

Worldwide Update

Wilson Taquiso, the Philippines, writes: "We rejoice over the six adults and one young lady who followed the Lord through water baptism. Please pray that these newly baptized believers will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Connie Hartman, Austria, writes: "The Iranian 'Church of the Good Shepherd' was started in the city of Linz by a refugee named Bahram who became a Christian here in Bad Kreuzen about ten years ago. Since March, I have been leading the weekly discipleship Bible studies for those who are a part of that church fellowship. In August, I met with their 'pastor', an Iranian missionary who lives and serves in England, and who visits this fledgling church from time to time. He expressed his appreciation for the part I have in helping these young Iranians to grow in the Lord. Several of them want to be baptized this fall."

Doddy Prasadja, Indonesia, reports: "During the Celebration of Indonesian Independence Day we were able to show a Gospel film, have a Gospel band, and

also preach. More than 5,000 Gospels of John were distributed. We had 47 responses that resulted in a visit from us and the opportunity for these people to do the correspondence course on the Gospel of John."

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League's Olympic Team Delivers "More Than Gold"

What do a real estate broker, a home-maker, a carpenter, an agronomist, an administrative assistant, a software engineer, and twelve others of differing occupations have in common? Together they traveled over 20,000 miles in 14 days to and from one of the most beautiful, modern, and popular cities in the world—Sydney, Australia—for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.



Sydney's world famous Opera House—one of the city's most distinguishing features—was surrounded by crowds who received Gospels of John from League volunteers.

Most team members attended an Olympic game or two while there, but they were far more interested in those who came to attend the games rather than the games themselves. While the athletes, their coaches, and spectators thought the highest goal to achieve was the winning of the coveted gold medals, The League's team of

volunteers were at the Olympic Games to proclaim that there is something much more valuable than the medals—He is Jesus Christ—and He is worth more than gold!



League volunteer, Pat Cawood Graybill stands outside the booth in Olympic Park. At times the booth would fill with visitors and volunteers would have to stand outside. Most booth visitors left with a Gospel.

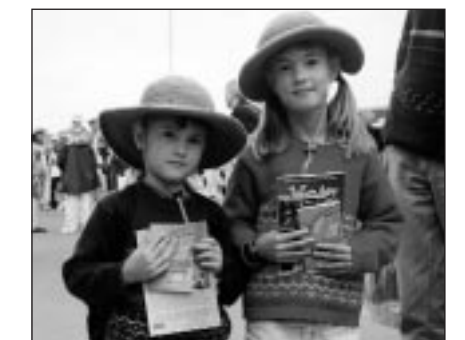
Specially prepared Gospels of John were made available to any who would reach out and take one. And many did—thanks to the efforts of our team and those in the States who prayed and provided for the team to travel there and to print Gospels.

The citizens of Sydney and visitors from around the world would gather at booths that were set up not only in the

center of Sydney, but also through God's gracious provision in Olympic Park, practically in the shadow of the the Olympic Stadium!

Not only were thousands of Gospels of John provided, but The League was honored to work side by side with organizations such as Child Evangelism Fellowship and Athletes in Action—making available the Jesus Video in over 60 languages and the excellent evangelistic booklet for children, The Wonder Book. Men, women, boys and girls, coaches, and athletes received God's Word at this site.

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Children received Gospels of John, beaded bracelets, and The Wonder Book.

Read, Carry, & Share "Kicks Off" in Yugoslavia!

The Pocket Testament League—Yugoslavia Director, Ondrej Franka reports: "Slovak festivals in Backi Petrovac (located just north of Belgrade) draw thousands of people from the Slovak community in Yugoslavia and Slovakia. We were able to share the newly printed Slovak Gospel of John. The 'Read, Carry, & Share' ministry has begun. Many hundreds received the Gospels and are already applying for the correspondence course. Pray that this exciting project may take root in the hearts of our believers as well."



League volunteers from left- Katie, Drew, Debi, Dyann, and Rachel take some time off to enjoy the men's water polo competition.



Wilson Taquiso prepares to baptize a new believer in Bukidnon, Philippines.



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Many times a League volunteer would have the privilege of sharing God's love with those who would be open to discussing spiritual things. Often these conversations would end with the person truly contemplating what they heard and they would leave with a Gospel of John in their pocket.



Australian League volunteer, Matt Goodsell shares the Gospel in his own words AND the printed Word with a man on the streets of Sydney.

God also provided a great opportunity for our team through an Australian ferry boat captain who used his boat for God during the Olympic Games. Four times each day he would take people for cruises of the famous Sydney Harbor. While on the cruise people would see the sites, be entertained by musical artists, AND hear the Gospel message before returning to shore. It was a "captive" audience. But all enjoyed it and only complimentary comments were heard as all departed—AND as they departed, they received a League Gospel of John from a team member.



Cruising on this ferry boat and handing out Gospels at the end of the cruise was a "tough" job, but someone had to do it!

And while team members were working at the booths and on the ferry boat, others would head to the high traffic areas of the city to look for opportunities to share God's Word.



League volunteer, Larry Ritchie shares a Gospel of John and explains to this young lady what she has just received.

People of countless nationalities and ages received His Word, not through any effort of our own, but through God's divine appointments. We give Him all the glory! We also are so thankful to have worked with The Pocket Testament League—Australia, their National Director, Rod Davies, as well as our Aussie brothers and sisters in Christ. It was a privilege!



Friendships that will last into eternity were started with our Australian brothers and sisters. (on right is Aussie, John Pride with American, Josh Allen)

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Faith In Action

Are you waiting for the "right opportunity" to share your faith? Stop waiting! God works through us every day by creating opportunities for us to share. Be encouraged by the small steps League member Christopher Kimsey took that allowed an opportunity to present itself:

"Early one morning after getting off from the night shift at the boiler plant I drove to the local fueling site to fill up my pickup tanks. When I got out, I saw a driver's license lying on the ground. It was from Alberta, Canada—a long way from Idaho! I took it home and wrote a letter about the way of salvation, using the lost license as an example of a man's lost soul. I mailed it and much to my surprise I received a letter of thanks and inquiry. The young man wanted to know more. I sent him a Gospel of John and a letter with a deeper explanation. I haven't heard back yet, but I still pray for the young man. By God's grace I sowed, someone will water, and God will give the increase."

Multiply Your Ministry!

You can multiply your ministry and see results! In the back of each League Gospel is a card for someone else to send in and become a Member. Each card has a serial number, and we keep track of who becomes a Member from the Gospels you share. In the near future, The League will periodically give you a summary of how many Gospels you have shared, and also how many people became Members as a result of your sharing efforts. You will get a glimpse of how God uses your faithfulness to Him to multiply your efforts!

See You At The Pole

Our young Members are still going strong in their quest to spread the Gospel in their schools. The "See You At The Pole" events take place on school campuses when a group of students gather to pray at their flagpole on a designated day. Take a look!

"We had a very large 'See You At The Pole' event in September. There are so many at our school that do not know God, so this year we made the decision to witness to our classmates by presenting the Gospel. Thank you for providing your books for us!" K. Garrett



Students at a school in Lititz, Pennsylvania gather around their flagpole to pray for their school, fellow students, and our nation.

Tom's Tip Junk Mail— Look Before You Toss!

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.



The inspiration for this tip comes from League Member Harold Cook. All of us receive "junk mail"... most of us on a daily basis! But before you throw away your next piece of junk mail think about what a ministry opportunity you would also be throwing away. Harold has made it a practice to watch for the return envelopes often included with such pieces of mail. Often these envelopes are postage paid. He mails the envelopes out to the senders with a Gospel inside. I would suggest taking it even further by placing a short encouraging note with the Gospel as well. Just think—someone has to open all these return envelopes. We may not know who that person will be, but God does!

Share

What an awesome task it is to **share** the Gospel with people all over the world! It is encouraging to know that the Lord is walking with you as you participate in, use, or experience in common the bond that is provided by sharing His word. Look what fellow League Members are doing to share:

"I am a Medicaid eligibility worker for the children's program in our state. God has always given me the protection to discreetly witness on my job. I am so excited to now use the Children's Gospel booklet. I can set them on my desk and mothers can take one for their children and end up reading it as well." L. Clark

"I attend a technical school and will graduate soon. I would like to be able to hand the Gospel out to as many students as possible before I leave. I will join the workforce soon and I also want to be prepared to reach as many people with the Gospel as possible by 2001." S. Mohr

Sydney's History, What's Next?

The League will be sponsoring a Gospel distribution campaign in Washington, DC on Saturday, January 20 during the Presidential Inauguration. The next Olympics will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 8 - 22, 2002. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of either of these League teams, you may contact The League's Campaign Coordinator, Mary Barr at mbarr@readcarryshare.org or you may write to The Pocket Testament League, P.O. Box 800, Lititz, PA 17543



League Member, Jim Parinisi hands a Gospel of John to a woman during the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Next stop: Salt Lake City! Interested? Give us a call!