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## TESTIMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

**E**very week we send out twenty tons of literature, these are just a few of the stories that we have received lately.

### Philippines:

It looks like this year, there will be more than 2,000 churches participating in the feeding program, and close to 600,000 children will benefit. 39 cities (municipalities) have asked to participate. 13 public school divisions also want to participate, representing about 2,000 elementary schools.

Almost 2 million pieces of Sunday School materials, Bible teaching materials and magazines have been distributed last feeding year - thanks to Eagles Nest of Illinois. We have lost count of the numerous reports received of children and young people making decisions to follow Jesus. Many parents, brothers and sisters of the children on the feeding programs have also found Christ. It was a joy to pray with 10 town mayors to follow Jesus. Based on the many reports that we receive, I estimate more than 350,000 children, youth and their families have been presented with the Love of God last year and the majority have accept-

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### Nigeria:

I was transformed at the literature conference in Port Harcourt. My wife was so surprised and asked me what has happened to you. The literature has made a great impact on my life. More grace to your elbow as you give away such great books.

### Uganda:

All the books we received in the container were full of great teaching and helpful. Many have come to the Lord Jesus as their saviour. We put some in hospitals and by reading these books many are healed and saved. Prisoners, schools and churches are very much helped by reading God's word especially with Sunday Schools and the youth. Eight men were so much changed in prison that they were released before their time was over. They are now working with me as evangelists in Kampala.

### Guatemala:

Pastor Jorge has been distributing the literature. One Pastor from Villa Nueva, who pastors a very poor church, came by invitation from a young boy who helps clean the warehouse. The boy invited this pastor to come to the meeting and receive material but the pastor said he could not come because he had no money for any material. The boy told him that the material was all free. When the pastor heard that, he said that it must be very old, and poor material because no one gives away nice material. He came anyway and afterwards approached Pastor Jorge and asked for forgiveness for his poor faith and attitude about the material. He was totally amazed by what he received for free and literally left praising the Lord.

Another pastor from the Linda Vista area approached Pastor Jorge after the meeting and asked for forgiveness because he was not in support of Pastor Jorge's ministry and church due to the style of music and outreach they use. This pastor even stated that Pastor Jorge and his members were nuts or "loco". After receiving the material at this meeting this Pastor gave Pastor Jorge one hundred quetzals or the equivalent of \$12.00 and said "This is not even one tenth of what you have given to us with this material." He continued by asking Pastor Jorge to take this and buy himself a Coca Cola with it. He then asked Pastor Jorge to forgive him and his attitude towards his ministry in the community and said he was changing his thoughts about Pastor Jorge and the church.

### South Africa:

Thank you for the Christian books that you have blessed me with. I loan it to my friends at work. They were encouraged by reading God's word and now are understanding it better. Many of them got saved by just reading it. I just wanted to say a big thanks once again.

### Ghana:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to your organization for the bible materials we have received. These materials were made available at the Assembly and some of the visitors and staff who read them requested to take some home. They said they would be very useful for propagating the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The various articles and magazines were distributed to our members and the posters

**G**reetings to you all in the Name of Jesus.

Last year I did a sermon entitled "The economy of God". In it I tried to lay out how God looks at and works in the area of our finances. The following is a couple of the points from that message.

With all the turmoil that now is and surely shall be worse in the days ahead concerning our economy, the first point is that, it is God's Word that backs up His economy. Heaven and earth shall pass away but His words will never pass away. It is still better to give than to receive. The Lord declares, "prove me this day and see if I will not pour out a blessing that you can not contain". He has promised to rebuke the devourer for our sake. That is His Word.

Second, in His economy, small is big enough. God uses the small, base, foolish, weak things to accomplish His purposes. All Moses needed was a rod, a stick, to deliver the children of Israel from the most powerful nation on the earth at that time. David only needed 5 smooth stones to defeat the Philistine Goliath. Elijah only needed a cup of flour and a quart of oil to feed him and two others for over 3 years. Small is big enough when God is in it.

In God's economy, the real measure of a man's wealth is how much he would be worth if he lost it all. What would you be worth if you lost it all? What have you been investing in? Is it eternal?

In God's economy, you can't take anything with you, but you can send it ahead. You will never see a U-Haul trailer behind the hearse. Your investment of time, talents, and money into the Kingdom of God will continue forever! Whatever you give, you get to keep forever. Those things that you tried to hold on to you will lose.

That is just some of the thoughts from my sermon "The Economy of God" If you would like a copy on CD let us know and we will send you one.

For all of you that collect materials for us - thanks. Your materials are being used in a great way.

Blessings on you all,  
*Steven J Schmidt*

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**Totals for 2011**

were posted in some of the dormitories. I liked the magazines very much that I received. It helped in knowing that I need to know God for His ways and not His acts. It encouraged me a lot to know God for who He is and not for what He has done. It also taught me a few things about how to encourage someone who is grieving. At the end of the magazine was a devotional which blessed me a lot by helping me understand some truths about God's Word. It was all so good.

**Kenya**

I'm fine in the Lord Jesus and I thank him in my heart. Below is my testimony. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Love Packages through Pastor John Kimaiyo who has been a spiritual father and a mentor to me, I knew him when I was undertaking my Diploma in ministry and discipleship. He was a lecturer at the same time a school director. I now with great joy confess that through his assistance I have reached the place of a grown up Christian having benefited from several series of Christian literature materials that I collect and read from his small home library. My joy was more fulfilled recently when he gave me a wonderful modern Bible (DAKE'S ANNOTATED BIBLE) I was so happy and thankful to him and to Love Packages for the good work you are doing to improve and widen the readership and knowledge of Gods people. You have helped to mentor, train and disciple many through such men as Pastor Kimaiyo. God bless you and expand your territory beyond the horizon, amen.

**Nigeria:**

I did not believe that these book and magazines were given to me free until I got all the way home. Hundreds of people receiving free - this is a ministry with a difference; keep it up.

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Abbie Childers** by Jon & Sue Foster  
**Pauline Anderson** by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Williard  
**Don Bohnenkemper** by Ralph & Delores Hemmer  
**Ruby Hilsmeier** by Ralph & Delores Hemmer

<u>Country</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>#Pkgs</u>
Ghana	40,000	1,977
Guatemala	40,000	1,410
India	200,000	8,364
Jamaica	40,000	1,819
Kenya	80,000	3,229
Nigeria	80,000	3,123
Philippines	80,000	3,661
South Africa	120,000	5,196
Tanzania	85,000	3,330
Ukraine	822	29
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>765,822</b> <b>383 tons</b>	<b>32,138</b>

**VOLUNTEERS WE'VE HAD: 632**

**Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**  
**Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.**  
**Psalm 32:1-2**

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