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Every one of these stories started the same way: with a divine appointment from God. That appointment comes in various forms. A person, searching online for God, finds and invitation from God to receive and read His very Word. Another, going about their day is approached by a stranger who offers words of comfort and a gift, a Gospel of John. Still another attends a church service, or participates in an event, or receives food, clothing or another need from a kind person with words of hope and a Gospel of John.

This year, over 18 million people were invited to meet Jesus—divine appointments.

These invitations were simple, not easy. Yet the love Christ compels us to respond to the world as it cries out to God. In 2025, there were 6.2 billion people searching online, in their own words, for a way to find God.

In response to the hunger, this year:

- India has seen 6.4 million invitations, often delivered by evangelists who risk their lives to bring them.
- The Greater Middle East has invited 1.8 million more, shared in rallies where the speakers still face real danger.
- Africa has seen 2.9 million invitations.
- America, where God is mocked more openly than ever, believers are sharing Him more boldly than ever — 1.2 Gospels of John shared this year alone.

The “Christian news” often notes shrinking church attendance and rising opposition. Two points.

The rest of the story is the spiritual hunger noted above. God is stirring the hearts of men and women to seek him

The opposition? God has told us to expect it. What is our response? Obedience.

Last year God moved hearts of seekers and hearts of followers, and the result was over 18 million people being invited to meet Jesus – our largest year ever – to God be the Glory.

We are aiming at a God size goal. That between 2026-2028, we are asking God for 100 million invitations — 100 million people who hear that Jesus knows their name, delivered through into their hands. That is not a stretch goal. It is simply what happens when this much faithfulness keeps compounding.

Until All are Invited



David Collum
President and CEO
The Pocket Testament League

INVITING 100 MILLION PEOPLE TO MEET JESUS BETWEEN 2026-2028

Every second, two people step into eternity, most without ever hearing the Gospel of Jesus. The Pocket Testament League's purpose is to invite everyone to meet Jesus with the Word of God—through printed Pocket-Sized Gospels of John and digital invitations.

By God's hand, approximately 130 million people were invited to meet Jesus in our first 125 years, followed by 70 million more from 2019 to 2025. In 2026, League Members and League Partners extended over 18 million invitations—our largest year ever.

As God continues to open doors, we are praying for **100 million invitations between 2026 and 2028: 85 million through digital outreach and 15 million through Pocket-Sized Gospels**. Behind those numbers are opportunities for people to meet Jesus and the hope found in His Word.

HOW WE WORK

DIGITAL INVITATIONS Through the READ CARRY SHARE® app, Scripture crosses borders in places like Iran and Yemen where no customs officer can stop, reaching anyone with a phone and a question. Since launch, this outreach has produced more than 38 million downloads. And people are not just downloading the app. In the last 90 days* alone, we've seen more than 4.3 million individual users. They're not only reading God's Word, they're sharing it too, with more than 25,000 shares during that same 90-day period.

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.

PARTNER INVITATIONS Strategic Partners are key ministries that have proven track records in leading with the Word of God. They use their networks that 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.

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“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'”

JOHN 8:12

LIGHT IN THE ORDINARY

Everyday moments.
Eternal radiance.

A GOSPEL THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

Sherry had just left the chiropractor's office when she spotted a woman she recognized, someone she'd shared a Gospel of John with some time back during their initial brief encounter. Sherry approached her, hoping to reconnect and perhaps share another Gospel. But the woman's response brought tears to Sherry's eyes: she smiled and told her that she already had the Gospel she had given her, and it had completely changed her life.

She now follows Jesus and attends church and Sunday School regularly, has made friends, and has experienced genuine community and spiritual growth. Sherry said she needed a spiritual hug that day, and God, in His faithfulness, sent one through this woman's testimony. Sometimes, the most meaningful affirmation of PTL comes months or years later when we discover the fruit our faithfulness produced.

– Sherry from TX

THE DIVINE APPOINTMENT AT THE BUS STOP

Patricia's story is one of obedience overcoming fear. She was driving home from a grocery store when she sensed God speaking to her heart about sharing a Gospel with a woman she had noticed walking nearby. Patricia wrestled with the

thought: Is that God, or is that just me? Initially, she decided to keep driving. She was almost home, almost safe in her familiar routine. But the conviction would not release her.

In a moment of decisive obedience, Patricia turned her car around. It had been several minutes, and she almost expected the woman to be gone. But there, sitting at a bus stop, was the same woman. Patricia parked and approached, nervous but obedient, remembering Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you."

The woman smiled warmly as Patricia approached. She gladly received the homemade card and Gospel of John. Even more remarkably, she expressed that she felt God had brought Patricia to her specifically in that moment.

It was a brief encounter. The bus arrived shortly after, but it was deeply meaningful. A stranger became a divinely appointed encounter, and one more Gospel found its way into searching hands because one believer chose courage over comfort.

– Patricia from CA

LOOKING PAST APPEARANCES

Sherry approached a man who looked like a biker—tattoos, rough appearance, the kind of person Sherry initially felt hesitant about approaching. But

she pushed past her own assumptions and offered him something to share. His response surprised her completely: he was delighted. He revealed that he was a youth pastor actively looking for gospel resources to use in his ministry.

Sherry's encounter demonstrates a crucial lesson: appearances often deceive. The people we are most hesitant about approaching may be fellow believers looking for exactly what we are offering. God is amazing at creating these unexpected connections.

– Sherry from TX

THE HARVEST IS RIPE AND READY

Darla's community has proven remarkably responsive to the gospel message. Darla has invited people she has shared the Gospel with into her home for deeper Bible study, a practice that reveals something crucial: when people encounter Scripture through a simple Gospel, some develop a genuine hunger to know more.

Rather than needing to have all the answers or conduct lengthy evangelistic presentations, the Gospel of John itself does the work of opening hearts and creating hunger for truth. "Availability and obedience is my primary responsibility; the Gospel's power is God's."

– Darla from NH

THIRTY THOUSAND FEET AND A SAVED SOUL

Trisha travels extensively, and her plane journeys have become favorite opportunities for gospel conversations. While flying to Orlando, she sat beside a younger man named Patrick. Patrick shared that his mother had recently become a Christian, and this spiritual shift in his family had him thinking about his own faith.

Trisha asked if anything was preventing Patrick from accepting Christ. Patrick answered honestly: nothing was stopping him. When Trisha asked if he would pray with her to receive Christ, he agreed without hesitation.

They prayed together, and Patrick opened his heart to Jesus. As they prepared to land, Trisha gave Patrick a Gospel of John as a resource to help him begin his spiritual journey.

These encounters happen at the most unexpected moments—often at the moment of descent into a new city, when hearts are also descending into transformation.

– Trisha from NY

A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD'S JOURNEY TO KNOWING

Gail boarded a Thanksgiving flight with her husband, Bob. A young man named Pedro settled

next to her, and Gail immediately handed him a Pocket-Sized Gospel, explaining her custom of praying for whoever sits beside her.

Pedro was uncertain about his eternal destination and listened intently as Gail walked him through Scripture. Pedro attended church infrequently with his family and had no concept that he could know for sure about his relationship with Jesus. Although he did not pray to accept Christ during their conversation, Gail obtained his phone number and committed to follow up with him.

Gail's gratitude toward The Pocket Testament League acknowledged that she played one part in what she believes will be Pedro's eventual salvation—a future story only God can write, but one she will help shepherd through ongoing prayer and encouragement.

– Gail from RI

WHEN GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT

Laura's car needed smog certification in California, and she found herself in a waiting area with fellow customers, all isolated in their own worlds—scrolling phones and lost in personal thoughts. She prayed silently, sensing the awkwardness she typically felt when approaching strangers about faith. Then she asked God to create a natural opening for conversation.

Seconds later, something unexpected happened: the same song playing in her car began blasting through the waiting room. Laura realized that, when her vehicle was pulled inside for service, it had connected to her Bluetooth, broadcasting her music to everyone present.

A gentleman nearby heard the song and commented positively about it. Laura smiled and explained what had happened, which naturally opened the door to a genuine conversation. As her car was returned, the service manager walked her out to the parking lot, and she felt led to share a Gospel of John with him as well.

As she drove to work that morning, Laura's hands were empty of Gospels, but her heart overflowed with joy and gratitude. God had orchestrated these moments where she simply needed to be present and willing.

– Laura from CA

WORDS CHALLENGED AND LIVES TRANSFORMED

Kelly's efforts to give nearly forty Gospels of John across her community have opened conversations ranging from casual to confrontational. One man presented a particular challenge: he questioned the validity of God's Word itself. Rather than withdrawing from the intellectual challenge, Kelly posed a question back: “Have you ever read it?”

When he admitted he had not, she extended a bold invitation: “Read it front to back for yourself. Look for what stands out. See if something feels different about this book.” Kelly's approach acknowledged that faith is not meant to bypass our minds; rather, it engages them.

As people received the Gospels, many returned with follow-up questions about faith and a hunger to know more about Jesus. Some even asked for recommendations on where to hear the Gospel preached regularly and find Christ-centered fellowship.

The impact became visible: lives have been genuinely changed and transformed in the name of Jesus through the power of His Spirit and His Word. Kelly's work demonstrates that giving the gift of God's Word is not a one-time transaction but an invitation into ongoing spiritual conversation.

– Kelly from PA

SEEDS PLANTED ACROSS THE OCEAN

Cheryl's trip to Hawaii presented more than just a vacation; it became an opportunity to spread God's Word. While navigating the airport and staying at her hotel, Cheryl intentionally shared Gospels with airport employees and fellow guests.

One young man particularly captured her heart. After their conversation, he felt so moved by

their exchange that he subsequently ordered his own supply of the Gospel of John, demonstrating that her willingness to share had planted seeds that would continue bearing fruit long after their initial meeting.

Cheryl's gratitude overflowed as she reflected on how Pocket-Sized Gospels of John had made sharing her faith feel less overwhelming and far more accessible. She recognized that every Gospel given carries the potential to reach someone in a moment of spiritual searching.

– Cheryl from VA

A DIVINE RENDEZVOUS IN THE PARKING LOT

Andrew often prays for “divine rendezvous” moments—God-ordained encounters where he can share the Gospel—but on this particular day, he did not even think to pray that way. As he made his way across a store parking lot with a broken foot in a cast, a pair of dogs barking from inside a nearby car caught his attention.

Their owner walked up and apologized for the dogs, mentioning that she had a strong feeling she should come over and talk with him. She noticed his cast and offered him a walking stick she had with her, thinking it might help.

Andrew did not need the walking stick, but when he glanced down at the passenger seat of his car,

he saw several Gospels of John. In that moment, he realized God had arranged exactly the kind of "divine rendezvous" he usually prays for.

Instead of receiving help, Andrew offered it. He reached down, picked up one of the Gospels, and handed it to her. She was very happy to receive it. Walking away, Andrew was reminded that even when we are not on our A-game, God is always on His, and He can turn an ordinary parking lot conversation into an eternal appointment.

– Andrew from FL

GOD'S WORD IN THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

While camping in the Smoky Mountains, far from Wi-Fi and cell service, Rev. Ross opened the PTL app and discovered he could still access Scripture. With no internet connection available, he was still able to read and share the Word of God right where he was.

That simple experience turned his phone into a powerful witnessing tool. He thanked God that, through this app, he could carry the Gospel anywhere and be ready to share—whether on a mountain trail, at a campsite, or on the road.

"I pray that The Pocket Testament League would continue to be a blessing to many, just as it has been to me."

– Ross from NY

JOY IN A SEASON OF TRIAL

This Christmas season has been a time of both trial and joy for Sandra. In the midst of personal struggles, she found renewed purpose in using PTL Pocket-Sized Gospels as part of simple, everyday acts of kindness.

She baked homemade goodies and brought them, along with twenty Gospels of John, to elderly residents at a retirement facility near her apartment. She chased down the garbage collector to hand him a Gospel along with a loaf of homemade bread. She prepared a small gift for her dog groomer and tucked a Gospel inside.

Each time she shared a Pocket-Sized Gospel, she prayed over it and entrusted the outcome to the Lord. In a difficult season, these simple acts of witness brought her deep joy, reminding her that God can use us, even in our trials, to point others to Him.

– Sandra from ID

A NEW YEAR OF SALVATIONS ON THE STRAND

Howard, an evangelist from Oceanside, began the new year with a specific request: “Lord, help me start off right and see somebody saved.” He went to a beach area where people drop items off near a wall before parking their cars. He noticed one man

standing alone on the low wall and, farther down, a group of three men.

He sensed he should go to the group of three young men in their thirties. He chose the man in the center, covered in tattoos, and asked him a direct question: “If there was an earthquake right now and you fell off this wall and died, where would you go?” The man replied, “Hell.”

Howard shared the Gospel with him and saw intense focus in his eyes. The man admitted he believed that Christ died on the cross and rose again, but Howard pointed out that he had not personally responded to that truth. When Howard invited him to ask Christ into his heart, he could see a visible inner battle. Finally, the man said, “I gotta go,” and walked away.

Howard turned to the man on the left and asked if he wanted to accept Christ; he said no and left. Then Howard looked at the man on the right and asked the same question. This time, the answer was “yes.” The young man was heading from Oceanside back to North Carolina the next day, and this became his moment to trust Christ.

Later, as Howard walked along the Strand, a busy route for bikes and cars, he met another young man, around twenty years old. He asked another eternity-focused question, shared the Gospel, and this young man also placed his faith in Christ.

God had answered Howard's New Year prayer by saving two men in one day, reminding him that even apparent rejections can be part of the path to a transformed life.

– Howard from CA

FROM "BUY NOTHING" TO ETERNAL GIFT

Local "Buy Nothing" groups on Facebook are designed for neighbors to share items for free—no money exchanged, just community. Carol saw an opportunity to turn that everyday generosity into a doorway for the Gospel.

On one particular day, someone in her group offered her a free item. When she went to pick it up, she noticed the pickup instructions on the porch where the item had been left. Carol took a Gospel of John with the "Smiley Face Thank You" cover, wrote a note of thanks inside the front cover, and left it there as her response.

She plans to do the same with items she gives away, tucking a Gospel into each package. In a space where people expect to receive small household blessings, Carol is quietly adding the greatest gift of all: an introduction to meet Jesus with His Word.

– Carol from TX

EVERYWHERE IS THE RIGHT PLACE

There is no wrong moment to share the Gospel of John—the market, the hardware store, or any aisle in any store will do. For Lisa, her approach is disarmingly simple: “Would you like to read about Jesus?”

And people say yes. Again and again, they say yes. They receive the Pocket-Sized Gospel with genuine thankfulness, surprised that a stranger would offer them something so personal and freely given.

“What I have discovered is that people are more open than we assume and that a simple question asked with sincerity can open a door that no strategic pitch ever could.”

– Lisa from CA

A MUSLIM, A STRUGGLING SOUL, AND THE POWER OF A POCKET-SIZED GOSPEL

Ted shared a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John with a Muslim man in his town, and it was received well. He shared another with someone struggling deeply with their identity, and they were open too. Neither conversation required a lengthy theological argument. The Gospel was enough.

“What I love about the Gospel,” Ted reflected, “is that you don't always have to say a lot, and

yet the full Gospel is presented in these Pocket-Sized Gospels. Many people placed their faith in Jesus by simply reading the Word of God in their own homes."

The seed goes in quietly. God tends what grows.

– Ted from Canada

A GOSPEL CARRIED DAILY

Over a year ago, Troy handed a baseball coach a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John, not knowing what would come from that brief interaction. Recently, their paths crossed again, giving Troy a glimpse into what God had been doing all along.

The coach shared that he still carries the Gospel with him everywhere. It had become a daily reminder of God's love. What started as a simple exchange had quietly taken root in his life.

Even more, the coach explained that he and his family had returned to church and were recently baptized. That small moment of faithfulness had led to lasting change, not only for him but for his entire family.

Troy was reminded that even simple acts of sharing God's Word can lead to transformation over time.

– Troy from PA

A SIMPLE CONVERSATION IN A PARKING LOT

While walking through a Walmart parking lot, Todd noticed a woman standing alone. When he offered her a Gospel, she immediately asked for another before the conversation had even begun.

As they talked, Alexis shared that she believed she would go to heaven because she had a good heart. Todd gently explained the truth of the Gospel, helping her understand that salvation is only through Jesus. In that moment, she placed her faith in Him.

Since she did not own a Bible, Todd gave her a Gospel of John. She then asked for another copy to give to her young son, showing that the impact of that conversation was already reaching beyond her own life.

– Todd from NY

A GOSPEL SHARED OUTSIDE THE ANIMAL SHELTER

After dropping off blankets and towels at an animal control center, Monica struck up a conversation with a young woman named Jada. Monica asked if she had ever read the Gospel of John. Jada said she had not.

Monica then asked Jada if she knew whether she was going to heaven. Jada believed she would, simply because she considered herself a good person. Seeing an opening, Monica shared the Gospel of John with her, explaining what it truly means to know God.

As Monica drove away, she looked back and saw Jada already reading the Gospel she had just received—a quiet but meaningful sign that a seed had been planted.

A DIVINE APPOINTMENT WITH A MAN NAMED ISSA

Joseph and his team have been steadily sharing the Gospel of John day after day, trusting God to give the increase as they sow and water these seeds. Their ministry has taken them beyond Florida, too. They recently returned from California, where they were also able to share a good number of Pocket-Sized Gospels.

One interaction that stood out to Joseph happened just the day before, in Florida. He randomly met a man named Issa, which means Jesus—a kind man who has lived there since coming from Jerusalem. Issa identifies as Muslim but admitted he does not really know what he believes. He keeps a Quran in his room but never opens it.

Joseph happened to have an Arabic Gospel of John with him, and when he handed it to Issa,

the man read it intently. They ended up talking for more than an hour, and both sensed it was a divine appointment.

Because Issa had little familiarity with either the Quran or the Scriptures, he had come to believe Christianity and Islam were essentially the same. Joseph was able to lovingly walk him through the truth, and Issa was very receptive to the conversation. Please pray that Issa will encounter the living Lord Jesus Christ and place his faith in Him.

– Joseph from FL

A SCOOTER, A CONVERSATION, AND A TIMELY GOSPEL

Joe has long shared the Gospel of John quietly, leaving copies on shelves while he and his wife run errands. Until recently, he had never handed one to someone face to face.

A group of people began a conversation with Joe about his disability scooter, curious how it folded down to the size of a carry-on suitcase. As they talked, Joe remembered he had Gospels of John with him and offered one to a young man in the group. Not sure what to say, he simply told him, “This is for you. Maybe it will help you sometime.”

The young man opened it, and something visibly moved him. He shared that he had just gone through a divorce and that the Gospel was exactly what he needed. Joe could see in his eyes that the man had found something he had been searching for.

He left encouraged that even an ordinary conversation about a scooter could become an opening for God's Word to reach someone at just the right moment.

– Joe from SC

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:5

SHINING THE LIGHT WHERE WE LIVE AND WORK

Faithfully shining where we live and serve.

A MONTH LATER, SHE WANTED MORE

Joshua visited a local nursing home and encountered a caregiver who asked for literature. He shared a Pocket-Sized Gospel with her, and the conversation ended. But the story didn't end there. A month later, Joshua saw this same caregiver again. She'd read the Gospel of John he'd given her, and now she had a new request: she wanted a full Bible. Crystal, Joshua's wife, recognized what was happening: God was actively working in this woman's life. One Gospel had sparked spiritual hunger. One Gospel had opened her eyes to Jesus. One Gospel had positioned her to ask for more. It's a beautiful reminder that the gift of God's Word doesn't conclude the story; it often begins it.

– Joshua & Crystal from WA

READY AT HER DESK, READY ON THE STREET

Courtney keeps a few Pocket-Sized Gospels on her desk at work and makes sure she always has one with her when she is out. She does not wait for the perfect opportunity; she prays for it. And then she shows up, prepared.

The work of evangelism does not always look dramatic. Sometimes it looks like a woman at her desk, quietly ready for whoever God sends her way next.

– Courtney from Canada

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS EVERYWHERE

Steve has embraced a lifestyle of inviting people to meet Jesus by handing out Gospels of John every single day. His accounts reveal a remarkable pattern: God orchestrates divine appointments in the most unexpected places. Steve started by approaching a man who'd spoken with a Jehovah's Witness and they had a meaningful conversation about Christ. Though the man said he didn't believe in God, he accepted the gospel anyway. A practice that has borne particular fruit is Steve's habit of including his phone number in every gospel he gives. One man named Bryce actually called Steve after finding a Gospel of John left in his friend's car glove box.

His daily rhythm now includes sharing Pocket-Sized Gospels in unexpected moments: at his doctor's office during a routine echocardiogram, he gave one to a pregnant physician's assistant heading into maternity leave and another to her husband serving in the military. What Steve's story reveals is that faithful, consistent availability creates space for divine appointments. He's learned that daily life, appointments, errands, casual encounters, becomes the mission field when believers position themselves with both humility and courage.

– Steve from CA

HOPE RISES AT THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season brings unique opportunities for gospel conversations, and Todd and his friend Milco seized those moments with intentionality and compassion. During the season of giving, they focused on sharing the Gospel of John with those who lacked access to Scripture, meeting people exactly where they were.

One memorable day, they visited two different locations across Tampa, combining practical help with spiritual hope. At Home Depot's parking lot, where men gathered seeking work, four individuals placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Among them were Alejandro and Daniel, both originally from Venezuela, whose faces reflected the joy of newfound faith as they received their own Gospels of John. What began as simple acts of sharing food and water transformed into a day of spiritual multiplication, where the gospel opened hearts in unexpected ways.

– Todd from FL

"THE JESUS HOUSE" ON CANDY CANE LANE

Kevin and his family live on a street known in their city as "Candy Cane Lane," where nearly every home is decorated for Christmas and crowds of

people drive and walk through to enjoy the lights. In the middle of all the displays, their house stands out with one clear focus: Jesus.

Neighbors and visitors have come to know it as "The Jesus House," because their decorations prominently emphasize Christ as the true Reason for the Season. During the Christmas season, Kevin set out Gospels of John at the curb in front of their home, available for anyone to take with no pressure.

People helped themselves to the Gospels of John and often expressed gratitude for a house that glorified Jesus in the midst of the festivities. One year, they gave out 480 Pocket-Sized Gospels; the following year, that number rose to 650 as interest and traffic continued to grow. Those Pocket-Sized Gospels became both a conversation starter and a quiet testimony. Kevin is thankful for the attractive, affordable Gospels of John that help people encounter Jesus as they drive or walk down their street, and he looks forward to partnering with PTL in the years ahead.

– Kevin from British Columbia

WALKING THE DOCKS WITH A COMPASS GOSPEL

Richard walks the streets of his city daily, Gospel of John in hand, and lets the Holy Spirit guide

where he goes. He has found people walking dogs, picking up mail, gathering for coffee, and setting out to sea. His latest leading took him to the docks.

He approached sailors one by one and asked a disarming question: “Do you know how to read a compass?” Then he placed the “Navigating Life” Gospel of John in their hands, with its striking compass image, and showed them how God's Word gives direction to a life. The sailors were stopped cold by the image. That moment of curiosity became a moment of connection. Richard is proof that the cover of a Gospel of John is not just packaging; it is an opening.

– Richard from Canada

A FAMILY REUNITED IN FAITH

On the streets of St. Augustine, Florida, Bruce sat down with a man named Al for what turned into one of those rare, unhurried conversations about eternity. Al had real questions, and Bruce walked through the gospel with him carefully, giving every question the attention it deserved.

By the end of their time together, something had clearly shifted in Al. When Bruce asked if he was ready to place his faith in Jesus, Al said yes without hesitation. They prayed together right there

on the street.

What happened next revealed just how long this moment had been in the making. Bruce asked Al if anyone had been praying for him. Al smiled and said his wife and mother-in-law had been praying for him for a long time. His wife was nearby, and when Al walked over and told her what had just happened, she could not stop smiling. Years of faithful prayer had met their answer on an ordinary afternoon in Florida.

Bruce asked Al who else he was going to tell. Al laughed and said he supposed he had better call his mother-in-law. He walked away that day with a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John and a seven-day study guide designed for new believers, equipped to keep growing in the faith he had just embraced. Before they parted, Bruce got a picture with them, everyone beaming with the joy of what God had just done.

– Bruce from FL

A CITY FULL OF DOORS

Helen and her team canvass the streets of New York City, and in a major city full of every culture and background imaginable, they have learned to show up for everyone.

One night, they met an Asian man and were able to minister to him, share the gospel, and invite him to church. They reach homeless people. They meet Muslims who decline the gospel but still pause to look. To everyone, they extend the same posture: God's love, offered freely, without pressure. “God bless you,” Helen tells the Muslims as she moves on. The seed is planted whether or not they see the fruit.

– Helen from NY

THE BEACH IS HIS PARISH

Gary lives near one of the country’s most recognizable stretches of coastline in the country—Daytona Beach, Florida—and he has turned it into his parish. Every day he walks the sand with a simple mission: share the good news with whoever will listen.

Daytona draws tourists from all over the world, which means Gary regularly encounters people who are far from home, perhaps more open than usual to a meaningful conversation. His approach is straightforward: if someone engages with him, he shares the gospel. No pressure, no program—just a conversation and an invitation.

One of the things that consistently surprises people is that the Pocket-Sized Gospels he carries

are completely free. Visitors are genuinely amazed. The gospels themselves do the rest: easy to read, visually attractive, and sized perfectly for a back pocket or a beach bag, ready to be picked up and opened long after the conversation ends.

– Gary from FL

FAITHFULNESS AT WORK AND AT HOME

Daniel works in a maximum-security prison, an environment where conversations about faith can be challenging. When he began sharing Pocket-Sized Gospels with coworkers, he received mixed reactions. Some responded with skepticism, while others accepted them with gratitude. One fellow believer thanked him, encouraging Daniel to continue.

At the same time, his wife was also inviting people to meet Jesus. She shared a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John to a neighbor, who later placed her faith in Jesus and began attending church with her children. Together, they saw how consistent, simple steps of obedience can lead to real transformation. What started as small acts of sharing became part of a larger story of God changing lives both inside and outside their immediate circle.

– Daniel from RI

LOVING COWORKERS EVERY DAY AT HOME DEPOT

For the last three years, William has worked at Home Depot, seeing every shift as a chance to love people, be a witness, and share the Gospel of John. Rather than forcing conversations, he would simply tell coworkers he wanted to share his favorite book, and people were consistently happy to receive one. Over time, he handed out forty Pocket-Sized Gospels to those around him and never once faced any backlash. He recently had his final day at the store, and before he left, he made sure to give a Gospel of John to both his supervisor and the store manager. As he handed hers over, she had tears in her eyes.

William counts each of these moments as a delight and continues to pass on the Gospel of John whenever he can, trusting that even a workplace routine can become an opportunity for God to move in someone's heart.

– William from CA

A WIDOW NAMED SATTI OPENS HER BIBLE

Every Saturday, Gail and her husband go door to door for visitation, trusting God to lead them to the right conversations. On one visit, they came across an elderly Hindu woman who had just become a

widow. She welcomed them into her home and accepted a Gospel of John.

Sitting together in her living room, Gail and her husband explained as much as they could about the depravity of mankind and our need for Jesus, who is God and the Savior of the world. It seemed to be the first time the woman, named Satti, had ever heard this message, and she did not yet appear to fully grasp her need for a Savior.

The following week, on the same street, a man approached them while doing yard work. He invited them into his home, where he and his wife thanked Gail and her husband for visiting their neighbor. The couple were believers who had tried witnessing to Satti several times over the years.

They shared that after Gail and her husband's visit, Satti immediately asked them for a Bible and has been reading it ever since. They were surprised she had even let Gail and her husband into her home at all.

"Please pray for Satti, that she will soon place her faith in Jesus. Thank you, PTL, for making these visits and conversations possible."

– Gail from RI

180 GOSPELS OF JOHN SHARED SINCE EARLY SUMMER

Since the start of summer, George has shared 180 English Gospels of John across his community in Philadelphia. At Olney Plaza near his home, he used the READ CARRY SHARE® app to share thirty-three English Gospels of John in a single outing, reaching people right where they were.

George's outreach has also crossed language and cultural lines. He shared his first Baghali Gospel of John, along with two Portuguese, two Vietnamese, two French, and six Creole Gospels of John, making sure the message of Christ could reach people in the language closest to their hearts.

George is grateful for the variety of Pocket-Sized Gospels available to him, especially the English copies made possible through sponsors. He sees each one as evidence that God's Word continues to go forward, blessing both the giver and the receiver.

– George from PA

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 13:34-35

THE CHURCH AS A LAMPSTAND

The Body of Christ carrying out the Light.

CHURCH GROWTH THROUGH GOSPEL FAITHFULNESS

Jeff has served as an assistant at his church for two years. He's noticed something remarkable: younger people are increasingly seeking nondenominational churches that emphasize authentic faith. Rather than lamenting this trend, his church embraced it. Two years ago, the congregation numbered fifty-seven believers. Today, it's grown to ninety-three. Jeff is convinced The Pocket Testament League and the Gospel of John have played a "huge role" in that growth.

The strategy is simple: hand out a Pocket-Sized Gospel to unchurched individuals in the community. When people encounter God's Word with the gospel, some are drawn toward community and discipleship. Jeff's conviction is that "God gets the glory" for the growth, but he's also clear that faithful stewardship of gospel resources facilitates the kind of community growth that honors Jesus and builds His kingdom.

– Jeff from IL

A FARM EVENT BECOMES GOSPEL OUTREACH

Pamela attended a large event at a local farm with thousands of attendees. The event organizers had structured it specifically as a Christian outreach,

making it clear that gospel proclamation was central to the day's purpose. Rather than burying spiritual content in a secular program, they strategically paused all activities during lunch and intentionally shared the gospel message. Every person who arrived received a bag of items, and each bag contained a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John. Lunch, activities, and hayrides were free of charge, provided at no cost, removing financial barriers to participation. What impressed Pamela most deeply was recognizing the ministry's intentionality. They weren't simply using activities to draw crowds; they were using gatherings to reach souls with God's Word.

– Pamela from NY

THE GATEWAY TO HEAVEN AT THE MISSION GATE

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 is not 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.

Later that same visit, a man named Carlos stopped by on his bicycle. Despite being a volunteer at the mission, Carlos was not certain of his eternal destination. When Todd asked him directly about his salvation, Carlos also prayed to receive Christ.

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.

– Todd from FL

CONVERSATIONS THAT LEAD TO CHRIST

Charlene has discovered that Gospels of John are remarkably versatile in ministry. She gives them to friends engaged in street evangelism, and their reports inspire her deeply. One friend shared that, by approaching people with a Pocket-Sized Gospel as a gift and opening a conversation around it, he had successfully led two individuals to faith in Jesus Christ.

The strategy is gentle, nonthreatening, and Christ-centered. Charlene recognized this as a model she wanted to replicate. She placed another order and is planning a church outreach specifically designed to provide gospel-themed Christmas gifts

to children in her community.

What excites Charlene most is that each Pocket-Sized Gospel becomes more than a printed page. It becomes a conversation starter, a gift that says, "You matter," and an invitation to explore the most important question any person can face.

– Charlene from MS

THE GOSPEL IS YOUR LIFEBOAT

Cherie is a U.S. missionary who specializes in training believers in evangelism. Her burden is strategic: she wants to take the gospel beyond church walls into inner cities and small towns, placing it directly into the hands of people where they live. She and her team operate six different ministry areas, engaging in door-to-door evangelism and hosting prayer stations.

During one outreach event, Cherie personally led thirty-five people to faith in Jesus Christ. Her philosophy is uncomplicated but powerful: "They can't live without this," referring to the gospel itself.

She visits nursing homes monthly rather than annually, recognizing that elderly residents carry the same spiritual urgency as any other age group. When she sets up a table in the cafeteria, initially only a few residents show interest. But

as word spreads and people experience genuine spiritual community, a couple of attendees grow to ten, then more.

When she explained to the group that there is only one way into heaven, she posed the question: "Wouldn't you want to know what that is?" Eight residents raised their hands and placed their faith in Christ. Even afterward, a man named Tyler who had been listening joined her in the parking lot, and he too placed his faith in Jesus right there.

Cherie's conviction is this: "The gospel is your lifeboat." She challenges believers: Are you simply a believer, or are you a disciple willing to actively share your faith? She is passionate about people not dying without Christ, which is why she continues pressing beyond comfortable church spaces into nursing homes, community centers, and neighborhoods where the unreached actually spend their days.

– Cherie from VA

TRICK OR TREAT: GOD'S WAY

Ron recognized that Halloween, while often focused on costumes and candy, provides an unexpected platform for gospel sharing. He is involved with a prayer ministry called Drive-thru Prayer, and on Halloween night, he set up his prayer signs in the neighborhood where children were trick-or-treating.

He prepared to pray for approximately sixty young people as they approached.

When the first group arrived, Ron asked what they typically say on Halloween, and they responded with the expected refrain: “Trick or treat!” Ron's reply captured the hearts of parents and children alike: “I have no tricks, but I have treats. Let me pray for you!”

Without a single objection or pushback, Ron prayed for roughly sixty children. As he explained the Gospel of John and why he was offering this gift, parents listened with openness. Ron was amazed at the receptivity. It was a busy Halloween night, and by evening’s end, Ron had given every Gospel of John he brought.

“God is amazing! What stands out is that even on a night often devoted to darkness and fear, light and truth found their opening."

– Ron from FL

TRICK OR TREAT BECOMES GOSPEL TREAT

Steven's church understands that trick-or-treating, while traditional, presents a unique opportunity to do something far more significant than giving out candy. At their township's Halloween event featuring a trick-or-treat trail, Steven's

congregation determined to leverage the moment for gospel impact.

They assembled approximately 1,200 bags containing candy, but more importantly, a Pocket-Sized Gospel. By placing literature inside the candy bags, they ensured recipients would encounter the Gospel message as they opened them. As people received the bags, church members told them, "Just slow down and consider!"

The conversations that followed were rich, meaningful, and directed toward the most important story: the story of Jesus. What could have been a purely commercial candy exchange transformed into an opportunity where gospel-sharers met seekers and curious hearts encountered God's Word.

– Steven from OH

INSPIRING STUDENTS TO SHARE FAITH

At the University of Calgary Navigators Retreat in Canada, League Partner Chris spoke on the gospel, handing out Pocket-Sized Gospels of John from PTL to attendees and encouraging them to read with friends. One participant immediately asked a housemate to explore Jesus in the gospel together.

This session was important, equipping young believers for outreach in their daily lives. The quick

response brought delight and motivation, reflecting an eagerness to connect others with Christ. It transformed intention into action, fostering spiritual growth through shared Scripture.

– Chris from Canada

THE GOSPEL TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD

Jason and Sara serve as full-time missionaries, and they remain profoundly grateful to the donors who make their gospel evangelism work possible. Beyond their regular evangelism efforts on college campuses, where they give Gospels of John after spiritual conversations several times weekly, they have identified a unique and expansive mission field: international students studying in America.

These young men and women from around the world arrive with spiritual questions and cultural displacement. Jason and Sara have made it their practice to give a Gospel of John to each international student they mentor, knowing that when these students return to their home countries at semester's end, they will carry God's Word with them.

The geographical impact is staggering. Pocket-Sized Gospels have journeyed to Palestine, Vietnam, Japan, Laos, Bangladesh, Tunisia, and throughout Europe and South America—

places where access to God's Word might be limited or prohibited.

What begins on a college campus in the United States extends into nearly every corner of the globe, demonstrating that faithful local ministry often produces international fruit that believers may never see this side of eternity.

– Jason & Sara from NC

GOOD NEWS FOR COWBOYS AND COMMUNITIES

Dave's ministry through Cowboys for Christ reaches a group often overlooked by mainstream church culture: people drawn to the cowboy way of life. His team has found that the Gospel of John resonates deeply across generations, especially with young people who don't respond to traditional evangelism.

The impact in schools has been striking. A public middle school teacher running a weekly Bible club gave out 150 English and 100 Spanish copies of the Gospel of John, and almost immediately, three students placed their faith in Jesus.

The ripple effect reached other generations too. While visiting his aging father at a rehab nursing home, Dave gave a Gospel of John to his father's roommate, a man partially paralyzed. As they read Scripture together, the man's heart softened, and

when Dave asked if he wanted to trust Jesus for salvation, he said yes without hesitation.

Inspired by these stories, Dave now orders his own supply of Gospels of John to share with youth group members and nursing home residents alike, proof that the gospel's power reaches every age and circumstance.

– Dave from NC

ONE THOUSAND HEARTS HEARD THE GOSPEL

Carolyn and her church community gathered 1,000 women and teens for their annual "Day of Joy" ladies' retreat, seeing it as a strategic opportunity to share the gospel with an audience eager to encounter Jesus. Thanks to The Pocket Testament League's generosity and dedicated sponsors, they gave a Gospel of John to every one of the roughly 1,000 attendees. The impact was immediate: five women placed their faith in Jesus Christ, many others rededicated their lives to Him, and countless attendees embraced the retreat's theme, "Say Yes to Jesus," by committing to become gospel-sharers themselves.

Carolyn expressed deep gratitude to PTL and every sponsor, recognizing that their faithful stewardship had sparked a ripple effect of transformation through the Gospel of John that will continue long after the retreat ended.

– Carolyn from OK

HOPE IN EVERY CHRISTMAS BASKET

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, Randy helped organize and distribute Christmas food baskets to about eighty families facing financial hardship. Each basket met a tangible need, but they wanted to do more than fill pantries. So, in every basket, they included a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John with one word on the front: “Hope.”

Randy saw how fitting that message was for families entering the Christmas season feeling both materially and spiritually insecure. He believes the importance of caring for people not only physically but also spiritually cannot be overstated. For him, these Gospels are an excellent tool to nurture souls while serving those in need.

– Randy from NY

DRIVE-THROUGH TESTAMENTS, DRIVE-THROUGH GRACE

Phillip has seen how everyday places can become avenues for sharing God's Word. At the bowling alley where he plays, he has already handed out about fifty Pocket-Sized Gospels to fellow bowlers, turning casual conversations into gospel opportunities.

That same heart for outreach extended to a larger crowd through his church's drive-through ministry.

At this event, volunteers gave out approximately 240 English and Spanish Pocket-Sized Gospels as people drove up to receive bags filled with toiletries, dish detergent, and laundry detergent.

Pastors were present at each car window, welcoming individuals and families, placing Gospels of John in their hands, and praying with them before they pulled away. For many who came through the line, this may have been one of the few times they heard about Jesus.

Phillip is grateful for the Pocket-Sized Gospels that make it possible to pair practical care with eternal hope.

– Phillip from NC

BRINGING CHURCH TO THE NURSING HOME

For years, Topper and his team have faithfully visited a local nursing home, knowing that many residents can no longer attend church services on their own. Rather than waiting for people to come to them, they bring worship, teaching, and fellowship into the residents' familiar setting.

During one of these services, a resident made the decision to place their faith in Christ. In a place where many might feel forgotten, that moment shone brightly—proof that God is still at work, drawing hearts to Himself at every stage of life.

Topper's ongoing ministry reminds these men and women that God has not overlooked them and that the Gospel of John is just as powerful in a nursing home chapel as it is anywhere else.

– Topper from AL

AN ALTAR COVERED IN RESOURCES

At Phil's church, evangelism is not just a program; it is a central focus. To help members share their faith, the church set up an evangelism area stocked with resources that anyone can take and use.

They held a special service centered on evangelism. For that service, they placed up to 6,000 resources all around the altar, turning it into a visible display of tools ready to be carried into the community. During the service, they showed a PTL video, which gave members a simple picture of what everyday gospel conversations can look like.

Phil then invited everyone present to come forward and pick up resources, encouraging them to use these Pocket-Sized Gospels to share Jesus with others in their own spheres of influence. The altar became both a place of surrender and a launching point for mission.

– Phil from AL

HARVEST AT THE FALL FESTIVAL

Daryl regularly orders Gospels of John for his small church so they can place God's Word into the hands of visitors and guests at services and events. Last fall, the church hosted a community fall festival, blending fun, food, and fellowship with a clear presentation of the gospel.

During that event, two people placed their faith in Christ. Each new believer received a Gospel of John, providing a personal copy of Scripture to begin reading about Jesus and growing in their new faith.

For Daryl and his congregation, those two lives are a powerful reminder that even a seasonal festival can become a harvest field when God's Word is present and His people are ready to share.

– Daryl from PA

BUILDING MORE THAN RAMPS

In the hills of western North Carolina, a group of retired men, most of them veterans, show up to homes where someone is struggling to get through their own front door. They build wheelchair ramps entirely free of charge. The homeowners pay nothing. Every hour of labor is volunteered, and the only expense is the cost of materials.

But the team has always believed the greatest barrier a person can face is not physical. So, when each ramp is complete and the final handshakes are exchanged, every homeowner also receives literature including a copy of “The Journey Home” Gospel of John—a quiet reminder that the most important threshold anyone will ever cross is a spiritual one.

These men build with their hands and serve with their hearts, and they are grateful for every partner who makes both possible.

– Van from NC

A WEEKEND OF BIKE BLESSINGS AND NEW BELIEVERS

As part of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, Kathryn's chapter ordered 240 English Gospels of John and 240 Spanish Gospels of John for a weekend of ministry among bikers. On one Sunday alone, they prayed with 100 to 150 individual riders as they gave them Gospels of John, and, as best they could tell, forty of them placed their faith in Jesus that day.

At a Spanish-speaking bike blessing event, they gave out more than 250 Pocket-Sized Gospels while praying with each rider individually. At another event, they shared 136 English Gospels of John, 85 Spanish Gospels of John, and 36 Gospels of

John with covers designed for women, blessing 257 bikes in all.

This crowd was made up mostly of bilingual Spanish American bikers riding sport bikes, Slingshots, Can-Ams, four-wheelers, and Jeeps. Women actually outnumbered the men at this event. They prayed with all 257-plus bikers—sometimes in groups of ten, fifteen, or twenty, but mostly one on one—all within about two and a half hours.

The chapter president is always grateful when they respond to his invitation, and so many bikers simply thanked them for showing up and giving them time and attention. Only the Holy Spirit knows the true number, but by their count, somewhere between ninety-six and one hundred people placed their faith in Jesus across the event.

Being obedient and available continues to be the key to advancing the kingdom, and they always give God the glory. None of this would be possible without the prayer warriors supporting them from home. Please pray that those who prayed with them will find discipleship so their faith can grow, and please pray for them as they enter their busy summer riding season.

– Kathryn from MA

FIFTY HOMES REACHED AND A CHURCH READY FOR MORE

Ashley's church recently completed a community outreach event that combined practical service with sharing the Gospel of John at fifty homes in their community.

The need is significant. Ashley describes the area of Texas they serve as one deeply affected by poverty, drugs, and broken families, which makes having tangible Gospels of John to place in people's hands especially meaningful. Their pastor has already asked to order more Pocket-Sized Gospels in English and Spanish to keep up with the opportunities ahead.

For a small church, the impact has been large. Ashley credits the gift of the Gospel of John as the spark that helped kickstart their evangelism efforts, giving them a tangible way to share God's Word and His promises with a community in need of hope.

– Ashley from TX

"The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not
overcome it."

JOHN 1:5

LIGHT IN THE DARKEST HOUR

When crisis meets Christ.

FROM ISOLATION TO OUTREACH

Oleksandr, a 48-year-old massage therapist in Tyachiv, Ukraine, endured a brutal assault by intoxicated young men, leading him to isolate himself in his room for nearly a decade. Friends and family prayed persistently for his healing, and one day, members of a local church visited his home to share about salvation, eternal life, and God's good news. This encounter mattered deeply as it pierced his solitude, offering a path to recovery through meaningful conversation and spiritual truth.

Gradually, Oleksandr felt hope stirring as he read the gospel and discovered God's presence, easing his pain and rekindling his spirit. He now actively attends worship services, shares Pocket-Sized Gospels of John with clients at work, and shows compassion to others, transformed by God's work through the gospel that restored his openness and purpose.

– League Partner Pavel in Eastern Europe

A STRANGER, A QUESTION, AND A CHANGED HEART

Howard was driving when he noticed a man sitting on a wall next to a motorcycle. Howard approached and asked about the bike, a natural conversation starter. The conversation quickly shifted to

something deeper.

Howard asked the man a direct but gentle question: “If you were riding down the freeway one day, fell off your motorcycle, and died, where would you go?” The man paused. He answered thoughtfully: “That’s a good question.” He then shared something remarkable: he had experienced a heart attack shortly before.

Howard’s appearance and question felt divinely timed, and the man asked why Howard had approached him. Howard answered honestly: “I don’t know. Sometimes when I look at situations, if I feel like God is telling me to ask someone a question, I do.”

Something about that authenticity opened the man’s heart. The Holy Spirit awakened his eyes, and he placed his faith in Jesus Christ. Howard gave him a Gospel of John to guide his spiritual journey.

– Howard from CA

A GOSPEL BECOMES SOMEONE'S BRIDGE TO ETERNITY

David drives a shuttle bus for cancer patients receiving treatment at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center in Seattle. His ministry is comprehensive: he plays Christian radio on his bus, prays boldly

with patients and caregivers daily, and has given many "Hope Has a Name" Gospels of John throughout his service.

His faithful work bore eternal fruit. After his encounters with a patient named Robert LaBarre, David received a letter from Robert's daughter, Kelly. The news was bittersweet: Robert had passed away. But the news was also triumphant: before his death, Robert had given his life to Jesus Christ.

Kelly's gratitude flowed from a daughter's heart to a faithful shuttle driver who had taken time to share love and Jesus with her dying father. She thanked David for giving her dad the Gospel of John that became his bridge to eternity.

Robert's story represents countless others: when believers are faithful in sharing the gospel, they are not simply having conversations; they are participating in eternal transformations. A Pocket-Sized Gospel placed in the hands of a man facing terminal illness became the means through which he encountered his Savior before passing into eternity.

– David from WA

FROM DESPERATION TO HOPE

Ellen works with a ministry that provides year-round community support, distributing coats and strategically placing Gospels of John for people to take, though the real ministry happens in the conversations that follow. She witnessed this firsthand with a veteran who had been moving between churches and charities, piecing together food, hygiene items, and a coat from different places to survive. When he came to Ellen's ministry, they gave him more than supplies. They gave him a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John and talked with him about Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

Something shifted in his heart. He decided to follow Jesus, a decision that changed everything: he's now active in church, growing spiritually, and no longer facing his struggles alone. Ellen has seen firsthand how the Gospel of John, placed in the right hands at the right moment, can transform a person's entire destiny.

– Ellen from MI

RESTORED HOPE IN SOLITUDE

In the village of Baraty in Buryatia, Russia, Nikolai lives alone in an abandoned house without electricity. He had been battling despair and

thoughts of ending his life when a League Partner team shared the gospel with him.

The visit brought visible hope into his life, offering spiritual support in the midst of dire physical conditions and affirming God's care for him. Nikolai's renewed spark reflected relief, purpose, and a connection to the good news.

God used this encounter to revive his will to live, transforming isolation into a foundation for faith.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

FROM ADDICTION AND ANGER TO REDEMPTION AND PURPOSE

Jacob Foster's father, Mark, knew his son had been lost in anger and drug addiction for years. Their relationship had been fractured, and Mark carried the weight of regret from years when he simply was not present. He could not reverse the past, but he could offer Jacob something infinitely more valuable than any material possession.

One afternoon, Mark invited Jacob to lunch and began speaking the truth: "Son, I know I haven't always been there for you. There's a lot I should have given you as a father, but I can't change that. What I want to give you now is more important than anything I could ever give."

Mark reached into his back pocket and withdrew a Gospel of John from The Pocket Testament League. He explained how Jesus' death on the cross meant that Jacob could experience complete forgiveness for all his sin. In that moment, Jacob's heart softened. They prayed together, and Jacob began to follow Jesus.

Jacob was transformed. He became a gospel-sharer himself—first locally, then on international mission trips, and eventually in prisons across Mexico, Mississippi, Tennessee, and California. What began with one father's faithful obedience in giving his broken son the greatest gift became a legacy of redemption flowing outward.

Jacob's gratitude toward The Pocket Testament League acknowledges that their work made his salvation possible and continues to equip him as he serves others in their darkest moments.

– Jacob from CA

FROM ADDICTION TO BROTHERHOOD

On the streets of Samara, Russia, Oleg, long plagued by drug addiction, alcoholism, and years in prison, heard the good news and received a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John from PTL. He began attending street sermons and reading Scripture, which led him toward rehabilitation.

God's touch in these public encounters addressed his deep brokenness and guided him toward change. Oleg's heart softened with a desire for transformation as he sensed God's call amid despair.

He placed his faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized, and now attends church as a brother in Christ, spiritually renewed by God's Word.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

HOPE MEETS WOMEN AT THE GATES

Debbie works with a prison ministry serving incarcerated women through biblical resources and community support programs upon their release. The ministry partnered with another organization to distribute "blessing bags" to women the moment they exit the prison gates and board buses for their next destinations.

Many of these journeys stretch several hours, and the bags contain practical gifts—hygiene items and snacks, small mercies for women stepping back into free society. But the most significant item in each bag is a PTL Gospel of John. Stephanie, one recipient, expressed her immediate gratitude: "It was awesome! Made my day. Thank you so much!" Nikki similarly reflected, "It was a big help, and I have put every item in the bag to use!"

When women facing great vulnerability receive both practical compassion and spiritual hope, they encounter Jesus in tangible form. The Gospel of John becomes not just literature but a lifeline: a promise that God has not forgotten them and that their futures, however uncertain, rest in the Savior's hands.

– **Debbie from TX**

STREET ENCOUNTER LEADS TO SALVATION

On the streets of Samara, Russia, Alexander, visibly affected by alcohol addiction, approached League Partners who were preaching and sharing food. He was drawn to their message and returned often, eventually expressing a desire for rehabilitation.

This ongoing engagement turned casual encounters into a personal journey toward freedom and faith. Alexander's interest grew into emotional openness as he found solace in the gospel.

By the awakening power of the Holy Spirit, he placed his faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized, and now stands as a faithful brother in Christ, spiritually liberated.

– **League Partner Pavel from Russia**

MEETING JESUS WHERE THERE'S NOTHING ELSE

Fran's church is a remarkable expression of God's kingdom: nearly ninety to ninety-five percent of its roughly sixty members are currently homeless, living in tents, or formerly incarcerated and recovering from addiction, yet hope thrives here in ways the world would call impossible. Fran teaches Sunday school to the congregation's children, many of whom carry trauma beyond easy comprehension. The church keeps a free table by the front door where anyone can leave or take items, and Fran saw it as the perfect place to put Pocket-Sized Gospels of John within reach of everyone who walks in.

The Gospel of John fits naturally alongside the church's practical ministry, which helps people obtain birth certificates, Social Security cards, and job applications, since it doesn't overwhelm people with dense theology or bulky pages. Fran's gratitude to PTL goes beyond the supply of Scripture itself; she has seen how the gospel message ministers powerfully to people facing homelessness through subzero winters, some so cold they can barely unzip their frozen tent doors.

– Fran from IN

DIVINE COMPASSION MEETS PHYSICAL NEED

Sam was led by the Holy Spirit to a man at a desperate crossroads: recently evicted, living in a motel with a broken-down vehicle, and facing homelessness with no idea where to turn. Recognizing this as more than a mechanical problem, Sam gladly gave the stranger everything needed to repair his vehicle, a tangible expression of Christ's love, and explained why: he served because Jesus had served him first, purchasing his forgiveness through His own blood, a gift Sam could never earn or repay.

As Sam handed him a Gospel of John, the man wept, moved not just by the practical help but by the mercy he'd just encountered. Sam continues to lift this man's spiritual journey in prayer, trusting the gospel seed planted that day will take root and flourish into eternal life.

– Sam from TX

FAITH IN CRISIS

Veronica stands at a critical medical crossroads. Her health situation requires that she remain on a specific UnitedHealthcare plan, her only pathway to continued care at Mayo Clinic. A substantial amount of healthcare coverage is expected to be cut.

For many, this news would breed despair, but Veronica's foundation rests on something deeper: her absolute assurance of where eternity will find her. Rather than spiraling into fear, she radiates peace, and her friends notice. They ask how she remains so calm in the face of uncertainty, and Veronica consistently points them toward her relationship with God.

This peace has fueled her gospel-sharing ministry. She has given around 150 Pocket-Sized Gospels of John to those around her, creating opportunities for meaningful conversations about faith and hope.

Veronica first learned of The Pocket Testament League through missionaries her church supports in France. Those missionaries shared a worn and tattered Gospel with her—a testimony to its power—and inspired her to order new copies of PTL Gospels.

Even in the shadow of serious illness, Veronica's heart beats for others to experience the same unshakeable confidence she possesses, proving that true peace is not dependent on health or circumstances, but on a relationship with Christ.

– Veronica from IA

BORDER JOURNEY TO FAITH

Near the Cambodia–Thailand border, a team from the Cambodia Church Planting Center, partnering with The Pocket Testament League, delivered food to displaced families. During the trip, a young man heard God's Word from the "Hope Blossoms Everywhere" Gospel shared by a team member.

In the midst of practical service, his heart opened to the truth. The young man placed his faith in Jesus Christ, bringing collective joy and gratitude to the team.

This encounter highlighted God's love that changes lives eternally.

– Ry from Cambodia

FROM A SHREDDED TENT TO PAYING IT FORWARD

Gina has a special heart for sharing with people experiencing homelessness. On a cold, blustery day, as she dropped her son off for work, she noticed Bella in a shopping-center parking lot. Bella wore Crocs without socks, had no jacket, and was pushing four dogs in a shopping cart.

Gina stopped and handed her a Gospel of John. Bella shared that she was a believer but had backslidden, then opened up about her situation. She was sleeping in a shredded tent in single-

digit temperatures, with only her dogs and a blanket to keep warm.

Gina could not walk away unchanged. She organized a group of women who came together to provide Bella with basic necessities. In time, someone donated a car and a camper, which Bella used while she waited for an apartment to become available.

Once she was more stable, Bella chose to "pay it forward." She donated the camper to another person in need, extending the chain of grace she had received. Gina sees Bella's story as a powerful picture of a life touched by Jesus and a Gospel of John—transformed from deep need into generous compassion.

– Gina from TN

HOPE FOR HURTING VETERANS

Phoebe and her husband are both veterans, and God has called Phoebe to minister especially to veterans who are hurting, particularly women dealing with physical and emotional wounds. She regularly carries Gospels of John, prays over each one before giving it away, and often writes something personal inside the Pocket-Sized Gospel.

At the VA emergency room, she noticed a man in a wheelchair. She offered him a Pocket-Sized Gospel, and he received it gratefully, thanking her for the gift. Because of her own health issues, Phoebe visits the VA emergency room often, and each visit becomes an opportunity to share Gospels of John and have meaningful conversations with fellow veterans.

One particularly memorable story involves a woman named Nicole, a veteran who had served in Afghanistan. Phoebe met her in a store and gave her a Gospel of John, along with her phone number. Later, Nicole called, and their connection deepened. Phoebe, who is part of Celebrate Recovery, invited Nicole to join her, and Nicole began attending. Several months later, Nicole placed her faith in Christ. For Phoebe, stories like this are a constant reminder that God is always working through each Gospel, each conversation, and each step of obedience, especially among veterans who need hope.

– Phoebe from NC

HE SHOULD HAVE DIED...WAS IT GOD?

On a flight to Phoenix, a couple sat next to a man who shared how his brother had survived a horrific accident after suffering a seizure at the wheel. The car sped on with cruise control set, barely missing a culvert and several trees before finally

crashing, an impact that spared his life. Unable to walk and hidden from the road on a cold night, the brother went unnoticed by a passing driver until the man's truck turned around to leave, its headlights sweeping across him just in time for rescue.

As he finished the story, the man asked quietly, "He should have died. But something prevented that. Was it God?" The pastor said yes and began sharing the gospel. When asked if he owned a Bible, the man mentioned an old one from his mother that he'd always meant to read. The pastor pointed him to the Gospel of John, and his wife pulled a Pocket-Sized Gospel from her bag to give him on the spot; she later mailed one to the injured brother as well. He gratefully accepted it, and the next time she saw him, he said, "I am reading!" She told him God was pursuing him, and he agreed. From the crash site to the hospital room, God used a simple Gospel of John to draw hearts closer to Him.

– Fred from IA

A GOSPEL IN EVERY LOCKER

Gerry still laces up his skates to play in an adult ice hockey league. For him, the rink has become more than a place to compete; it is a mission field. At the beginning of each season, he gives every new teammate a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John.

Inside, he writes that he will be praying for them on a specific day of the week, invites them to share prayer requests, and includes his name, phone number, and email address. He has quietly followed this rhythm for nearly eleven years.

After COVID, Gerry moved from the over-25 league to the over-40 league. Some players overlapped between the leagues, including his friend John. One night, Gerry's brother Jeff called with heartbreaking news: John had collapsed after a game and could not be revived, despite his teammates' best efforts.

The next morning, Gerry heard from John's brother, Dani, who still had Gerry's contact information from one of those Pocket-Sized Gospels and asked if Gerry would conduct the funeral. Gerry agreed and was given the opportunity to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to a large group of people who knew and loved John.

He later learned that John's wife had saved several of the Pocket-Sized Gospels he had given to John over the years. For Gerry, it was deeply moving to see how a simple Pocket-Sized Gospel of John, handed out in a locker room, had kept a bridge open that God used in a moment of profound grief. God is so good.

– Gerry from PA

A COOLER FULL OF HOPE

For Jeri, loving her neighbors includes those standing at busy intersections with cardboard signs. To be ready for those moments, she assembles “homeless packets” and keeps them in her vehicle year-round. Each packet includes a Pocket-Sized Gospel along with practical items that meet immediate needs.

She stores the packets in a cooler in her car so they stay protected in every season. Because they remain in the vehicle through hot summers and cold winters, she is careful not to include anything that might spoil or melt. During warmer months, she also carries bottled water, offering not only something to drink but also the living water of God’s Word with the Gospel of John she includes.

With this simple preparation, Jeri can respond quickly whenever she pulls up to a corner and sees someone in need, turning a brief roadside interaction into an opportunity for care and spiritual encouragement.

– Jeri from CO

SEEDS OF HOPE DELIVERED TO SEATTLE'S STREETS

Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission Search & Rescue teams serve some of the most vulnerable people

in the greater Seattle area, going out daily and nightly to reach homeless men and women living on the streets, under bridges, and in shelters.

When two boxes of Gospels of John arrived at their door, the team was receiving a tool they had been eager to place into the hands of hurting people. The delivery day was full of energy and genuine excitement. The volunteers' smiles said everything: these were people who understood the weight of the work and the value of placing God's Word directly into someone's hands at their lowest moment.

Five hundred Pocket-Sized Gospels will go out through those Search & Rescue vans, each one a seed planted in soil only God can prepare. The team plans to order more after using this design and sharing feedback.

Praise God for providing good seed and preparing hearts to receive.

– Katie from WA

A DRESSING ROOM, A PAMPHLET, AND A LIFE TURNED AROUND

A men's dressing room in a clothing store is not the kind of place most people expect their life to change. But that is exactly what happened to Joe. He picked up a Gospel of John left on

a shelf, glanced through it, read a little, and set it back down.

Life moved on. Then one day, he found himself back in that same store, in that same dressing room. The memory surfaced, and this time Joe did not put it back. He decided he wanted to give his life to Jesus.

The road since then has not been without struggle. Joe is on disability and is homebound except for weekend grocery runs with his wife and occasional doctors' appointments. He uses oxygen and a rolling walker. The life he lives now is quiet, but it is not passive.

Every time Joe goes to the store, he places Pocket-Sized Gospels on shelves where people will find them. Every time he goes to a doctor's appointment, he leaves them in waiting rooms and bathrooms. Joe's reach may be small by the world's standards, but he is planting seeds in the same kind of ordinary places where his own life was changed forever.

– Joe from SC

WHEN WAR SCATTERED A PROVINCE, THE CHURCH SHOWED UP

In Koh Kong province, heavy artillery fire sent residents pouring into the streets in panic. The

roads quickly filled with motorcycles, cars, tuk-tuks, bicycles, tractors, and people on foot, all rushing toward the bridge and fearing it would be the next target. Families grabbed what they could, and many left with almost nothing.

The following morning, two church families with seven children between them were brought to a local primary school for shelter. With little more than the clothes on their backs, urgent calls went out to ministry partners in Phnom Penh for emergency food and supplies. In the days that followed, four truckloads of food and essential goods arrived, including Gospels of John in the Khmer language, provided through the Cambodia Church Planting Center.

The response organized around two teams. A Rapid Response Team at a temporary shelter focused on food distribution, sharing the Good News through the Gospel of John, hygiene programs, clean-water wells, and reaching areas outside the government-managed zone. Churches came together, both locally and from far away, until local authorities announced it was safe for people to return to their villages.

More than 7,000 displaced people received food and essential supplies. Many heard and received the Good News. Local authorities noticed and publicly expressed gratitude to the Christian community.

What began with terror became, in the hands of the church, a testimony of what God's people can do when they move together.

– Local Pastor from Cambodia

GOSPELS BEHIND PRISON WALLS

Egbert's approach to evangelism is beautifully simple: find someone already doing the work and put the right tools in their hands. His friend, a Christian since high school and now incarcerated in Colorado, has not let prison walls stop him from sharing his faith.

He has led close to ten men to Jesus inside the facility. What he needs are Pocket-Sized Gospels to keep that work going, so Egbert mails them. Box by box, he becomes part of an outreach he will never see in person but is very much a part of.

The men who place their faith in Jesus inside that prison may not know Egbert's name, but they are holding something he sent. The gospel that traveled through the mail became the Word that changed a life.

– Egbert from NJ

A HOSPITAL HALLWAY, A MAN, AND A NEW BEGINNING

Dennis was visiting his wife, Deborah, during her stay in rehabilitation when he noticed a man a few doors down who was struggling. The man was clearly in a difficult place.

Dennis did not walk past. He stopped, sat down, and shared the gospel with him. The man placed his faith in Jesus that day. Dennis said it was a blessing to both him and Deborah.

The man has since recovered and gone home, carrying something more than his health: a new life in Christ, found in the last place he might have expected it.

– Dennis from WV

"FLY" GOT SAVED—AND A FAMILY WAS MADE WHOLE

Helen had been sharing the Gospel of John with a drug dealer in her neighborhood, a man everyone knew by his street name, "Fly." Then Fly was diagnosed with stage-four cancer.

Helen went to visit him in the hospital. She shared the gospel with him, and Fly placed his faith in Jesus. The story of what happened next traveled quickly. Word that "Fly got saved" reached his

estranged son, and the son came to the hospital. A relationship broken for years was restored. Other family members followed.

In a development that defied medical expectation, Fly's most recent tests showed that the cancer could not be found. One man's surrender to Jesus set off a chain of reconciliation that no one could have orchestrated.

What started with a Pocket-Sized Gospel on a street corner ended with a family restored and a life renewed.

– Helen from NY

DANCING FREE

Kairos Outside exists for women who know what it is to wait. Some have served time themselves. Others have spent years driving to correctional facilities, writing letters, and raising children alone while a loved one is incarcerated.

Pamela ministers to both groups, walking alongside women who carry a particular kind of grief that many people never see. Each spring, Kairos Outside takes a group of these women on a camping retreat—a few days away from the weight of their circumstances, surrounded by volunteers who show up simply to love them well.

There is no agenda beyond fellowship, encouragement, and the hope of Christ. In the span of just a few days, women who arrive guarded and worn begin to sing. They dance. They laugh in ways they perhaps have not in years. The love shown to them becomes tangible proof that they are seen and valued.

The Pocket-Sized Gospels woven into the outreach give each woman something to take home: a foundation for the transformation that has already begun and a companion for the road ahead.

– Pamela from OH

CONVERSATIONS ON THE STREET AND ALONG THE WAY

Howard spent time engaging people in everyday places, trusting God to open doors. While speaking with a group of Marines, two showed little interest, but one young man named Lazsaraus leaned in. Howard shared the Gospel of John with him, answered his questions, and prayed with him. In that moment, Lazsaraus placed his faith in Jesus.

Later, Howard met a man sitting alone and listening to music. The man carried visible wounds, including bullet holes and scars from an attempt to take his own life. Though he said he was a Christian, he struggled to believe God could forgive him. Howard gently walked him through Scripture,

including Romans 7:14, helping him see that even in brokenness, grace is real. The conversation gave the man a new perspective on God's mercy.

In another unexpected moment, Howard was knocked to the ground by a cyclist. As he stood up, bleeding from his knuckles, the other man apologized repeatedly. Howard used that moment to point to Jesus, explaining that just as there was blood on his hands, Christ shed His blood to save us.

The man, who said he was Catholic but had never read the Bible, listened with confusion but also curiosity. Howard shared the gospel with him, planting a seed in a moment that could have easily been missed.

Through each interaction, whether planned or unexpected, Howard saw how God uses ordinary encounters to reveal truth and invite people toward Him with a Gospel of John.

– Howard from CA

HOPE FOR A CHILD-HEADED HOUSEHOLD

In Nongoma, within the Zulu Kingdom, a household led by children faced daily challenges without parental guidance or stability. Into that difficult reality, the message of the Gospel of John was shared with clarity and care.

As the children listened, the truth of Jesus' love reached their hearts in a deeply personal way. Each one responded, and together they placed their faith in Jesus as their Savior. What began as a moment of listening became a turning point filled with hope.

Along with Pocket-Sized Gospels in isiZulu, the team provided several weeks of food, meeting both spiritual and physical needs. The moment revealed that even in the most vulnerable situations, God sees, provides, and transforms lives.

– League Partner from Africa

HOPE NEAR THE FRONT LINES

A young leader named Stas, from Church Without Walls in Moldova, joined a small team traveling into southern Ukraine, close to active conflict zones. Their mission was to visit boarding schools where children and teenagers live under constant uncertainty. Over two days, they held four gatherings, creating moments of joy through games, conversations, and personal connection. In the middle of a difficult environment, they shared the Gospel of John and gave each child a copy in their own language. More than 100 young people were reached. Seeds of hope were planted in hearts surrounded by hardship, pointing them toward a God who remains present even in the darkest circumstances.

– League Partner Pavel from Ukraine

REACHING THE BROKEN

The ministry Wonderful Counselor regularly goes into difficult spaces, reaching people facing poverty, addiction, trafficking, and homelessness. With compassion and consistency, they share the Gospel of John and invite people to encounter Jesus personally.

During one outreach, they gave twenty Pocket-Sized Gospels and encouraged individuals to read and even pray the words of Scripture over their lives. In that setting, four people responded and placed their faith in Christ.

These moments reflect more than numbers. They show how God meets people in the middle of pain and offers hope, identity, and restoration through His Word.

– Spencer from MI

PREACHING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN BEHIND BARS

For more than two years, Rick has carried on a steady jail ministry that God has blessed tremendously, sharing more than 600 Pocket-Sized Gospels of John, mostly to men at his county jail. Every Monday he teaches a chapter of the Gospel of John to about twenty prisoners, often spending three hours preaching, and in one especially

fruitful month, twenty-three men placed their faith in Jesus.

One day, already worn out after three hours of preaching, Rick was leaving the jail when a guard asked if he'd stay and speak to a new group of eight prisoners. He agreed, and after presenting Jesus to them, seven placed their faith in Him that day. Through both the weekly routine and the unexpected extra hour, Rick continues to see how faithfully teaching God's Word, even with a tired body, opens the door for lives to be transformed behind bars.

– Rick from OK

PRAYERS FOR BORIS AND A FAMILY RECONCILED TO GOD

In the town of Kurumkan, Pavel's team visited a woman named Radna, who was open to conversation, listened to the Gospel of John, and prayed with them. She shared a heavy burden on her heart, asking the team to pray for her husband, Boris, who struggled with alcohol addiction.

The next day, the team invited Boris to a home group, and he agreed to come. They spent time talking, sharing testimonies, and praying together. Boris himself asked for prayer, both for his own struggle and for his eldest son, Peter, whose situation weighed heavily on his heart. Together,

they prayed, trusting that God heard them.

In total, close to 900 copies of the Gospels of John and other literature were given out in Kurumkan, and ten people placed their faith in Jesus. The team visited twenty-three people in all, each one a living soul touched through prayer and conversation, not simply a number in a report.

Pavel and his team remain committed to continuing this work, believing that time is short and many hearts are still waiting for words of hope.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

300 GOSPELS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND

Olivia received 300 Pocket-Sized Gospels of John as a gift of hope for her husband's celebration-of-life service. With 150 copies remaining, she plans to give them out at her church's backpack outreach event, letting her husband's memory continue pointing others toward Christ.

Olivia first received a Gospel of John herself at a Bible Study Fellowship gathering. She treasured it for years before discovering that Pocket-Sized Gospels of John could be obtained specifically to share with others.

Reflecting on Romans 10:15—"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news"—and

Romans 15:13—"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"—Olivia is filled with anticipation for how these Pocket-Sized Gospels might reach people still searching for hope.

She looks forward to the day she may meet in heaven the very people whose lives were changed through this small gift.

– Olivia from CA

A GOSPEL IN EVERY BACKPACK

Mark has been witnessing for years, and one way he currently reaches people is through outreach in Riverside County, where he and his team make backpacks for those experiencing homelessness. Inside each backpack, they place a Gospel of John along with Mark's phone number, so anyone who receives one has a way to reach out.

Some who received a backpack have gone on to enter rehabilitation. He especially values how the Gospel of John helps people understand, right from the beginning, how sin separated us from God, giving them a foundation for the rest of the message. Beyond the backpacks themselves, Mark and his team have helped connect others with rehabilitation programs and additional resources, walking alongside people as they take steps toward change.

– Mark from CA

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16

LIGHT WITHOUT BORDERS

Because the Gospel is for everyone, everywhere.

IMAM'S LONG-AWAITED TREASURE

At a Christmas peace rally in Karachi, Pakistan, Qadeerullah, an imam and professor at a Qur'anic university, traveled hours by motorcycle after years of seeking a Bible without success. When he met League Partners, he received his first Pocket-Sized Gospel from PTL, along with more copies to share with friends and students.

The moment answered his long search for Jesus' words. Overwhelmed with joy and emotion, Qadeerullah declared that he would "eat every single word," reflecting a deep spiritual hunger. God's provision transformed his pursuit, enabling encounters with Isa—Jesus—for both him and others.

– League Partner William from Pakistan

FIRST ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD'S WORD

In rural villages and communities across Cambodia, League Partners and church planters share Pocket-Sized Gospels of John with people encountering Scripture for the first time. As they gave Gospels of John to about 1,000 people, including ministry workers, these moments unfold in homes and small groups, fostering conversations about Jesus.

One elderly woman, after reading the Gospel of John, realized that Jesus died for her personally. That revelation sparked group readings and conversations that bridged hearts to Christ. The recipients' smiles and tears reflect deep joy and emotion as they cherish their first personal copy of God's Word.

These encounters transform lives, drawing people to hope in Christ and inspiring ongoing faith-sharing that impacts communities for eternity.

– Ry from Cambodia

HOUSE TO HOUSE IN ASSAM

In the state of Assam, Paul and his team are committed to reaching those who have never heard the Gospel. They travel from village to village, visiting each household one by one. At every stop, they share the message of salvation in Christ and give each family a Gospel of John in their own language.

Paul describes the people as spiritually hungry and eager to learn about the living God and the way of salvation. Many ask the team to pray for sick family members and for the difficulties they face in daily life. The residents listen patiently and attentively, waiting to hear the message.

These Pocket-Sized Gospels have become a practical tool for deep, ongoing ministry in each village. Paul is deeply grateful for the books and prays that God will abundantly bless those who provide them.

– League Partner Paul from India

FIVE MILES FOR A GOSPEL ON THE AMAZON

In the jungles of Peru, along the winding channels of the Amazon River, Nancy and her team were delivering sixty Gospels of John to different villages. Reaching each community required a boat ride followed by a half-mile walk from the riverbank, all carefully planned with a list of names and places.

While serving one village, a woman approached Nancy who was not on their list and was not from that area. With urgency in her eyes, she explained that she had walked five miles for one reason: she wanted a Bible.

Nancy immediately found a Bible for her, along with a Gospel of John. Nearby, a boat driver watched the scene unfold with tears in his eyes. He asked if he could have a Bible for his pastor, and he too received a Bible and a Pocket-Sized Gospel.

Nancy reflected on the contrast with life back home, where many people own multiple Bibles

that sit on a shelf gathering dust. In the Amazon, people walk miles for the very thing others take for granted. The experience stirred fresh gratitude in her heart and a renewed desire to steward God's Word well.

– Nancy from PA

THE GOSPEL IN BURYATIA

In Buryatia, Eastern Siberia, Pastor Sergey and his team continue to bring the Gospel of John to places where many have never heard about Jesus. They go into streets, homes, and remote villages, meeting people where they are and building relationships through conversation and prayer.

During a recent trip to Kurumkan and nearby villages, they shared the message of Christ with many. Fifteen people placed their faith in Jesus, and the team followed up by visiting them and starting a home group, helping them grow in their new faith.

One woman, Sanjida, had endured many hardships and searched for answers in many places. When the team prayed with her and shared the gospel in her own language, she responded with openness and hospitality, inviting them back and continuing the conversation. Others, like Marina, listened carefully and agreed to stay connected, while Saryuna, who is deaf and mute, received

the message through written communication and accepted the Gospel of John with joy.

In regions with little to no church presence, these encounters are more than moments. They are the beginnings of new communities of faith. Through each conversation and each Gospel given, God is steadily drawing people to Himself.

– Sergey from Eastern Siberia

TAXI RIDES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

In Russia, taxi driver Maxim shares the gospel with passengers, offering Pocket-Sized Gospels from PTL to those who are receptive. One young woman, who had attended church as a child, cried upon receiving one and shared about her distress over cancer.

These rides create opportunities for encouragement in vulnerable moments and direct people toward God. Maxim is grateful for the opportunities to offer compassion and comfort to those in pain. Through prayer and truth, God uses these encounters to transform despair into hope and draw individuals closer to Him.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

FROM SHRINE TO LIVING TRUTH

Shah came from a shrine lineage in Pakistan, serving as an imam and spiritual successor. He began questioning the idea of human mediators and found answers through Gawahi TV. After reflection, he publicly placed his faith in Jesus Christ, facing family violence but experiencing God's protection.

When he traveled to receive his first Gospel of John from PTL, he embraced the words of the living Jesus. Shah's conviction grew amid opposition as he found new life in the promise of the empty grave. His transformed life has enabled him to share hundreds of Pocket-Sized Gospels and bring thousands to Jesus.

– League Partner William from Pakistan

A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Pavel and his team hosted a festive Christmas gathering in their village, welcoming about fifteen adults and forty children. They shared about the birth of Jesus Christ and explained the significance of His coming.

At the end of the program, every nonbelieving adult and child received a Pocket-Sized Christmas Gospel provided by PTL. The guests appreciated the gift, commenting on the convenient format and

large font for reading. Many especially liked the Christmas-themed design, which made the Gospel feel both beautiful and approachable.

One family summed up their response with heartfelt words: “Thank you so much for such beautiful and useful gifts.” For Pavel, the gathering was a vivid reminder that a Pocket-Sized Gospel can open doors for families to encounter Jesus during the Christmas season.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

MISSING A TRAIN TO MEET THE SAVIOR

In Novosibirsk, Vasily regularly stations himself at the train station to share the gospel with travelers passing by. It is a place of constant motion—people hurrying, announcements echoing, and trains arriving and departing.

One day, a young woman named Irina rushed past him, clearly trying to make her train, but paused just long enough to stop near where he was sharing. Vasily began talking with her about God, and she listened attentively for about ten minutes. Then she suddenly interrupted him and ran toward the station, concerned about missing her train.

To Vasily’s surprise, only five minutes later, he saw Irina coming back. She walked straight up to him and said, “It is more important for me to accept

the Lord as my Savior, and the next train will be in a few hours, so I will wait."

Vasily gently led her in prayer, encouraged her in her new faith, and placed a Gospel of John into her hands. With a happy smile, Irina walked back to the station to wait for the next train, this time with a new peace in her heart and a new direction for her life.

For Vasily, it was a powerful reminder that when God is at work, even a missed train can become the doorway to salvation.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL PROVISION

During an outreach in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Ron and his team served in local slum communities alongside pastors. They provided food, prayed with families, and shared the Gospel of John with those they met.

Around fifty people responded and placed their faith in Jesus during this time. Every Gospel of John they brought was given out, ensuring that those who responded had something to continue guiding them in their new faith.

– Ron from CO

A HARVEST MULTIPLYING ACROSS INDIA

God is moving in India. The Gospel is going out. Disciples are being made. Churches are being formed. Leaders are being raised up among multiple people groups in places where the name of Jesus is just beginning to be heard.

It starts with a tiny seed: a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John placed in one pair of hands. What grows from it is beyond what any human strategy could plan. God is doing so much, and it is bearing fruit.

– League Partner from India

THE MAN WHO STARTED READING BEFORE HE EVEN GOT HOME

Valentin is a pensioner in Mukachevo, Ukraine, who supplements his income as a taxi driver—not out of restlessness, but out of love. His wife, Nadiya, struggles with illness and cannot walk on her own, so Valentin has made himself her constant companion: cooking, cleaning, going to the market daily for fresh food, and taking her to the river so she can enjoy nature.

Their two daughters are grown and raising families of their own, but Valentin remains present, quietly pouring himself out for the woman he loves.

One day, Valentin drove his friend Yuriy and his family to the village of Bilky. Along the way, representatives of Mission Eurasia offered him a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John. He did not set it aside. He opened it while waiting for his passengers and began reading on the spot.

When the volunteers saw his enthusiasm, he smiled and told them, "Thank you very much for this gift. I am very pleased. I will read the rest of the second chapter of the Gospel of John at home when I return from the village of Bilky, because I read the first chapter while waiting for clients."

A man who gives so much of himself to others had found something he could hold onto for himself.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

GOSPELS THAT CROSSED AN OCEAN—AND THEN KEPT GOING

Kim ordered Vietnamese and Chinese Gospels of John before a three-week trip to Taiwan. She placed them in strategic locations and gave them to people on the street. Even when language was a barrier, a smile and a Gospel of John communicated more than words sometimes can.

As her supply dwindled, she asked the Lord where the last copies should go. He led her to a Christian café with a bookshelf of Christian reading, and

she left the remaining Gospels of John there for whoever God would send.

The Vietnamese Gospels of John were trickier. Kim learned that distributing them in Vietnam carries legal risk, so she was careful. When she returned home with seven Vietnamese Pocket-Sized Gospels remaining, God had already prepared the next step. At church, she learned that her friend's father is Vietnamese, lives in Michigan, and does not yet know Jesus. His wife is Vietnamese too, and together they run a salon serving the Vietnamese community. Her friend is mailing the Pocket-Sized Gospels.

"The doors keep opening. God, it turns out, does not waste a single copy."

– Kim from OR

A MAN WHO FINDS GOD'S STRENGTH IN LIFE'S COMPLICATIONS

Yosyp lives in Uzhhorod, Ukraine, with his wife, Kristina, and their daughters, Emilia and Maria. He drives the Uzhhorod–Mizhhirya route and has cultivated a deep love for nature since childhood.

But Yosyp's life is not without pain. His eldest son, Oleg, from his first marriage, has cut off contact with him over his new family. The estrangement is real, and it is heavy.

During one of his trips, Mission Eurasia evangelists met Yosyp on the road and gave him a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John. Their warm reception moved him, and he was eager to talk with the volunteers.

“God is a great power, and God is love,” he told them. “He gives me the strength to live with all the problems that arise in everyday life. Thank you for such a wonderful gift. Please come again.”

For a man navigating broken relationships and the ache of estrangement, the reminder that God is both powerful and present was not a platitude—it was a lifeline.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

A STADIUM, 150 HOMES, AND 2,635 LIVES CHANGED

The evangelistic campaign in the Dominican Republic was not a single event. It was a coordinated movement of more than 100 mobilized harvesters who went house to house, into educational centers, onto streets, into communities, and finally into Tetelo Vargas Stadium for a grand closing night.

Every layer of the effort was intentional. The campaign included 150 homes visited, where 450 people placed their faith in Jesus; outreach in educational centers, where 435 students

surrendered their lives to Christ; public evangelism in streets, communities, and centers, where 1,150 people received the Gospel message; and a grand closing at Tetelo Vargas Stadium, where 600 people publicly confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The team also distributed 2,800 copies of the Gospel of John. Their total estimated impact was 2,235 people placing their faith in Jesus Christ during the campaign.

The harvest was real, the workers showed up, and the Word of God went out. What the Gospel of John started in living rooms and schoolyards found its culmination under stadium lights, and 2,235 lives will never be the same.

– League Partner from the Dominican Republic

15,000 GOSPELS OF JOHN IN MONGOLIA AND A LIFE DEVOTED TO COPYING SCRIPTURE

League Partners are giving out 15,000 Gospels of John across Mongolia, reaching dozens of churches and hundreds of Christian leaders who are sharing the Good News in their own communities. The timing has been significant, coinciding with teen and youth Bible camps across the country, where nonbelieving children meet young Christian leaders for fellowship, games, and Scripture, and each child receives a Gospel of John.

Among those touched is Altantsetseg, an elderly woman who has spent years faithfully hand-copying the Bible, work she calls the most precious of her life. She says copying this particular Gospel of John felt easier and more joyful than ever, drawing her closer to the love and truth of Jesus with every line. She hopes to pass this light of God's Word on to her children and grandchildren, and is deeply grateful to everyone who helped make the printing possible, trusting that through their generosity, God's Word will reach many households and bring new hope to her country.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

A HOUSEKEEPER WHOSE GENEROSITY OPENS DOORS

Tetyana works as a housekeeper at the Diamant Karpat hotel in the village of Solochyn, Ukraine. Her regular guests know exactly which rooms she cares for and request them every time, drawn back by her modesty, energy, and honesty.

At home, life is full. Her husband, Yuriy, became disabled after a workplace accident and now manages the household. Tetyana is a woman of faith who reads the gospel daily, attends church, and extends her care beyond her own family, occasionally bringing hot meals to homeless people and helping elderly neighbors clean their homes.

When a Mission Eurasia evangelist met Tetyana at work and gave her a Pocket-Sized Gospel of John, she was genuinely moved. But, as always, Tetyana's first thought was for someone else.

"You are so wonderful, giving such beautiful gifts that it warms my heart," she said. "Would you be able to visit my friends who live nearby and give them a copy of the Gospel of John as well?"

Without hesitation, the volunteers agreed. Tetyana's generosity did not just receive a blessing; it became one.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

ONE GOSPEL, MANY LIVES

Muhammad Ansar Ali, known for his strong devotion to Islam, encountered the message of Jesus during a rally in Mirpurkhas, Pakistan. For the first time, he held a Gospel of John and began to read. What started as curiosity quickly became conviction.

He memorized the Gospel of John and began sharing it with others in his community. The same copy he received became a tool for reaching many. In just a few months, more than seventy-three people placed their faith in Jesus through his witness.

The impact has continued to spread across regions, showing how one life transformed by

God's Word can influence many others. The gospel continues to move through areas that are often difficult to reach, bringing lasting change.

– League Partner William from Pakistan

READ, CARRY, SHARE WHEREVER WE GO

Flora and her companions are excited to carry the Gospel of John everywhere they go, trusting that God often opens doors in the most ordinary places: doctors' offices, grocery stores, restaurants, or simply on the street. Living out the vision of Read, Carry, Share means living life on purpose for Jesus, no matter the setting.

Whether they are on a cruise, a flight, or sightseeing internationally, they make sure to bring the Gospel of John along. During a previous visit to Europe, they were able to share many Gospels with people they met. They are now preparing for a trip to Athens and plan to order Pocket-Sized Gospels ahead of time so they can share them throughout the visit.

Time and again, people receive the Gospel of John with genuine gratitude and express how thankful they are. Flora and her companions trust that many will take the time to read it. They ask for prayer that God will open many hearts to receive the Gospel of John during their trip to Athens.

– Flora from NJ

120,000 GOSPELS OF JOHN ACROSS RUSSIA

Over the past year, League Partners printed and shared 120,000 Gospels of John in Russian throughout Russia, along with 10,000 Gospels of John in the Buryat language among the unreached Buryat people, whose primary religion is Buddhism mixed to some extent with paganism.

Pastor Sergey, who coordinates the evangelism ministry in Buryatia, shared an update from the field: “This month, our Buryat team continued to go from house to house, from heart to heart, in various parts of the Republic of Buryatia. We talked with people and visited those who had recently come to faith to strengthen them. We handed out Pocket-Sized Gospels on the streets, and God truly opened doors we hadn’t expected.”

Among a people group with little exposure to the gospel, this steady, faithful work continues turning ordinary streets into places where hearts are opened to Christ.

– League Partner Pavel from Russia

FOUR TEENAGERS SAY YES TO JESUS ON THE STREET

Maria, part of the evangelism team from Saint Petersburg, shared her excitement about the Gospel of John and the impact it has had on

the streets of her city. Near the beginning of the gospel is a prayer of repentance written in simple language, which recently helped four teenagers decide, right there on the street, to place their faith in Jesus.

Maria and her team spoke with all kinds of people during their outreach, including those who once attended church but had drifted away from God, those who believe in the universe rather than a personal God, and those who say they do not believe in anything at all.

Some of the most meaningful moments came when several Gospels of John were given to Muslims who had never held one before. Maria sees each conversation as a seed of truth planted in someone's life. She is grateful for the freedom to share and hopeful that God's Word will continue reaching the ends of the earth.

– League Partner Pavel from Eastern Europe

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

JOHN 8:32

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12. Buryat
13. Chichewa
14. Chinese Simplified
15. Chinese Traditional
16. Farsi
17. French
18. Gagauz
19. Georgian
20. German
21. Gujarati
22. Haitian Creole
23. Hindi
24. Italian
25. Japanese
26. Jula
27. Kabardian
28. Kannada
29. Khmer
30. Korean
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47. Tamil
48. Telugu
49. Thai
50. Tswana
51. Turkish
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56. Zulu

GOSPEL TRANSLATIONS

Afrikaans 2020
Azerbaijan Bible Society
Bible in isiZulu 2020
Bible Segond Version 21
BSI Re-edited (OV) Hindi Bible - 2015
Bulgarian Orthodox Bible (1982)
Chinese Union Version Simplified
Chinese Union Version Traditional Chinese
Common Language
Easy to Read Version
English Standard Version
FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE New International Version
Georgian translation by Georgian Christian Publishing house "Paradigm Studio"
Good News Translation (Anglicised)
Gospel according to St. John in the literary translation of the Evangelical Biblical Institute
Gospel of John Christ has Risen
Haitian Creole Version
Indian Revised Version
Indian Tamil Contemporary Version
Indonesian Living Bible
International Bible Translation in Buryat
isiXhosa 1996
Japanese Contemporary Bible
Judson Burmese Bible — Burmese
Kabardian Translation
Khmer Standard Version
King James Version
Kiswahili Contemporary Version
Korean Revised Version
Kurdi Sorani Standard Version
Kyrgyz Bible Society
Modern Belorussian Translation of Luka Nikolaevich

Dzekuts-Maley and edition Anton Lutskevich (1926)
Nepali Contemporary Version
New Amharic Standard Version
New American Standard Bible
New Ararat Revised Version
New Arabic Version
New Geneva Translation
New Kutsal Kitap
New Living Translation
New Revised Version 2006
New Romanian Translation
New Russian Translation
New Sepedi Bible Translation
New Ukrainian Translation
New Version Bible
New International Version
Nueva Versión Internacional
Ohienko Bible Version
Persian Contemporary Bible
Polish Living New Testament
Revised Urdu Bible (2010)
Revised Vietnamese Version
Russian Updated Synodal
Swahili Union Version
Thai New Contemporary Version
The Bible in Jula
The Institute for Bible Translation — Lezgian
The New Interconfessional Translation
The Word of God in Contemporary Chichewa
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