



GOSPEL SHIPMENTS ON THE RISE

During the first few weeks of this year, we shipped a quarter million Gospels. Your gracious financial gifts and evangelism activity enable God's Word to be shared with people from every walk of life, in effective one-on-one encounters.

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stories from our members

"I AM WRITING to tell you how thrilled I am at what this organization is doing. I [took my Gospels] to the streets of Dallas and handed them out with the lunches we made for the homeless people."

—S.S., Dallas, Texas

"I AM GIVING out the Gospel of John as anyone comes in and I witness to them. So far no one has refused to listen or refused to take a Gospel."

—Anonymous

"IT TOOK ME one month and ten days to give the Gospels of John to not just regular people, but to bus drivers, nurses and doctors, family members, and friends. I even shared them with homeless people. Eight people made decisions for Jesus Christ."

—E.G., location unspecified

"THESE GOSPELS have been a blessing to me and everyone that has received one. I will continue to share them with all that I can. I left one on a table at the local pancake shop that I frequent. I placed my tip for the waitress as a bookmark on John 3:16. A few weeks later I was back in the restaurant. The young lady came up to me. Apparently she had remembered me from my many visits. I thought she came to take my order. Instead I was welcomed with a hug and tears of joy. She said that I had left her the most awesome tip she had ever received. After reading the Gospel she made a decision for the Lord and had been praying for her family to receive Christ also.

—T.C., location unspecified

"I'M TRYING to share my faith with everyone I meet. When I make contact with someone I share and give to them a copy of "Finding Your Way." I do not want to hand these Gospels out indiscriminately. I know the Holy Spirit is working in some lives."

—N.P., Oakhurst, Calif.

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We offer **The Read, Carry, and Share Challenge** presentation in areas where we have a Speaker Representative. If you are not currently in one of those areas, we also provide free resources to Pastors on **The Read, Carry, and Share Challenge**. It is a 30-minute presentation that the Pastor can use at his discretion. To learn more, contact Jim West toll-free at 877.810.9100.

POCKET POWER

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"... faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

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A Message of Opportunity

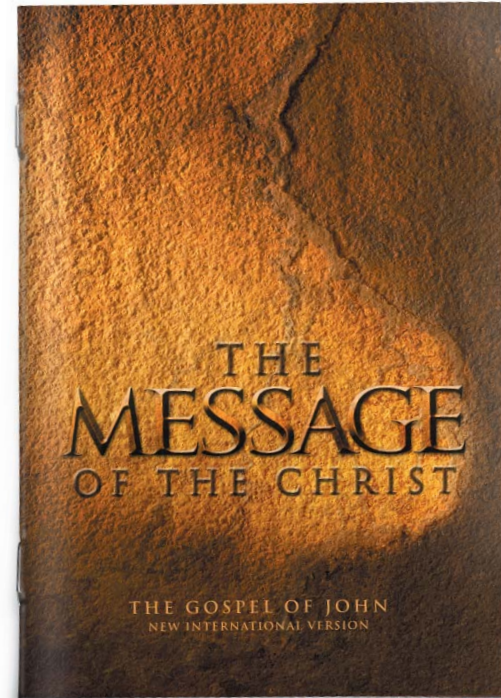
"But these [accounts] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31)

Once every few years, God provides an opportunity for Christians to engage the culture around them in spiritual discussion. Earlier this year, that opportunity came in the form of a motion picture called *The Passion of the Christ*. The movie proved to be the sixth biggest-opening film of all time, and it was still the number one film three weeks after it opened.

Members of The Pocket Testament League were acutely aware of the potential for personal evangelism that the movie offered. When we announced a special, limited-edition cover of the Gospel of John tied in to the visual look of the film's promotional materials, Members responded with the greatest number of requests in our history. All 50,000 copies we printed were ordered in a few days, despite a personal limit of just 25 copies per Member.

There are no specific mentions of the movie so that these special Gospels can be used with or without any reference to the film.

We've already started hearing reports that lives have been changed as a result of this Gospel being shared by



Members of the League. They share in coffee shops as they discuss the film. Around the water cooler at work. In the gym. And at the cinema as they engage people in friendly conversations either before or after the movie.

A number of exciting new Gospel covers are planned for the year ahead, to meet other opportunities that God provides.

The Pocket Testament League has long been featured in free Public Service Announcements on radio stations across the nation. Many new Members join the League as a result of these simple one-minute messages.

Now we're adding television to the mix.

From Radio To Television

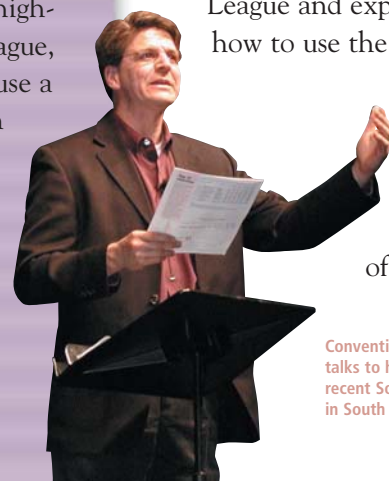
Christian television station WBPH60, located in Allentown, Pa., has long shared the good news of God's love and forgiveness with viewers. The station has grown to 1.8 million homes throughout eastern Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and its surrounding communities which comprise the nation's fourth largest TV market.

One of the locally developed productions is a daily show called "60 Live," featuring host Patricia Huber. This local talk and interview show offers people from all walks of life the opportunity to share how God has touched their lives.

Now "60 Live" also provides information about The Pocket Testament League and the benefits of membership to its many viewers.

When Pat Huber heard about the League, she felt an immediate connection. "I'm passionate about sharing the Word of God," she says. "When I saw the high-quality Gospels produced by The League, I was thrilled that Christians could use a free tool like this to share their faith one-on-one with people who need to know the Lord."

She now shares with her viewers about the opportunity to live a lifestyle of personal evangelism through free membership in The Pocket Testament League.



Convention organizer Tommy Farrell talks to his audience during the recent Southern Baptist Convention in South Carolina.

Pointing to *Heaven* in *South Carolina*

The Pocket Testament League participated in a unique opportunity to reach key leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention of South Carolina at their annual conference in February. The event attracted about 700 participants, mostly pastors from Southern Baptist churches. Response was positive and the impact of our Gospels was felt. They were able to use them in several locations, with reports of people coming to know the Lord on the spot as the Gospels were given out.

League president Mike Brickley shared the League challenge with the group, and Gospels were handed out to participants. A group then headed outside to conduct street evangelism along the South Carolina coast. Despite terrible weather conditions, a highly dedicated group braved the elements to reach people on the streets for Jesus Christ. Several people came to know the Lord that very day as Gospels were shared in one-on-one encounters.

A mini-conference that afternoon described the ministry of the League and explained in detail how to use the Gospels. More than 150 new Members joined the League as a direct result of the conference.

In this golf game, there's only one

MASTER

Our 13th annual Club 54 Golf Tournament happens May 10 at the Shadowridge Country Club. This is an exciting and enjoyable event designed to raise funds to support the ministry of The Pocket Testament League. This year's tournament will involve 88 players who will each



Jim West, organizer of the Club 54 Golf Tournament, shares with a church group how to use the Gospel of John for effective one-on-one evangelism.

play an exhausting but fun 54 holes of golf in a single day!

Players get the chance to win a variety of tee and raffle prizes, great fel-

lowship with other like-minded golfers, and the knowledge that they've helped put the Word of

God into the hands of enthusiastic Christians who want to make it the goal of their life to Read, Carry and Share the Gospel message.

Some of the fun includes a unique approach to play. Three distinct games take place, adding up to 54 holes. The game includes Best Ball, Alternating Shot, and Scramble.

Prayer Warriors WANTED

We deeply value any and all prayers for the League and its Members. Any results that come from our efforts are completely dependent on the Lord's involvement. Your prayers make a difference!

We now wish to extend that prayer coverage to Members of the League. Specifically, we're looking for true prayer warriors willing to pray for the evangelism efforts of our Members.

Known as the PERT team, or Prayer Evangelism Response Team, this group will receive prayer requests by E-mail on a regular basis. Only requests that relate to evangelism will be included. You'll hear about people sharing their faith and you'll pray for those needs. Your prayers will open doors and hearts to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

To join the PERT team, you'll need to give us your E-mail address. Write to membercare@pocketpower.org.

Tear along perforation to remove Member Response Form.

MEMBER RESPONSE FORM

Please return this form along with your gift using the pre-addressed envelope provided.

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Please send me your monthly prayer calendar.
 I'd like to join the Prayer Evangelism Response Team (PERT).
 My prayer request is enclosed.
 I need more Gospels! Please send: ____ qty.
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 I want to help financially. (Please complete payment information at left.)

The Pocket Testament League retains complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds, in accordance with IRS regulations.

GLUE STRIP

INSIDE OF ENVELOPE

a brief look back

WHEN 13-YEAR-OLD Helen Cadbury and her friends began the ministry of The Pocket Testament League in 1893, they sewed pockets onto their dresses to hold the small Gospels they shared with others. This became the inspiration for an exciting new look for the League that you'll be seeing in the weeks ahead.