawing all people to Himself. Victoria knows this is true as she faithfully shares the Gospels of John in her part of the world. Victoria, who works with prisoners, was delighted to reveal,

*Just the other day, I received a letter from
the colony where one of my charges is serving time.
He said that he had finally accepted
Christ into his life and heart.*

Victoria had shared a pocket Gospel of John with him and had shown him the plan of salvation in the front of the Gospel booklet. She encouraged him to let her know when he placed his faith in Jesus. Victoria validated,

*In confirmation that he believes in Jesus as his Savior,
he attached a sheet of paper with a date and a
signature, torn from the booklet of the Gospel of John.*

Victoria exclaimed with joy, “Another soul has been saved”! ... And he sent a confirmation.

Victoria T

from Pushkino, MS, Russian Federation

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN POLOHY

“War is a horrible thing. Not only does it destroy cities but also people’s lives. The story of Maxim proves that despite all the horror a person endures, they can stay kind.

“This young guy’s name is Maksim (pictured here). In this picture he is safe. He has made it to a center where our partners are offering food and more.



“He studies in Zaporizhzhia at a medical university. But his native town where he lives is Polohy, not far from Zaporizhzhia. At 20, he has already seen the horrors of war. He witnessed how courageous Ukrainian territorial defense guys defended Polohy for 5 days. But the enemy had more heavy equipment and more people. Under constant shelling, the Ukrainians had to retreat. Russians occupied Polohy. Maksim, together with his family, had to learn to live in the occupied territory. The shelling continued.

“Every night he went to bed thinking he might not wake up the following day. Unfortunately, there was a Russian military checkpoint right in front of his house, so the sounds of the explosions were heard often. One of the missiles hit Maksim’s house. Fortunately, his whole family was hiding in the cellar at that time, and that was how they all survived. Three days later, his mother, grandmother, and he were able to leave. They went to Zaporizhzhia to stay with a relative.

“Maksim is friendly but shy. To provide for his family, he works a part-time job as a copywriter. His job pays him very little, and he cannot give his family what they need. Our students helped his family with clothes, shoes, and hygiene items, as well as food, as the family had absolutely nothing. They also encouraged him, supported him spiritually, and invited him to the church.

“He shared that he started thinking about God and eternity after the missile hit their home. He says that he believes God does exist as He had protected the family but has never had a personal relationship with God. **Maksim was very happy to receive the Gospel of John and will read it to learn more about his personal relationship with God and how much He loves him and takes care of him.**”

VALERLY AND OLGA

“Valeriy and Olga had a business in their town that included a few stores and warehouses. Part of their business was destroyed by a missile that hit one of the buildings and set it on fire, and the other part was stolen. The family didn’t plan to leave the area and hoped everything would pass and peace would return to their land. But when they heard about young guys disappearing (Russians taking them), they started looking for ways to leave. One night, when the shelling finished, they took small roads unknown to the Russians and came to Zaporizhzhia. That’s where they are now. They have been moving from place to place in search of more permanent accommodation. They never thought that they would come and ask for help because they were the ones who helped others and provided assistance to people in need.



“The family professes Orthodox and would only attend church for significant events like Christmas or Easter.

“When we offered them Gospels of John and Scripture resources, they were very interested. They started reading the Bible every day and now come to our Sunday services from time to time. **They were especially grateful for the “small Scripture” - the Gospel of John as they can take it with them everywhere.** We hope that the Word that was sown in their hearts, and the events that our team organized and invited them to, will touch their minds and lives, and they will come to know the Lord personally.

“I am so encouraged when seeing the joy people experience when they receive God’s Word. **Please know when I use the phrase, The League, I include each and every one of you — you all are reaching the world with the Hope of Jesus.**”

CHINA

IN A DREAM

One Chinese Christian woman preparing to go to her Class Reunion, put several Gospel of John booklets into her bag in hopes that God would provide opportunities for her to be bold and share her faith.

PTL arms Chinese Christians with the very Word of God—legally, through those whom God has placed in positions of authority inside the Chinese government. At great personal risk, they approve the printing of pocket-size Gospels of John.

Seated around a table in a restaurant with her former classmates, the woman took a bold risk and gave each person a pocket Gospel of John. She then began to share the Gospel and plan of salvation with them. She encouraged them to read the Gospel booklet and share it with others. She recalled,

A few days later, I received a phone call from one of my classmates. After reading the Gospel, God spoke to her in a dream... and she wanted to know more about sin and Jesus.

Later, following many conversations and careful consideration, the woman decided to place her trust in Jesus as her personal Savior and become a Christian. God's Spirit visited the woman in a dream and through

the Gospel another person's life was changed for eternity.

A Faithful Risk-Taker

from China

A BOLD BELIEVER

*A Christian in China is a fish out of water.
Sometimes it's a struggle to just gasp for a breath
before taking the bold step of a believer ready to
share their faith.*

And yet— Christians in China continue undaunted. Pocket Gospels of John aren't just read... they are shared over and over again, until often the Gospel pages become “dog eared” from being read so many times, by so many people.

One particular mom is always ready. She puts a couple of copies of the Gospel of John in her bag and looks for the opportunities God might bring. One day while waiting for her children to finish their two-hour painting class, she began chatting with another mom. She told,

I took a very bold step and I told her that I am a Christian. She had many questions... so, I took out my Gospel booklets, simply handed them to her, opened one, showed her the bridge illustration and I explained the Gospel message to her.

A few days later, the teacher of the painting class, who also is a Christian, contacted her to recount how the other mom had read the Gospel of John, given one to her friend and was requesting another copy. The teacher said she also wanted more copies to put in her studio to offer parents... and together they would boldly share their faith.

A Bold Christian Mom

from China

HOSPITAL HEALING

I was relieved to finally be in the hospital, as I had waited months to be scheduled for surgery... I was in need of healing; not only for my body, but also, my soul was an open wound of sadness.

In the bed next to me was a happy man surrounded by his family gleefully whispering over him. A mouse in the corner, I observed as they were interrupted when a hospital visitation team entered the room and began

handing everyone a little booklet. The other patient's wife looked into the booklet and boldly professed to the visitors,

*I believe in Jesus too and I am very joyful to see
the team and receive the Gospel of John.*

I opened the little book and began to skim some of the pages as I continued to listen. The wife asked the visitors to pray for her husband. They also prayed for the people who made it possible for all of us to receive the little Gospel booklet. After the prayer, they all began to talk about the Gospel story in the booklet. A curious bird, I craned my neck to better hear their words.

*With great interest to know more about this Gospel,
I asked a question. The other patient's wife spoke up
and told me about Jesus from the Gospel of John.
I wanted this forgiveness, healing for my soul and
peace from Jesus in my life too,*

I prayed the prayer of salvation in the booklet and my sadness became a cloud drifting away.

I knew my soul had been healed when I believed in Jesus.

A Man Whose Soul Was Healed

from China

INDIA

THE GOSPEL CHANGING LIVES

Harindar, from a Sikh background, was drug addicted and violent. His family was distraught. Joyty was the captive of idol worship and Black Magic. His family wept bitterly over him.

But that day in India, Harindar and Joyty stood in a pool with the two men who prayed for them. They had been born into God's eternal Kingdom and were baptized because the Gospel had changed their lives forever.

It's true that some cultures are steeped in the occult and addiction and there is often an intense and powerful conversion that takes place when someone accepts Christ as their savior. Albeit,

it is always nothing short of God's miracle when any lives are changed by the Gospel and people meet Jesus. We have all been delivered from the powers of darkness into the light of Christ.

Because one of the Pastors with Reach The Rest Ministries in India was faithful to pray for Harindar and Joyty, as well as others like them, thousands of people are being introduced to Jesus with the Gospels of John. The Gospel is changing lives!

Thomas M

from PTL Partner Reach The Rest Ministry, India

LET'S REACH THE REST

Rakesh observes the smiles on the field leader's faces as they open the boxes of Gospels. He watches Dan pick up a pocket Gospel of John, open it and begin to read the Word.

Rakesh, a pillar of Christ's faithfulness in India, stands before various small gatherings of field leaders to encourage them to be brave and share the Gospel.

Rakesh recently returned from a trip to the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh. He observed first-hand how— in spite of being actively and seriously targeted for persecution— small groups of believers are popping up all over India.

8,500 Gospels booklets were distributed to field leaders in one area and Dan received 12,500 Hindi Gospel booklets to distribute to the people in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Indigenous Christians in India are brave, courageous, wise and innovative. Partnering with *Reach The Rest Ministry*, the League has Gospels in every language in the Northern half of India, where the most unreached people groups are located. And now, the effort is spreading south. The country is exploding with the

Gospel dynamite and hearts are being ignited for Jesus throughout the land.

New believers, baptisms and groups studying the Gospel start on a regular basis nowadays. And there is still more to do to Reach the Rest!

Randy M and Don W,

from PTL Partner Reach The Rest Ministry, India

IN THE HEART LANGUAGE

Philemon is doing his part getting Gospels of John into people's hands and hearts to help reach as many people as possible in his section of India.

The League, in partnership with *Reach The Rest Ministry* is providing thousands of Gospels to native Christian leaders like Philemon who then in turn are getting God's Word into parts of India where the people have demonstrated that they are hungry to know about Jesus and His saving grace.

Philemon has been giving Gospels of John to the local leaders who then help the Muslims in their villages meet Jesus by encouraging them to read the Gospel.

These Gospels are being read by the previously unengaged, unreached Dudekula people who are found only in India, and most importantly... the pocket Gospels are in their primary heart language of Telugu.

Philemon

from PTL Partner Reach The Rest Ministry, India



THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST

THEY NEED TO KEEP IT SECRET

A young man—Jamal, in secrecy, collected his Gospel of John—Umeed: PTL Hope— from a shop near his workplace. Through a smile he said,

*Today I got the book of life in my hand and
now I will tell everyone I am a follower of Jesus;
as I read about Him the Gospel of John.*

They all have one thing in common... a Gospel of John in their hand, with a smile on their face that lights up a room. Partnering with The League, Gawahi Television & Missions are distributing a garrison of Gospels of John. Printed in Karachi, the largest city in Pakistan, 50,000 Urdu pocket Gospels are now inviting people throughout the land to meet Jesus with “Umeed”—“PTL Hope”.

Muslims are desperate to receive Umeed (PTL Hope).

Unreached people groups are mostly in very dangerous places of the world. The Gospel of John, in written form, provides a compact size to get the Gospel to people safely. It's often in disguise; looking like a simple notebook. The majority of “Jesus seekers” in Pakistan request to have a pocket Gospel sent to their workplace or to a nearby store.

They don't want anyone to know they are receiving Christian reading material. Everyone is especially happy that the pocket Gospel is not too big because they need to keep it secret.

Our Unparalleled Co-Laborers

from Pakistan — Partner

CHANGED AND SET FREE

Just doing his job one day, Muhammad started reading the PTL Gospels he was printing. A devoted Muslim, he had been a printer and packer in Pakistan for 21 years.

It wasn't usual for him to be so taken by something he was printing in his work, but Muhammad was so gripped by the words he read in the PTL Gospel of John that he asked the owner of the company the nature of these books they were printing.

Muhammad's boss told him the books are about Jesus, and he was instructed not to read through the booklets, but only to do his work!

But Muhammad couldn't stop reading the Gospel. He kept on reading it over and over... 13 times! He proclaimed that his mind and spirit were renewed like

never before and he realized the misconception he had of Jesus.

Muhammad's heart was captivated by the words of Jesus. He thought what he was feeling when he read them was not normal. Jesus' words seemed to be speaking directly to him and touching his heart.

The more he read the Gospel, the more Muhammad was changed and set free. He stopped fighting with his wife, colleagues and just about everyone, and was ready to forgive others. He now shares the Gospels with many hundreds of Muslims living near his home and workplace.

Muhammad A

from Pakistan

THE REAL BREAD OF LIFE

It's a cold morning as a woman approaches the bakery to get her bread for the day. She doesn't know that she has been prayed for and she is about to receive the "real bread of life".

Just prior to the bakery opening, the bakers and Pavel, from Word of Life Ministry, prayed over the recipients of various covers of the Gospel of John, smiled with

hope, and acknowledged that Jesus was about to change the lives of many that day— for eternity.

As the woman reaches out her hand she receives both her bread and the opportunity to select the cover she likes of the pocket Gospel of John. This scene is repeated many times throughout the day.

She and many other Armenian citizens who have been caught in the middle of the recent border dispute have suffered hardship. But today, while making a stop at two local Christian run bakeries, called “Bread of Life”, everyone receives a Gospel of John with their bread. Those who are able to pay receive their bread at a reasonable price, others receive bread at no cost... and no one goes away hungry because everyone will have bread for their bodies and souls.

As the day comes to a close, the bakers declare,

People really need to believe in the real Bread of Life - Christ the Savior! And they are believing in Christ because they have received the Gospel of John.

Two bakers

in Armenia, Eurasia

JESUS FILLED THE VOID

Pakistan and Afghanistan have begun to experience the light of Christ breaking barriers.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Hindus have begun watching Gawahi Christian-based Television and are requesting to learn more about Jesus.

In partnership with The Pocket Testament League, 50,000 Gospels of John in the Urdu and Farsi languages were recently printed in country and distributed throughout Pakistani border cities.

Umar, a member of the extremist Islamic wing in Kandahar, smuggled drugs and ammunition to Pakistan and took part in oppressing those who weren't followers of Islam.

But Umar still had a big void in his life. Frustrated because he wasn't receiving answers that satisfied him, Umar began to secretly tune into and watch Gawahi Christian TV.

He began to hear answers to his questions that were satisfying his soul. He developed a strong desire to read the Holy Book of Essa (Jesus). Separating himself from Islam, Umar and his family migrated to Pakistan and made contact with the evangelistic team helping Afghan

refugees get food. It was here Umar met Jesus through reading His Holy book in the pocket Gospel of John.

Since then, I have taken 100 Gospels of John to my tribe members who are also refugees. Now I know that even if my tribe were to kill me, I am going to spend eternity with Jesus. Reading the Gospel of John gave me hope in life and filled the void.

Umar

from Pakistan

DO PEOPLE REALLY READ THESE GOSPELS?

Do you ever wonder... Do people really read these Gospels of John and are lives really changed?

The answer is yes and some of the most dramatic conversions and professions of faith are witnessed in countries where the people suffer the greatest oppression.

Despite the impending persecution and rejection, Abdul longed to receive the Gospel and learn about Jesus. Consequently, Christians in his area delivered a PTL Gospel to a shop near his home.

Abdul and his family, in Pakistan, could not receive a Gospel of John at their home because of the persecution he would receive through his elder brother. His brother is an Imam, or worship leader in a mosque and Islamic study center for Sunni Muslims. Regardless of the opposition, Abdul read his Gospel of John and then gave it to his wife to read. He then called the Christian ministry in Pakistan that distributes the Gospels to ask for prayer.

Abdul let them know that as a result of reading the Gospel, his immediate family has become Christian, and they need prayer. They now have no place to live or work due to being ostracized and persecuted.

Do you ever wonder... Do people really get excited about having a copy of God's Word in their hand? The answer to that question is also yes! A perfect example is Abdul. Happy, excited, and thankful, Abdul held his Gospel of John booklet in his hand for the first time.

Abdul R

from Pakistan

THE RISK OF HAVING FAITH IN CHRIST

Taking the eminent risk of once again being beaten by her father, 24-year-old Sakina quietly turned on the TV in the middle of the night to watch the Gawahi Satellite TV Christian Broadcast.



Even though suffering threats and multiple beatings at the hand of her father, a magnet against metal, Sakina couldn't separate herself from the TV and Christian programs. She had so many questions about Hazrat Essa (Jesus Christ).

Sakina called the TV helpline requesting the Gospel, but at that time, they didn't have one to give her. Two years later, she received and read a pocket Gospel in her heart language.

It's not uncommon for Muslims in Pakistan to become Christians by watching TV or through "word of mouth", and yet never have had the Bible to read. But now, the pocket Gospels are available through the collaboration of a network of churches all over Pakistan and The Pocket Testament League.

Sakina read the Gospel, which increased her faith in Jesus. And... she began sharing Gospels with others around her, even at the risk of being beaten.

Sakina

from Pakistan

PARTNERS DELIVERING THE GOSPEL

The partnership of The Pocket Testament League, a network of churches throughout Pakistan and Gawahi

Broadcasting has delivered God's Word through the small pocket Gospels of John to Muslims who have become Christians and who now are reading the Gospel for the first time. One such deeply converted soul is Albert.

Drug-addicted, lost and hopeless, Albert's life was about to change for eternity one morning during breakfast as he watched a Christian TV program with his mother.

Listening to a Bible verse, prayer and worship music, Albert began to sob as the power of God's Spirit reached into his soul. That moment marked Albert becoming a new person in Christ.

Albert received a Gospel of John and helped to start up a small grocery shop business. Now the customers who enter Albert's shop are greeted with the gift of a PTL Gospel of John.

Albert has given hundreds of pocket Testaments to Muslim people who never-before had read the Gospel. Thanks to Christian partnership in Pakistan, the Gospels of John are reaching, impacting, and saving lives.

Albert

from Pakistan

HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO FOR A GOSPEL?

*A well-oiled machine and a self-guided weapon,
Hakeem went to sleep... a human bomb, prepared to
self-destruct in the morning. As he drifted off, his stone
heart was in actuality... a hopeless kitten up a tree.*

That night Jesus visited Hakeem in a dream. God knew him... and had heard the silent wail of his empty soul. Jesus had come to rescue him.

*The next morning, instead of executing his mission
as a suicide bomber, Hakeem wandered from
mosque to mosque inquiring of the Imams, or
worship leaders, and asking them to tell him about
Jesus. But no one could or did.*



Instead, someone told him they had heard of people in another city who had a book called a Gospel and who talked about Jesus. The only thing was that it was 23 hours away.

*The deep hunger in his spirit compelled
Hakeem to make the 23-hour trip on his motorcycle.
He had to receive this Gospel.*

Miraculously, Hakeem received and read the Gospel, gave his life to Jesus, and declared,

*I am alive only because of Jesus. Otherwise,
I would have died as a suicide bomber for no good
eternal reason. Now I have found real peace and
satisfaction in Jesus' Gospel of John.*

Hakeem

from Pakistan

MOBILE APP

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AWAY

PTL CEO David spoke by phone with partners in Pakistan saying,

We have to protect the people and stop the downloads — and even look for ways to remove the PTL APP off of phones in Afghanistan.

And from the other end of the phone call he heard the words,

Please do not take the Word of God away from us. We know exactly what the cost is for sharing God's Word.

The PTL partners in Pakistan, ministering to refugees on the border of Afghanistan, had revealed to David,

Hearing that people in Afghanistan were being killed when found with the Bible on their phones — we knew that the PTL Gospel of John Mobile APP was being downloaded there.

And so, the PTL APP, *Read Carry Share*, continues to be downloaded every day more than 6,000 times — in places like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Bengazi, and throughout the Middle East.

God is using the PTL APP to reach people the League never could reach with printed Gospels.

David C

CEO, PTL

READING THE GOSPEL

A young person is glued to his mobile phone. Upon closer inspection... it can be seen that he is reading the Bible— the Gospel of John to be exact—on the PTL Mobile App: Read, Carry, Share.

Nearby there is a woman absorbed in the small booklet she is reading. It also is the Bible — a printed copy of the Gospel of John. Both of them are reading God's Word due to the partnership of Mission Eurasia and The Pocket Testament League.

Pastor Sergei, ministering in Russia to people of all ages, is thrilled to take part in the distribution of hundreds of thousands of printed Gospels. He commented,

Although many today have the PTL Mobile App: Read, Carry, Share on their phones, giving out actual printed copies of the Gospels of John is still very vital and we are seeing the fruits of people reading the pocket Gospel booklets.

He and his team were in Sibai and Magnitogorsk simply handing everyone they met Gospels of John. Pastor Sergei was amazed that the people receive the pocket Gospels as a great and treasured gift and view the Word as a sign of God Himself reaching out to their hearts.

He declared,

They enthusiastically receive the pocket Gospels, read them earnestly, ask questions and request more copies for their family members.

Paster Sergei Z

from Mission Euraisa, Russia — Partner

**READ THE GOSPEL ... WHETHER
PRINTED OR ON THE MOBILE APP**

The PTL Mobile App is perfect to share with people who might not be able be reached with printed Gospels. It is especially having an incredible impact around the world.

Recently Rich was having dinner with a friend, and he started talking about the PTL Mobile App. Rich told his friend how anyone whether young or old, male or female, and all throughout the world, can use the shareable Gospel of John APP called *Read Carry Share*

— anytime and anyplace with QR code, text, social, AirDrop, and more.

Rich's friend got really excited about the APP and immediately wanted to share it with one of his Chinese employees. Rich helped him send the APP and the next day he received a follow up message from his friend. His friend recounted,

My Chinese employee I sent the PTL Mobile App to last night was able to get it in both Chinese and English with a video. When I saw her this morning, she was so happy to have it to share.

Along with getting the Mobile App to share with others, it seems God wants to encourage her to read the Gospel as well. She said the strangest thing happened after she received the App. She went into her bedroom and her dog had gone through all of the things she had on her bed, pulled out her Bible and laid it on her pillow.

She was so surprised. She didn't know how the dog found her Bible and put it on her pillow. God was speaking to her, as well, to read the Gospel whether printed or on the APP!

Rich W

from Lancaster, PA

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.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? For a free course on the Gospel of John or to join The Pocket Testament League as a Member (membership is free), just visit our website at www.ptl.org/follow.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE

The Pocket Testament League is an interdenominational evangelical organization founded in 1893 when a teenage girl and her friends made a commitment to carry pocket-sized New Testaments to share with others. The League encourages followers of Jesus everywhere to Read, Carry and Share God's Word.

Learn more about The Pocket Testament League by visiting www.ptl.org/about

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Pocket Testament League adheres to the following statement of faith:

- ✝ The inspiration and authority of the whole Bible (Old and New Testaments) as the full revelation of God by the Holy Spirit.
- ✝ The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His substitutionary atoning death on the cross, His bodily resurrection, and His personal return.
- ✝ 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.

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

We pray that you have been as blessed reading these stories as we were in preparing them for printing.

God is at work through our Members! His Book, the precious Word of God, is alive! Scripture reaches the heart as nothing else can, and these stories are living testaments to what happens when people give away His Word as a free gift to those they encounter.

If you have a heart's desire to reach the world for Christ, won't you consider partnering with The Pocket Testament League? There is no greater return on investment than putting Scripture into the hands of those who want to share it.

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When we share Jesus, we share hope. Hope with people who are lonely, scared, and struggling. People who don't know who to turn to. The world wants us to live in fear, but we reject fear. We choose to share hope.

Sharing Jesus is not just our only hope. He is our real hope. A hope that will never change. A hope that shows someone they are loved. A hope that transforms.

When a Gospel of John is shared... hope is given. The hope of salvation through Jesus — and people are transformed.

Many people are seeking hope and light in a dark world. That's why together, we are building a movement. A movement of Christ-followers who are sharing Jesus.

From our founding in 1893 to our 125th Anniversary in 2018, together, we reached 130 Million people with invitations to meet Jesus. We are now marching together to reach another 130 Million people by 2028. In our first two years, 2019 – 2020, together we invited 12 million people in 46 countries to receive the hope found in a relationship with Jesus.

Beginning in 2021, we challenged ourselves to reach 30 million people in 3 years. In just the last two years of this challenge, we have invited more than 19 million people with Gospels of John. In 2023, we aim to invite 12 million people. We are now reaching people in over 200 countries. This is the movement of hope you are a part of.

When you join the movement, Jesus is shared. Lives are saved. That is our guarantee.

