



READ CARRY SHARE

WORLDWIDE NEWS

You Can Do It! READ - CARRY - SHARE The Pocket Testament League Wants YOU!

Just think . . . what would happen if thousands, perhaps millions, of Christians in this country and around the world would make it a goal of their life to

- READ God's Word every day,
- CARRY God's Word with them wherever they go,
- and SHARE God's Word as God gives opportunities.

The possibilities are absolutely astounding!

As The Pocket Testament League enters a third century of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ (we started in 1893!), we are so excited to be offering—once again—**FREE MEMBERSHIP** to anyone who will make it a goal of their life to READ, CARRY and SHARE God's Word!

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a postage paid membership card. To become a member all you need to do is complete it and return it to us. If you are already a member, why not encourage a friend to make "READ, CARRY and SHARE" a goal of their life, too?

"Nicole Holt (left) and Chrysy Duncan of Fort Lauderdale have started a Pocket Testament League Club at their school and made it a goal of their lives to READ, CARRY, and SHARE."



Benefits of "Read, Carry, and Share"

- Experience an exciting, vibrant, and growing Christian life!
- Satisfaction knowing that you helped others to find salvation in God's own Word!
- Know that you are one of thousands, maybe even millions, that are helping turn the world upside down! (Acts 17: 1-6)
- You will know that the Body of Christ is being built up and multiplied as a result of your willingness!
- Receive Free Gospels of John to share with others!
- Receive quarterly newsletters to help you share your faith more effectively!
- Opportunities to participate in scripture distribution campaigns both locally and around the world!

Why John's Gospel?

Many times people will ask why we distribute the Gospel of John. John 20:30-31 says, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

The salvation message is clearly communicated in the book of John.

We also distribute the Gospel of John because it is small enough to be carried in a pocket and it is a great introductory book for anyone who might be overwhelmed by the size of the entire Bible.

Millennium Project - 210,000 Gospels Go Out!

“New Year’s Eve was just wonderful. We had such a great time . . . the turnout was spectacular. The Lord allowed us to distribute 8,000 Gospels . . . The reception to the little booklets was great! . . . attractive and ‘not threatening’ . . . for the most part, we had an amazingly positive reception . . . we prayed over every copy as it was distributed. . . . SO many folks thanked us for the witness and some even came back for another copy! Our young people were encouraged and excited to be a part of such a hands-on witness.” Tom Jones, Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston, MA.

“The hours that I spent with The League over New Year’s distributing Gospels in Washington, D.C. was some of the most rewarding time of my life. I know what Jesus has done in my own life. Growing up in the church I thought I knew everything, but I didn’t have a clue until I truly gave my life over to Him . . . I would never have thought of going out and doing something like this. But this is what it’s all about!” Dore Worhun, Lititz, PA.

Membership Is Answer To A Prayer

When Erik and Sarah Glick wanted to pack 175 Christmas bags with the Jesus Video, M&M’s, micro-popcorn, and Gospels of John to give to people who needed to hear the Good News this past Christmas, they ran into a problem. The money ran out before they could purchase the Gospels. God knew all about it and everything was under control. Because Sarah and Erik were Members of The League we were able to joyfully give them, free of charge, all of the Gospels of John they needed for their Christmas outreach. What a thrill it was for us to give them the Gospels, and what a wonderful answer to prayer for them! Thank the Lord for faithful people like Erik and Sarah Glick who faithfully READ, CARRY, and SHARE as God opens the doors of opportunity!

“A very worthwhile project. Our people looked forward to giving the New Year’s revelers their gospel booklet. We gave out over 4,000 in a matter of two hours. Eternity will record the results and all the glory and praise is given to the Lord!” Pastor Reid Cooke, Niagara Falls, Canada.

The above is only a bit of what happened through the Millennium Project. Thanks to the churches and individuals who ordered League Millennium Gospels and braved the crowds to distribute them on New Year’s Eve and at other special events throughout 1999. We shipped a total of 210,000 of these special Gospels of John out of our warehouse. It is apparent to us that much fruit will be realized from this endeavor.

Special thanks go out to all who prayed, gave financially, and distributed the Gospels! Without all of us working together it would never have been possible.



League Gospels of John and a Jesus Video added just the right message to the Glicks’ Christmas presents.

Tom’s Tip



The League’s Executive Director, Tom Koch would like to share a tip on ways to READ, CARRY, and SHARE God’s Word in each of our newsletters. This series of tips is designed to show you how simple and easy it can be. Here we go . . .

TIP #1

The next time you go to a restaurant, why not leave the tip for your server in a Gospel of John. The tip should be on the inside of the Gospel because most servers are very busy, and because the tip is on the inside of the Gospel, they will be sure to put it in their pocket. At the end of the day when the tips are counted, they won’t only have the tips, but they will have something much more valuable, The Gospel! Lord willing, they will take it home, read it, and seeds will be planted or they may even come to the Lord through your simple gesture.

Recently, at The Olive Garden, I left a tip in a Gospel of John for our waitress. She picked it up and was standing in the aisle as she opened it. She began reading and the other servers could not get by as she was absorbed in the Gospel. When she realized she was blocking traffic during the busy lunch rush, she smiled, put it in her pocket, and moved on. What will happen to that waitress and the Gospel? I don’t know, but I do know that God’s Word will not return void (Is. 55:11). Perhaps I will see her in Heaven some day because of simply leaving her tip in a Gospel. Or perhaps she is already a Christian and will fill out the Membership card in the Gospel and start to READ, CARRY, and SHARE also. The potential is enormous. Only Heaven will tell! I want to challenge you to SHARE the Good News with someone the next time God gives you the opportunity. That’s all for now. Until next time . . . Keep SHARING!

Diary of a Distributor

In December, League member Gerry Kershner shared a challenge that the Lord gave him. Gerry has begun keeping a diary on his “adventures” and we would like to share a bit of it with you:

Sunday—Walking into the 9:00 service at church, I got a strange impression: “You should distribute 2000 Gospels of John by the end of the year 2000.” Decided to think and pray. Shared it only with my wife at lunch.

Monday—Went to The League and shared my vision with League President, Mike Brickley, having been convinced that my efforts might encourage others. We prayed. I started at 3:00PM. Shared my story at a men’s meeting and challenged them to join me. Gave them six Gospels.

Friday—Five Gospels - dentist, two cashiers, a clerk and a waitress.

Saturday—52 Gospels with red ribbons tied around them in our town square with only two “turn downs” in 14 minutes! No noticeable litter.

Sunday—(One week into it.) 40 Gospels with ribbons in six minutes at the local mall. Only one refusal.

Monday—Gave a Gospel to the mail carrier with a pound of chocolate and four Gospels at a local attraction (it was raining).

Wednesday—Three Gospels to the auto mechanic, a bank teller, and gas attendant.

Thursday—24 Gospels in 11 minutes without one refusal at the grocery store.

Friday—35 Gospels at a mall in five minutes - only four refusals. Two Gospels to a waitress and gas attendant.

Saturday—125 Gospels, plus my first Spanish Gospel in 35 minutes in the square of a large town. And one to a waiter.

Sunday—110 Gospels at a mall. One to a waitress and two to cashiers.

TOTAL of above (11 days): 407
Latest report we have received: 900

Gerry also shares, “In order to distribute all these Gospels, I didn’t have to stop doing anything else. I just carry Gospels with me now and look for opportunities to share!”

Please pray for Gerry and the many folks like him who have made it a goal of their lives to Read, Carry, and Share God’s Word. Gerry distributes many Gospels. Others may share one Gospel per week with someone. It only takes a willing hand with one Gospel, God’s living Word, to change a life!

Member Mailbox

1962 Commitment Results In a Lifetime Habit

We received this correspondence from TPTL member, Janet Grant recently:

“In 1962 a lady who loved the Lord and His Word dearly introduced my Sunday School to The Pocket Testament League. At that time, I joined The League by making a commitment to God that I would read my Bible every day. With this membership I received a small pocket Testament as well as a pin. Because that commitment was made to God rather than just to my Sunday School teacher or to The Pocket Testament League, it established a lifetime habit of searching God’s Word daily.

I now have two children, ages 12 and 21, who have committed their lives to Christ.

We attend a Bible-believing and Bible-preaching church in Philadelphia, PA. The Bible School has an excellent memory verse program which is invaluable to the children and their future by enabling them to “hide God’s Word in their hearts.” However, I realized recently that there has not really been an emphasis on getting each individual child (or adult for that matter) to commit to reading the Bible on a regular basis. I believe that it was that tangible pocket Testament, the pin, and my membership card that reminded me of the commitment I made to God and helped establish this pattern for my life. Therefore I would like to propose to my church that they look into becoming a part of your organization - or perhaps start their own program to

encourage the children to read the Bible daily.”

Thank you, Janet, for writing to us. Yes! The Pocket Testament League will send you or your group information on becoming a member. Write to us at the address below, visit us on the internet at www.readcarryshare.org or phone us at 800-636-8785. It is encouraging to hear stories such as Janet’s. If you have a story that you would like to share with us, please send it to:

The Pocket Testament League
Attention: Member Mailbox
P. O. Box 800, Lititz, PA 17543

Worldwide Update

Indonesia—Doddy Prasadja reports: “the Gospel is still being proclaimed and the Holy Spirit continues to give us fruit . . . We have placed boxes of Gospels with Christian businesses and are seeing about 50 Gospels taken each month out of the boxes.”

Mexico—Leonel Chavez reports: “We . . . went house to house (100 homes) distributing Gospels of John. We were able to see people start thinking about Christ. Bible studies on the Gospel of John have begun among some of these people. We now leave it in the hands of the Holy Spirit and the follow-up in the hands of the local believers.”

Brazil—Israel Nascimento reports: “We praise the Lord that we have seen thousands of Gospels of John distributed, preaching opportunities have given us the joy of seeing people come forward to accept Christ.”

Yugoslavia—Vladimer Majersky reports: “In spite of months of war, lacks, sorrows, pains and threats we have been able to . . . print thousands of New Testaments and Gospels of John . . .” These were distributed at evangelistic meetings and to needy refugees along with humanitarian aid.



Israel and Floriza Nascimento head The Pocket Testament League in Brazil.

Need More Gospels To Share?

Have you shared the Gospels of John that you received from the League? If not, do it! If so, it's time to ORDER MORE FREE GOSPELS OF JOHN! Here's "the scoop" on how to do it:

*If you have access to the internet, log on to the League website at www.readcarryshare.org and go to Member Orders. Fill out the form found there and don't forget to say "hi" in the space provided and share a story with us! When you are done, click the submit button on the bottom of the page and we will send your Gospels as quickly as possible!

*If you don't have access to the internet, give us a call at 717-626-1919 and talk to Edna or Darryl. They will be glad to help you place an order.

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“But We Can Do This”

This note was received on January 12, 2000 at League Headquarters:

Dear Friend,

. . . please send me the Bridge To Life, KJV Gospels of John . . . I give them out with a “thank you for your excellent service” at restaurants or in the mail with bills. I am 85 years old and this is part of my ministry. My husband is 90 this year, so we are limited physically—but we can do this on a one on one basis.

Thank you and God bless you,
Mrs. Essie Ryan

Thank you, Essie! . . . for the encouragement to all of us—
“young-sters”, “old-sters”, and
“in-between-sters”.

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Stories from Members on their ADVENTURES as they READ, CARRY, & SHARE.

Nothing encourages Members of The League more than hearing your stories of how God has worked through your commitment to READ, CARRY, & SHARE. So . . . don't keep that experience to yourself—SHARE IT! Use it to encourage others and bring glory to God! We will use these stories in this newsletter, radio spots, and other ways as we seek to encourage others to READ, CARRY, and SHARE God's Word. You can contact us in the following ways:

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