2026 Annual Report



INVITING EVERYONE TO MEET JESUS

THE POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE

THE LIGHT SHINES

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Right now, somewhere in the world, someone is holding the Gospel of John for the very first time. It might be a printed copy or words glowing on a phone screen. Either way, they are reading the same words that have changed lives for two thousand years. This is not our story. It is God's. You are part of it. I say that with full conviction, because if you've been with us for any amount of time, you know The Pocket Testament League has always been a movement of people, inviting people, to meet Jesus.

For over 130 years, we have known that God is the prime mover in these invitations. What is striking is watching Him move today. In our first 125 years, by God's hand, approximately 130 million people were invited to meet Jesus. Then, in just seven years, from 2019 to 2025, 70 million were invited. In 2026, over 18 million people received the Word of God. It was the largest year in the history of The League. A number like that calls for a moment of quiet wonder, for each invitation is a person, each deeply loved by God.

All this is of God. He is leading. His leading is taking us to some of the darkest places of the world. People are hungrier for Him than five years ago. Doors that were locked are ajar. Hearts that were closed are opening. Because of League Partners and Members who have said yes with their prayers, their presence, and their generosity, we have been able to respond.

While 2026 was our largest year, God is not slowing down. The rate of growth is accelerating. In the last month of our record year, nearly 2 million people were invited to meet Jesus. Each of these invitations was a one-to-one opportunity to meet the God who loves them, through His Word.

How do I process what is unfolding? God's Word answers the question. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." I used to think that light was constant in its strength. Today, I realize it is getting brighter, penetrating more of the darkness.

In the pages ahead, you'll see where the light is penetrating this darkness. You will read of God penetrating the human heart. We know with everything in us that it will not be overcome. Thank you for being part of this. Not just as a partner, but as someone who is, day by day, pushing back the darkness with the Light of Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,
David Collum



President & CEO
The Pocket Testament League



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. – John 1:5



In Buryatia, Russia, a League Partner shared the Gospel with Nikolai. As he engaged with the Gospel of John, something shifted. The isolation he once carried began to lift, replaced by a renewed will to live and the first stirrings of a living faith.

HOW WE CARRY THE LIGHT



DIGITAL INVITATIONS

Through the READ CARRY SHARE® app, Scripture crosses borders into places like Iran and Yemen in ways no customs officer can stop, reaching people with a phone and a question. Since its launch in late 2020, the app has been downloaded more than 38 million times. In a recent 90-day period*, people used the app on more than 4.3 million different devices and shared it more than 25,000 times, inviting others to read the Gospel of John and meet Jesus with the Word of God.

Between 2026–2028, we are praying for 85 million digital invitations, trusting God to keep opening these doors one download, one read, one quiet moment at a time.



MEMBER INVITATIONS

Individuals, Churches, Ministries and Businesses around the world are extending a hand of invitation by offering a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John. Today we offer over 50 licensed languages reaching into over 100 countries. Printed Gospels often go where a digital version can't reach: prisons, refugee camps, and war zones where a printed page can travel anywhere a person can walk.

Between 2026–2028, we are trusting God to use this same powerful tool to help reach 15 million more people with the message of Jesus, one Gospel, one conversation, one hand at a time.



PARTNER INVITATIONS

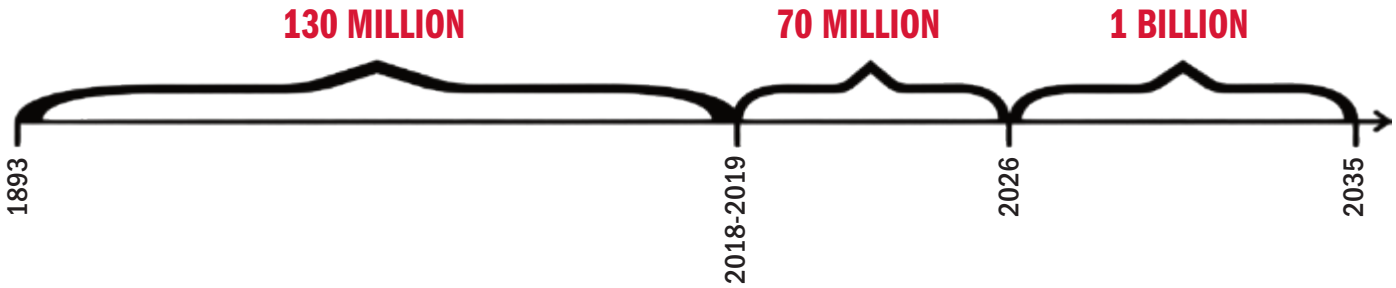
Strategic Partners are key ministries that have proven track records in leading with the Word of God. They use their networks, which span countries and continents, to invite millions to meet Jesus.

Today, League Partners are carrying the light all over the world, some through Gospels placed hand to hand, others through digital partnerships that help God's Word travel even further. **However they carry it, the goal is the same: invite everyone to meet Jesus through the Word of God.**

*June 18–September 15, 2026

THE LIGHT IS SHINING BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER

We have invited 130 million people to meet Jesus in our first 125 years. With your partnership, **we invited another 82 million people since 2019. Between 2026–2028**, we will work to invite 100 million, and to be ready to invite 1 billion within the next 10.



2027 OPPORTUNITY

And the acceleration of God's Word continues. In 2026 over 18 million people were invited to meet Jesus. In 2027 we have the opportunity to invite 35 million people.

NORTH AMERICA
2 MILLION INVITATIONS

AFRICA
1 MILLION INVITATIONS

EURASIA
1 MILLION INVITATIONS

GREATER MIDDLE EAST
2 MILLION INVITATIONS

INDIA
2 MILLION INVITATIONS

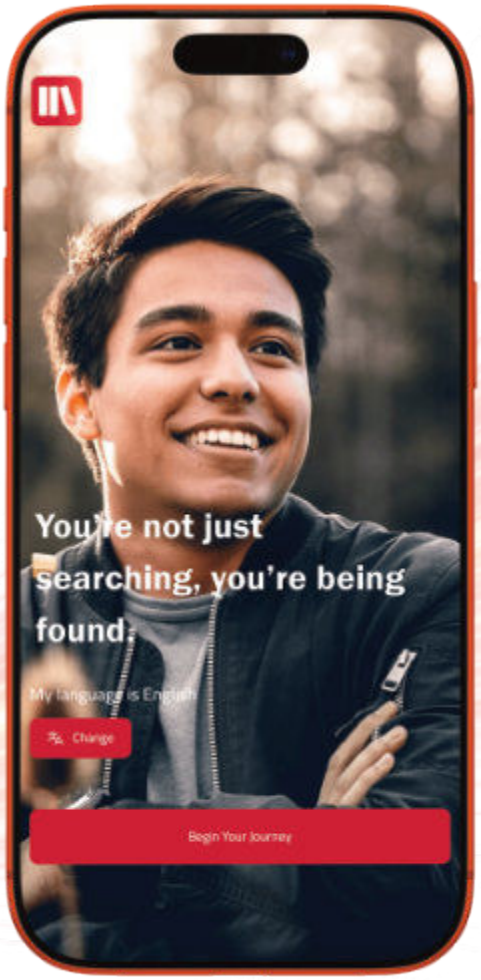
CHINA
300 THOUSAND INVITATIONS

DIGITAL
22 MILLION INVITATIONS

BEYOND THE ABOVE REGIONS
5 MILLION INVITATIONS

AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT

READ CARRY SHARE® APP



38 MILLION+ DOWNLOADS

Since 2020, over 38,000,000 people have been invited to meet Jesus through the READ CARRY SHARE® app.

Across the globe, people are searching for God. Not in quiet corners. Not in small numbers. In staggering, history-defying waves.

Millions of people are opening their phones and asking the most important question a human being can ask: "Is God real?" — in closed countries, in war zones, in homes where speaking the name of Jesus could cost them everything.

Consider what has happened in just six years:

Annual searches for "Is God real?"

- in 2019: 5,000,000
- in 2025: 6,200,000,000

That is not a 2x increase. Not 10x. Not even 100x. It is a 1,240x increase.

God is using the READ CARRY SHARE® app to respond to spiritual hunger around the world. This is The League's Digital Invitation: an invitation to explore life's deepest questions through God's Word and meet Jesus there. Behind every download is a person with real questions and an opportunity to encounter Him.

As spiritual hunger grows, the pace of this Digital Invitation is accelerating too. Since its launch in late 2020, the READ CARRY SHARE® app has been downloaded more than 38 million times, and we are on target for more than 22 million downloads next year alone. But people are doing more than downloading it. In a recent 90-day period*, they used the app on more than 4.3 million different devices and shared it more than 25,000 times, inviting others to read the Gospel of John and meet Jesus with the Word of God.

> Arise, shine, for your light has come,
> and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
> – Isaiah 60:1

*June 18–September 15, 2026

HOW THE LIGHT IS BREAKING THROUGH

The world's hunger for God is not only something we are seeing; by His grace, we are responding. Through the READ CARRY SHARE® app, The League is helping people encounter Jesus through His Word in their own language.

In Iran, over 1,500 people download the app every day, with over 600,000 downloads this year alone. "Praise God. It's exciting to see people engaging with the app and seeking Jesus. We're praying the Lord continues to open doors and use it in powerful ways," say League Partners in Iran.

The invitation continues after someone opens the app. League Partners in Kenya describe the opportunity this way: "Too often, after someone accepts Christ, we tell the church, 'We have a baby that needs to be fed.' Now, because of the PTL app, we can say we have a baby that will be fed today."

From Iran to Nepal, Cuba to Yemen, people are opening the app with an opportunity to encounter Jesus through His Word. With Scripture, a self-guided reading plan, and a plan of salvation in their own language, they have a place to begin and resources to take their next step in faith. As this Digital Invitation reaches millions more people next year, each download represents another opportunity for someone to meet Jesus through God's Word.

The message is the same: the Good News has not changed. Now it moves at the speed of light, and it grows roots that stay.

Scan or visit readcarryshare.org to download the app.

READ CARRY SHARE® APP 2.0

Next year, we anticipate 22 million downloads of the app. The search isn't slowing down; it's just getting started. So we built the next chapter to meet it.

READ OR LISTEN

Read, watch, or listen to the Gospel of John. It's the same message, meeting more people right where they are.

PLAN OF SALVATION

With the Plan of Salvation built right in, the READ CARRY SHARE® app turns any phone into an invitation to meet Jesus and place faith in Him.

23 LANGUAGES

Every one an invitation to meet Jesus.

GUIDED READINGS

Walk through the Gospel of John in 21 days. A guided plan built to turn meeting with Jesus into a daily habit.

SHARE GOD'S WORD

With just one tap, invite someone to open the Gospel of John for themselves.



NORTH AMERICA

Todd stood at the gate of Dream Builders Mission in Tampa as people were leaving after receiving blankets, clothes, and other necessities. A Walgreens vaccination team was also present, and one of their members asked Todd how he was doing. His response was simple and direct: "Saved and on my way to heaven. How about you?" Dan, the Walgreens employee, responded with refreshing honesty: "I'm trying to." Todd's gentle explanation followed: salvation isn't earned through effort but received as a gift through faith. Dan prayed right there, accepting Christ, and Todd ensured he had a Gospel of John to guide his next steps. The mission that day became a gateway where people encountered Jesus and His Word through the faithfulness of one believer positioned at the right place with the right message.

League Member Todd in Tampa, FL

1.2M
PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN NORTH AMERICA IN 2026



EASTERN & WESTERN EUROPE

In Novosibirsk, Vasily regularly stations himself at the train station to share the Gospel with travelers. One day, a young woman named Irina rushed past him, paused near where he was sharing, and listened attentively for about ten minutes before suddenly sprinting off, worried about missing her train.

To Vasily's surprise, only five minutes later, Irina came back. She walked straight up to him and said, "It is more important for me to be saved by Jesus. The next train is in a few hours, so I will wait." Vasily led her in prayer, encouraged her in her new faith, and placed a Gospel of John in her hands.

League Partner Pavel in Eastern Europe

147K
PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN EASTERN & WESTERN EUROPE IN 2026

Numbers are both digital and printed as of August 31, 2026



CHINA

50K

PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN CHINA IN 2026

Faith lives quietly in places where belief grows under threat. China is one of those places. Despite persecution, the Gospel keeps breaking through even as reports describe rising pressure on believers and churches through surveillance, harassment, and arrests of Christians and church leaders. Many call this one of the most restrictive periods in recent years. Still, the Gospel is going forward.

During Chinese New Year, a season of family and tradition, a League Member returned to their hometown to spend time with family. Over shared meals and long conversations, they boldly shared the Gospel with their aunt and uncle. Both decided to follow Jesus. Before the week ended, they placed a Gospel of John, printed in China, into their hands, encouraging them to read one chapter each day as they begin this new life in Christ.



INDIA

6.4M

PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN INDIA IN 2026

God is moving in India. The Gospel is advancing. Disciples are being made. Churches are forming in places where the name of Jesus is just beginning to be heard. It begins with a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John placed into someone's hands. What grows from it is beyond anything human strategy could plan. The Light is pushing back the darkness and bearing fruit.

League Partner Paul in India

GREATER MIDDLE EAST

At a Christmas peace rally in Karachi, Pakistan, Qadeerullah, an imam and professor at a Qur'anic university, traveled hours by motorcycle after years seeking a Bible without success. Meeting League Partners, he received his first Pocket-Sized Gospel from PTL, plus more to share with friends and students. This fulfillment mattered, answering his desperate search for Jesus' words.

Qadeerullah's overwhelming joy and emotion led him to declare he would "eat every single word," reflecting deep hunger. God's provision transformed his pursuit, enabling encounters with Isa (Jesus) for himself and others.

League Partner William in Pakistan



1.8M
PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST IN 2026

AFRICA

Bashir came to our school as a Muslim. Each lesson began with a short reading from the Gospel of John, and each week students and teachers memorized a verse, with a small reward for those who recited it word for word.

John 1:1 especially caught his attention. He asked thoughtful questions, and we talked through the Scriptures together. At first he only listened; later he joined the other students in memorizing the weekly verse. Even our Christian staff were amazed by his eagerness.

Eventually, Bashir placed his faith in Jesus. He is now being discipled and growing in his faith, all because of the consistent reading of the Gospel of John. Every child in our school now memorizes a verse each week. God's Word is transforming lives.

League Partner in Africa



2.9M
PEOPLE WERE INVITED TO MEET JESUS IN AFRICA IN 2026

Numbers are both digital and printed as of August 31, 2026

GLOBAL GOSPEL REACH

INVITING THE WORLD TO MEET JESUS



GOSPEL INVITATIONS

- 1,000,000+
- 500,000 – 1,000,000
- 100,000 – 500,000
- 10,000 – 100,000
- 1 – 10,000

238
Countries & Territories Reached

82M
People Invited to Meet Jesus Since 2019

55
Languages



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
– John 1:5

82 MILLION
INVITED SINCE 2019

REACHING EVERY REGION
Totals from 2019–August 31, 2026

AFRICA
13.4M

ASIA
10.1M

CHINA
4.5M

EASTERN EUROPE
4.7M

GREATER MIDDLE EAST
8M

INDIA
20.6M

NORTH AMERICA
14.7M

OCEANIA
<100K

SOUTH AMERICA
3.5M

WESTERN EUROPE
700K

2026 TOP 10 COUNTRIES

1.	India	6.4M
2.	Bangladesh	2.4M
3.	Sudan	609K
4.	Iran	600K
5.	Nepal	571K
6.	Pakistan	489K
7.	Algeria	308K
8.	Ethiopia	304K
9.	Congo-Kinshasa	298K
10.	Venezuela	177K

Scan the QR Code to view country-by-country data.

ptl.org/global-reach

HOW THE LIGHT TRAVELS

Because of your faithful giving, the message of Jesus continues to reach people who are searching for hope and truth. Your generosity places the Gospel of John into waiting hands, whether printed or shared digitally through our app, opening the way for lives to be changed. Each Gospel you help provide becomes a quiet but powerful invitation to encounter Christ. Thank you for helping carry this light forward so more people can experience the transforming power of God's Word.

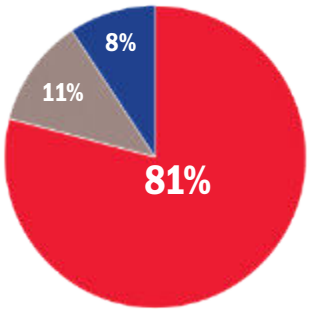
OUR FINANCIALS

BASED ON FY 2025 AUDIT

TOTAL EXPENSES:

- Program Services: $3,557,165 (81%)
- Management & General: $478,723 (11%)
- Fundraising: $351,956 (8%)

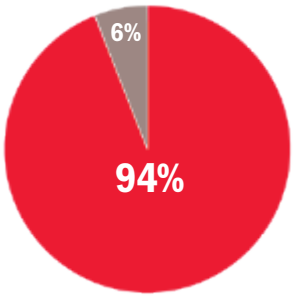
81% of The League's operating expenses go directly to the mission.



SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

- Contributions: $5,089,888 (94%)
- Other Revenue: $326,490 (6%)

Request a full financial summary at www.ptl.org/financials.





TO THE GLOBAL LEAGUE PARTNERS

We also celebrate and honor the countless League Partners who carry these Gospels into neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, villages, and cities across the globe. Their bold witness and faithful service ensure that the Word you help provide is shared with people who might otherwise never hear the Good News. Together, with you and with them, we are part of one great movement to invite everyone to meet Jesus.

To see the full list of League Partners, please visit www.ptl.org/partners.

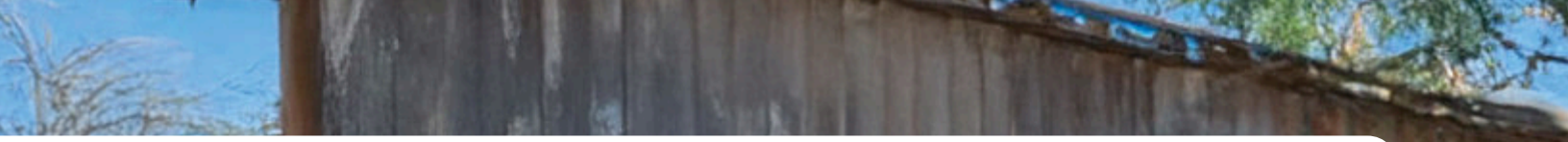
SCAN TO GIVE

ptl.org/give2026



In rural Cambodia, League Partners and church planters are placing Pocket-Sized Gospels of John into the hands of people encountering Scripture for the first time, sparking conversations about Jesus in homes and small groups. One elderly woman, after reading John's account, realized Jesus died for her personally—an awakening that led to group readings and deeper engagement with Christ. As these Gospels are shared, lives are transformed, faith takes root, and entire communities are being drawn to lasting hope in Jesus.

Ry R. in Cambodia



THE LIGHT GOES FIRST. WE FOLLOW.

A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is a defining moment.

We write to you not as mere board members of an organization, but as people who believe, with everything in us, that the Word of God changes lives. We have watched it happen. In a train station in Russia. On the streets of Pakistan. The light shines. And the darkness has not overcome it.

What you hold in your hands is not simply an annual report. It is a testimony. And the testimony is this: God is moving, people are hungry, and the Word of God is reaching places that nothing else can.

We believe God is calling The Pocket Testament League into **The Great Invitation**: inviting 100 million people to meet Jesus between 2026-2028, at a pace of one person every second. We know the hunger for Jesus already exists, and the light is already moving. We're simply joining in.

This is not a campaign driven by ambition. It is a response to a very real and urgent spiritual hunger erupting across the globe. People are searching. League Partners are ready. The Word is prepared. What is needed now are the resources to meet the moment.

We are united as a board in our conviction: this is what we were built for. And we believe God has already gone before us.

Your faithfulness has brought us to this moment. Your continued partnership will carry us through it. We invite you to pray with us, stand with us, and trust that the seeds sown today will yield a harvest for eternity.

Robert Kauffman
Chairman of the Board
The Pocket Testament League

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Vincent Huang
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William Barringer

Robert Davis

James Doughton

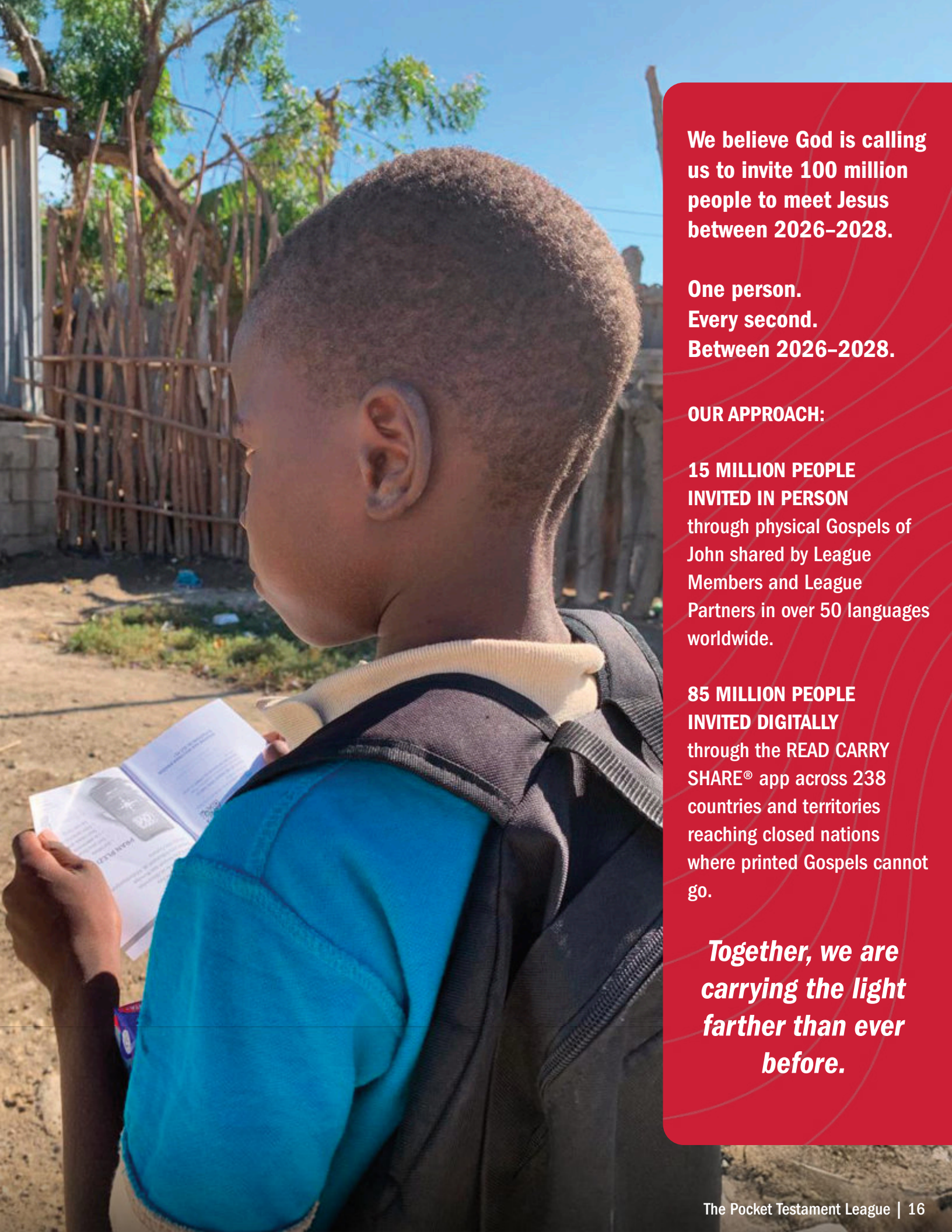
Richard Steudler

Richard Timmons

Eddie Moreno

Curvin Swartzentruber

Hap Kellogg



We believe God is calling us to invite 100 million people to meet Jesus between 2026–2028.

One person.
Every second.
Between 2026–2028.

OUR APPROACH:

15 MILLION PEOPLE INVITED IN PERSON
through physical Gospels of John shared by League Members and League Partners in over 50 languages worldwide.

85 MILLION PEOPLE INVITED DIGITALLY
through the READ CARRY SHARE® app across 238 countries and territories reaching closed nations where printed Gospels cannot go.

Together, we are carrying the light farther than ever before.



During a recent evangelistic campaign in the Dominican Republic, more than 100 mobilized believers carried the Good News into communities, visiting homes, schools, and neighborhoods, sharing the Gospel with people like Yaritza picture here. The outreach culminated in a gathering at Tetelo Vargas Stadium, celebrating the impact of God's Word. Through this coordinated effort, more than 2,800 invitations were made, and 2,235 people professed their faith in Jesus Christ. Behind these remarkable numbers are individual lives touched by the Gospel and the faithful efforts of believers committed to inviting others to meet Jesus.

– League Partner in Dominican Republic

BECAUSE YOU HELPED CARRY THE LIGHT

A THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AT THE LEAGUE

Our prayer for this report is twofold. First, that you feel the impact you are having on the lives of so many people. Second, that you hear a heartfelt THANK YOU from us.

Every story in this report began long before the moments described. Before Irina chose to miss her train, before Qadeerullah held his first Gospel, and before Bashir recited John 1:1 from memory. Each began in your heart and the hearts others, with prayers and support, and resulted in an invitation to meet Jesus.

You may never meet the people whose stories fill these pages, but through your partnership, the light of God's Word shown in their lives and they were invited to meet Jesus. You made those invitations possible.

In 2026, The League experienced its greatest year of ministry impact. We celebrate not simply the numbers, but the lives behind them—and God's work in their hearts.

Thank you for every gift, every prayer, and every invitation you helped make possible. Because you helped carry the light, more people have encountered the hope of Jesus Christ.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP MADE THIS POSSIBLE

In 2026, more than 18 million people were invited to meet Jesus. God's Word reached 238 countries and territories in 55 languages, and the READ CARRY SHARE® app surpassed 38 million downloads. Through it all, 81% of every dollar went to advance the mission.

And the opportunity before us continues to grow. In 2027, together we can invite 35 million people to meet Jesus.

LET'S KEEP CARRYING THE LIGHT IN 2027!

- **PRAY** for open hearts to receive God's Word.
- **GIVE** to help make more Gospel invitations possible at ptl.org/give2026.
- **CARRY** a Gospel of John wherever you go.
- **SHARE** the READ CARRY SHARE® app and invite someone to meet Jesus with one tap.

With deep gratitude,
Your friends at The Pocket Testament League



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