

## God@Work

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**The Pocket Powered Church**

This League program is designed to motivate church members to Read, Carry and Share the Gospel. It shows how to confidently reach out and share your faith. When church members are excited about their faith, everyone benefits – members, visitors, the entire community!

We provide free resources so that pastors can build an entire program around an evangelism focus, from bulletin inserts to a DVD and even a suggested sermon. Find out more on the League website at Resources > The Pocket Powered Church. Turn your church into a warm, welcoming, Gospel-sharing Pocket Powered Church by telling your pastor today.

**Story of the month**

**Calvin W.** from Albertville, AL shared this encouraging story on our web site:

“There are so many people today that walk around without a smile. They are sad for one reason or another, with burdens on their heart. By smiling and reaching out with a Gospel in hand, they seem to suddenly smile back. It’s like they realize there is in fact hope after all. Being able to give that gift of hope to even one person is a blessing. That is how I use these Gospels. Thank you for your help and may God richly bless you.”

Dear Member:

There has been a lot of press about the Federal Government’s Fiscal Stimulus Action to jumpstart our economy. Feelings are strong as to what will bring our economy back to health, and what won’t work. The good news is that our country is thinking about how to get things moving in the right direction.

Yet there is a bigger need than that, the need for Spiritual Stimulus, to get our country thinking about the Creator of it all, returning our gaze to Almighty God, who owns everything! And we have a God-guaranteed way to accomplish that.

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**“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.” (1Peter 1:23)**

**“This is the meaning of the parable (The Parable of the Sower), the seed is the Word of God.” (Luke 8:11)**

We need to renew our efforts to sow the Word of God. That is what God uses (along with the Holy Spirit) to stimulate hearts to turn toward Him. It is God’s Stimulus Plan. We need to:

- ▶ BECOME Sowers of the Word.
- ▶ RECRUIT Sowers of the Word
- ▶ EQUIP and PRAY FOR Sowers of the Word

And unlike the economic stimulus plans, God’s plan is guaranteed to stimulate hearts!

**“So is my Word that goes out from my mouth, it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)**

You are an important part of God’s Stimulus Plan. Here are four things you can do right now! *more...*



### Current ministry needs

This ministry has operated since 1893 through the gracious support of friends and members like you. God has provided, and we are always grateful for His precious provision. We currently need to fund several projects to help extend the growth of this ministry so that more people than ever can be actively involved in reading God's Word, carrying His Word with them wherever they go, and sharing it with others. You may feel moved to help in a small or large way to meet one of these needs, or to pray for these efforts.

We have a matching gift of \$25,000 to upgrade our system so we can better serve members, saving the ministry money and giving us new capabilities.

We are developing training materials and Bible studies so that small groups and churches can focus on sharing their faith with others using God's Word. Many people will be saved through these initiatives.

In these challenging economic times, some of our members have lost their jobs, yet continue to minister faithfully with the Word of God. You can empower them by sponsoring gospel presentations. What a wonderful way to extend the Kingdom through a small gift!

We trust that our Lord will provide these needs.

- 1 Start carrying Gospels in your pockets, and ask God who to give them to.
- 2 Invite your friends and church to do the same thing.
- 3 If you can, sponsor other members, and invest in this ministry.
- 4 Pray that other members will be bold, fruitful, and faithful.

The time is right! Hearts are ready. People are searching. We have the only answer.

**"Being poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." (2Corinthians 6:10)**

Together, we can turn hurting and lost people back to God, one seed at a time.

Mike Brickley, President

### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN!

When you invite your believing friends to join you as members of The Pocket Testament League, you're inviting them to grow in faith, learn more about Christ and His Word, and more effectively reach out to others with the Good News. As League members, they'll have access to all the resources you enjoy.

There are several ways you can let others know about the League. Each one of these will automatically include your member ID as a referral number if they decide to join. To make it even more effective for you, we're putting the finishing touches on major changes to our web site that will make the signup process super fast and easy -- just a name and E-mail address.

**Online invitation** It's easy to use our online invitation form. Go to the League's site and click on **Invite a Friend** in the Community section. A nice looking E-mail invitation from us, along with your name and message, will go out to each of your friends. These lead to high rates of response.

**E-mail signatures** Many people put a simple message in their signature, something like "Share your faith with confidence" followed by our web address and your member ID. For example: [www.pocketpower.org/12345](http://www.pocketpower.org/12345) if 12345 was your member ID.

**Banner ads** We also have a sophisticated web banner ad system that creates the code for your web site, and gives you reports on how many people are clicking it and signing up -- right on your profile page. Learn more on our site at [www.pocketpower.org/code/memberbanners.php](http://www.pocketpower.org/code/memberbanners.php)