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Who are the Hungry?

Pick up a newspaper or magazine, or turn on the radio or television, and you are immediately assaulted with images of those who lack food and are physically hungry. Millions die every year because of lack of nourishment in their diet. The pictures of children with orange hair and distended bellies have lost much of their power to convict those living in relative luxury. Despite wealth beyond measure, only a trickle of aid reaches these poor souls.



The LifeLight Has Arrived!

After months of waiting and anticipation, *The LifeLight* is finally here! This *New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs*, in the easy-to-read New International Readers Version (simplified NIV), is suitable for children's ministries, ministries geared to the unchurched and people for whom English is their second language. It features full-colour illustrations, a gospel presentation, highlighted memory verses and a dictionary. Order now for your church's summer ministries or request a FREE sample copy.

Looking at North American society, we don't see the same level of needs physically. We are taught in our schools, newspapers, televisions and other media that satisfaction and completeness come from having the good life. Own the right car, house and a group of investments or succeed in business or professionally, and you will have peace and all your needs will be met. What about the spirit? What about the soul? God made us on three levels – body, spirit and soul. Food satisfies only one of our needs, the physical need to eat. Jesus Christ did meet this need in His ministry when he fed the 5000 and the 4000, but He did much more.

small slice of the spiritual need is met in our society today.

Becky Goertzen of Winnipeg's Pregnancy Crisis Centre tells the story of a troubled young woman who attended a Bible study at the Centre. She just dabbled in the study and did not really apply herself. At the end of the series

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of studies, Becky gave her a copy of the *Bright Beginnings New Testament*. The girl

was shocked at the gift she received but accepted it. When the Bible studies resumed weeks later, she returned clutching her NT. She said, "I have read this book cover to cover. Now let's get busy and study." What a change! A simple act of caring and a gift of a Bible can make a world of difference.

What about our spiritual hunger? What about that deep longing that can be satisfied only by knowing GOD? Where are the school classes, the advertisements and media hype pointing the way to God? Where is the hunger met for the deepest needs we as human beings have? The need to know and draw close to our Creator!

This is the essence of the work of Canadian LifeLight Ministries - to provide free Bibles to those most in need, those who are spiritually undernourished, those who hunger for a relationship with their Maker, their spiritual Father. As donations come in, we purchase Bibles, at the lowest possible cost, and encourage groups and individuals to give them to the spiritually hungry. Most New Testaments cost between \$1.25 and \$5.00. Not much when you consider their eternal value. Please consider joining us in distributing the Word and feeding the spiritually hungry, including those who live and work right next to us. What could be simpler or easier?

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have His **Word**. We have His Son, the Word made Flesh. And we have Jesus' own words, "I am the water of life, come and drink water that satisfies." How can people find God if they have no idea how or if they don't have any resources to aid in the attempt? The simplest aid is one's own copy of God's Word, the Bible. Just as only a fraction of the need in the world is met physically, so only a

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Reborn Renegades

Rows and rows of shiny motorcycles greet me as I drive into the Albright Church parking lot in Winnipeg – Harleys, Hondas, a BMW, and even an Italian bike, with a name I can't pronounce, litter the lot. I am here as a guest judge for their bike show – but it is obvious that this is not a normal gathering of bikers.

I sign in and get a voting ballot for the best bike. Someone immediately points me to the refreshment tent. I don't get ten feet before people start glad-handing me and introducing me around. Denis Fontaine from the Steinbach chapter of the CMA and Kevin Kisolowsky from the Winnipeg chapter are there, as well as Brent, Carol, Earl, John, Dave and many others.

Most wear their colours, and some even have their bikes covered in slogans. Many wear their hair long, and many are less than clean-shaven. Some are heavily tattooed, and others are not. Most have their families with them.

The air is thick with music as the band plays Kaiser & Mansfield and Hank Williams...blues and "rockabilly," as intended. Finally the refreshment tent looms ahead. I inhale a *Smokie* and a cold *pop*.

People keep introducing themselves and fellowshiping.

Before long the bike games start – first, the "push the barrel with your front wheel" race and then the balance race along a 75 foot by 6 inch board. Next comes the slow race – trying to go as slowly as possible without putting your foot down. The slalom race begins. A few bikes get dumped but most survive without a scratch, and nobody gets hurt. After the points are tabulated, prizes are awarded, and the event starts to wind down. More than 250 people spend part of or the whole day taking in the events.

These are no ordinary bikers! Most of them are members of the Christian Motorcycle Association, compassionate men and women who ride for the Lord.

Rays of Light

The principal of a high school in northern Manitoba was very excited when he saw the Bibles LifeLight gives away. He tries to give a Bible to every student who gets into trouble and come to him for counselling. He requested forty to fifty Bibles – *The Way for Cowboys*, *Path to Victory* (sports NTs) and others, and was delighted that he would be able to share God's Word with students.

The Bunker in Winkler, Manitoba, has an exciting outreach to youth in the community. They had an amazing week recently – the staff led four young people to the Lord. Two more were saved the next week. They asked for thirty copies of *Metamorphosis* and are delighted to be able to share the Word with these kids.

Two hundred *Hope for the Highway* New Testaments from Canadian LifeLight Ministries were available for pick-up, and the topic of faith was heard in most conversations. God is using these men and women mightily to spread the Gospel and win people to the Lord.

Search Winds Down

Poor weather has made searching for the wreckage of a downed plane in Lake Winnipeg nearly impossible. Constable Eldon Paul of the Gypsumville RCMP detachment said searchers were able to get out on the lake for a total of eleven hours last week.

RCMP rejoined efforts to locate the plane that went down on November 25, 1999, while on its way back to Fairford from Poplar River, taking with the pilot, Milton Menzies, and two passengers, Mary and Katie Sinclair of Fairford.

The Interlake Spectator
September 18, 2000

Note: Milton Menzies was a pilot and missionary pastor to northern Manitoba's First Nations communities. He distributed many Bright Beginnings New Testaments to Grade 5 students in northern Manitoba schools.

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There is a great demand for the New Believers New Testament. LifeLight is trying to raise \$3000 to purchase a thousand of these NTs. Praise the Lord for generous donations from some businessmen which made it possible to get the Scriptures that were needed. Thank you!

More Bibles, Please!

At the start of the summer, Chris from Camp Arnes ordered seventy NIV Bibles, one for each cabin at the camp. He also wanted twenty-five copies of *My City, My God*. Usually they wouldn't go through that many Bibles but these looked interesting and could prove to be a hit.

Less than three weeks later, Chris ordered twenty-five more. They were out! Three weeks later – twenty-five more! Chris said, "They are very popular. We've never had this kind of demand before."

My City, My God is an NIrV New Testament written at a Grade 3 reading level, with seven personal testimonies of teens inserted between the books of the New Testament. The testimonies are honest and deal with the struggles of growing up and finding God. The cover is bright and features pictures of the seven brave souls who lend their stories to this NT.

My City, My God New Testaments are popular because they speak to teens and adults where they are. The testimonies are from ordinary kids who deal with the same issues and struggles that other kids do. They don't give a

Going to the Dogs?

In Ezekiel 3:1, God says to Ezekiel, "...eat this scroll I am giving you. Fill your stomach with it."

Maria requested some NIrV Bibles. She had given one to a friend who had become a Christian recently. Her friend must have a very spiritual dog – he ate the Bible!

Apparently, this was already the second Bible this dog had consumed. (We made sure Maria got more Bibles!)



Prayer Partners

Wesley L. Duewel, in *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*, writes: *Churches, missionary organizations, and Christian institutions are highly organized, well staffed, and, on the whole, busy in significant labour. But where are the results? We haven't yet prayed them to pass. We have failed to teach our people the role of prevailing prayer.*

Canadian LifeLight Ministries needs believers who will pray regularly and specifically for this ministry. In response to our prayers, God will continue to use His Word to transform many lives.

Please let us know if you would like to become a prayer partner and receive regular prayer requests.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

magic formula, only a discussion of their problems and how they found God and help in dealing with their dilemmas.

If you are working with kids, this is a resource you may find helpful.

LifeLight has an office!

Canadian LifeLight Ministries now has an office and distribution centre. The Steinbach EMC has graciously offered us space for an office, with lots of shelves to stock Bibles. We invite you to visit us at the Steinbach EMC (upstairs) at 422 Main Street in Steinbach, Manitoba.

The Executive Coordinator, Martha Kroeker, began her duties in August. Feel free to call her (204-320-6976) about questions you may have about LifeLight Ministries or to order Scriptures.



In Search of the Perfect Christmas

Here's an excellent giveaway to people who don't usually attend church or think about Christianity except during Christmas. It starts off with a humorous description of what sometimes goes wrong at holiday time, and then moves to the distresses Mary and Joseph had to cope with.



Suggested donation: \$1.00 (plus postage). Also available in Spanish.

From the mailbag...



Stan Schroeder spoke at our church on August 20. We received several different copies of the New Testament from him, as well as info on "The LifeLight." I also read "The LampLight Supplement" by Ross MacFarlane.

Our family spent seven years in God's Lake Narrows, an isolated fly-in reserve in northern Manitoba. When I read about Ross's trips to different reserves I immediately thought of God's Lake Narrows. I think it would be great if you could send copies of "The LifeLight" to the two schools in that reserve.

The Perimeter Airlines Airport in Winnipeg may be another place to bring Bibles. They serve many northern reserves – God's Lake Narrows, God's River, Oxford House, St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack. I think "The Storm" New Testaments would be good for those fly-in reserves, as well as the airports that serve them. – Joanne, Hodgson

I rededicated my life to Jesus. I find this New Testament a great source of help, guidance and comfort for my life. I would like the Bible correspondence course. – Monica, Winnipeg

I am writing this letter to find out how to get closer to God. I have a Bible called "Bright Beginnings," but it doesn't have Jonah in it and I would like to read about him. How could I read about him? Could you send me a Bible of the Old Testament with him in it? How much will it cost me? Please enroll me in the Bible course. - **Gerald, Winnipeg**
[An NIV Children's Bible was sent to Gerald.]

I would like:

- A free LifeLight New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs
- More information about Canadian LifeLight Ministries.
- To become a volunteer.
- To become a prayer partner.
- To make a donation to spread "The Light." Amount enclosed _____
- To order Scriptures.
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