

From the Mailbox



- My niece would like to give her dad a Bible. He was once living for the Lord but has gone back to his old ways.
- I am a teacher and would like to order Bibles for my students for their end-of-the-year gifts. I am looking for something new and exciting for them, something that is appealing to their young adolescent min ds. – Jennifer
- I am nine years old. I would like to know if my brother and I can each have a Bible. My brother is 12. I love to read Bibles, but I don't understand them. – Quinton
- I always had a feeling for God and I'm actively sharing my testimony. After reading the Scriptures my soul is renewed. I live close to the Mexico border, and my pastor has two churches in Mexico. He has asked me to help him since I am bilingual, but we need more help. Most of the children do not know how to read or write. – David

• Thank you for "The LampLight," which we receive regularly. One article that spoke to me was the one about delivering Bibles to northern communities and schools. It is amazing to hear how the schools are open to you speaking of Jesus and giving them Bibles. That seems to be the opposite of what is happening in so many schools. Our camp hands out dozens of Bibles, and we would like to order two cases of "Pathlight" Bibles. Thank you for your ministry and for your help in our ministry. – Red Rock Bible Camp

• I am delighted to inform you that 22 teenagers have made decisions to follow Christ this year. Our youth pastor was so pleased when I showed him the Bibles we got from you. All those who made decisions now have their own Bible. The Bibles are very understandable, and the explanations throughout bring clarity. – Bob

• I am interested in your ministry. You are doing a good job. I receive your newsletter, and it is very good. I would like to receive it regularly. I am grateful to you. Pray for me and for my family. – Santosh, India

• Thank you so much for bringing the Bibles for Youth for Christ in time for our retreat. Many of the unchurched youth at our retreat took a Bible home with them and agreed that they would read it. May the Holy Spirit use the reading of God's Word in their lives! – Steven

LifeLight Ministries Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 16, 2004
Minnewasta Golf and Country Club
Morden, Manitoba



NEW! Path to Victory – Golf New Testament



Be prepared to share the Good News on the golf course this summer, with a New Testament especially for golfers! The golfers featured in this NT understand how a hair's width can make up for weeks of poor play, but as much as they love golf, study it, watch it and talk about it, they've all found something that's made it immeasurably better – a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Includes helpful reading and study tools. *Suggested donation: \$5.00.*

Light for Kids

Change the order of the letters to find the things we should "Bee."



1. LUMFAKTN _____ Psalm 100:4
2. INDETGIL _____ Proverbs 27:23
3. ATHUFFLI _____ Revelation 2:10
4. RGOTSN _____ Ephesians 6:10
5. IMFECRLU _____ Luke 6:36
6. NDIK _____ Ephesians 4:32
7. OEDSR _____ James 1:22
8. LDGA _____ Psalm 32:11
9. ESODORCUT _____ 1 Peter 3:8
10. OETNTCN _____ Phillipians 4:11
11. USGAOEDROC _____ Psalm 31:24
12. SEIW _____ Proverbs 8:33



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Making the Message Attractive

Dan Koop

"... make the teaching about God our Savior *attractive* in every way" (Titus 2:10, italics mine). This week a pastor said to me, "Your scriptures are so attractive." LifeLight scriptures give people new ideas as to who would benefit from these targeted scriptures. They stimulate creative thinking, and once more our unsaved friends and neighbours appear on the radar screen of our heart. Someone at the Ebenezer church, when she saw the New Testament for race car drivers, said, "My husband lives for NASCAR racing, and with such a cover, and a little more prayer, maybe he will read this Bible."

We heard testimonies at our Winkler/Morden brunch from people who took Spanish scriptures with them on their holidays, as well as on mission trips to Spanish-speaking countries. They reported that the Spanish people were hungry for the Word and that it was a joy to give scriptures to those who wanted them.

At our brunch near London, Ontario, several businessmen, a doctor and others saw the potential of witnessing through having a scripture stand in their offices or placing one in a public place. These literature stands are attractive and include twenty different scriptures for a variety of interest groups.

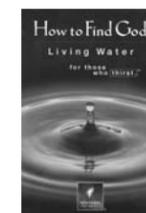
requested another twelve. These chaplains always have a supply of *The Road Home*, which are much appreciated by the truckers. The testimonies in these NTs are by truckers and speak to truckers.

Many churches working in the inner city use a variety of scriptures, including the *Life Recovery Bible*, which is targeted to people who struggle with addictions. This Bible has tremendous spiritual helps and integrates the twelve-step recovery program. Another easy-to-read NT for the inner city is *My City, My God*, which includes testimonies of a number of inner-city young people who have found God as their helper.

When Bill's golfing partner found out that he was a Christian, he said, 'Bill, I've known you for years. We play golf together every weekend. Our families get together often. I know your children's names and your wife's favorite colour. But, Bill, I never knew you were a Christian. If you really believed it, you'd have told me sooner.' The above story is sad, but if Bill would have had a copy of our attractive New Testament for golfers, he might have found it easier to integrate his faith with playing golf with his friend.

Thank you for your donations. Your gifts make it possible for us to distribute scriptures to people who need them. A tax-deductible receipt will be issued for a gift of \$20.00 or more.

Once a church has seen the scriptures we have, they want more and find more uses for them all the time. The scriptures are so reasonable that even a small budget for Bibles allows them to freely give them to people. The variety of scriptures can be used in so many different ministries.



The easy-reading *LifeLight* New Testament is great for children's ministries because children can read along and understand what they are reading. Youth workers like the *How To Find God* NT, which is easy to understand and includes a lot of aids for one's devotional life. Women's ministries ask for inexpensive Bibles that they can hand out and not worry about whether the moms can pay for them or not. Many seniors are familiar with the Bible, but they

are finding the large- and giant-print Bibles make their reading so much easier.

The chaplains of some trucking firms are looking for new ways to make their ministry more effective to the men and women who spend weeks on the road. The *Men of Integrity* Bible has great spiritual lessons from Promise Keepers and they are such a blessing to the truckers. Transport for Christ first asked for six of these Bibles, not knowing how well the truckers would take to them. Within a few days they were all gone, and the chaplain ordered a dozen more, and soon

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The Brunch Basket

For those of you who were unable to attend the LifeLight brunches in spring, here are a few morsels for you to savour:



One of the waitresses, when she found out what the brunch was about, said, "Oh, I'd better watch my language!"

Steve Friesen sang, Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed, Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you gave.

Dora shared about the joys of volunteering at the LifeLight Ministries offices — preparing newsletters for mailing.

Maria expressed her appreciation for the truckers NTs which they distribute at truck stops.

A group from the Church of the Rock goes to Mexico every winter for a mission trip. They take along a lot of Spanish Scriptures from LifeLight Ministries to distribute.

Peter reported that the RCMP in Thompson give away about 25 LifeLight NTs every month.

Twylla works with International Students. Many of these students want to learn English and others want to practice their English. She uses the Bible as a reading tool, so it is a way for them to learn the language, as well as learn about the Bible.

Thank you to Lorne and Lorraine who did a superb job of catering the scrumptious brunch in Rosenort.

One of the inmates at the Remand Centre said, "This is the best book I have ever received."

Comment from someone in Kola: "How come I've never seen these Scriptures before?"

The cheerful "faces" of the pansies on the tables provided a springlike atmosphere to the brunch at Aalto's in Winnipeg.

Chuck, a Christian biker, had to leave to catch up with a group of bikers who were going for a ride. He joked, "I'll leave quickly before the offering is taken."

Bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, toast, quiche, muffins, fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee

Brunch Reports

Belshazzar's Feast

Henry Unruh

I was on tour. There were many displays to see, and one was an art exhibition. One piece of art that was particularly captivating was a painting of Belshazzar's Feast. The artist had masterfully painted a drunken orgy, and every eye was transfixed to a hand writing on the wall.

Standing on a step ladder in front of the picture was a woman, obviously Jewish, doing some 'touch up' on the painting. I stood studying the painting for at least fifteen minutes and was then interrupted by the artist restoring the blemish.

"You seem to be quite intrigued with this painting," she said, while continuing to blend her colours.

"I certainly am," I replied. "I'm rehearsing the entire story in my mind."

She looked puzzlingly at me and asked, "There is a story to this picture?"

"Not only a story, but a definite historic account, and you should be very knowledgeable of this historic incident."

She came off the ladder and asked me, "Can you read the writing on the wall? I have asked many visitors, but none are able to

decipher the script."

"I can't read the writing either, and neither could the king," I affirmed, "but I know what it reads."

"Really! And what does it read?"

"In all respect and gracious candor, permit me first to ask you, 'Do you have a Jewish heritage?'"

She hesitated a moment and then replied quite emphatically, "Yes, I am Jewish. What's that got to do with it?"

"Have you heard of Belshazzar's Feast?" She shook her head.

"Have you heard of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?" Again she shook her head. "Have you heard of King David?" She replied, with a big smile, that she had.

"Would you happen to have a Bible in this Museum of Art?" I asked. There was a look of unexpected surprise, but she went to inquire, and eventually she returned with a huge Bible. I turned to the book of Daniel and, in the presence of spectators, I read the entire story of Belshazzar's Feast. She was most attentive, as was one of the security guards. There was a lot of inquiry and discussion following the

reading.

After I got home, I sent her a number of mailings and included a Bible from LifeLight Ministries in which I had highlighted prophecies pertaining to the coming of the Messiah, His death and resurrection, and the corresponding prophecies fulfilled. Sometime later, to my astonishment and supreme delight, she phoned, "I have become a student of the Bible you sent. It's overwhelming." Subsequently she sent me a copy of one of her works of art, depicting "The Last Supper."

Pray for this Jewish artist, who has become a serious seeker and student.



Henry Unruh with his painting of "The Last Supper."

Living Water

Bondslave is a Christian motorcycle club dedicated to serving Jesus by using the motorcycle as a tool for evangelism. We carry our own little guns [referring to the New Testament] with us wherever we go, in the inside pocket of our jackets. Bikers respect us because not only do we say we are Christians, we act like Christians, not running around with beer bottles in our hands. When we attend Hell's Angels socials, we drink coffee.

Motorcycles are not known for being much of a cargo carrier. Bikers travel light, so we use small pocket-size New Testaments to give to them. We put our own logo on them and put them out on tables for people — encouraging Bible theft! (We have had a number of Bibles stolen.)

Bondslave puts on motorcycle shows and bike rallies. We also rent a table at motorcycle parts swaps and put our parts out for sale. Among all the parts we place the New Testaments, and we are often surprised by how many riders will accept one.

At one rally we had a table with Scriptures, parts and free water — across the street from a beer garden. People parked their motorcycles in front of our spot and walked over to the beer garden.



I work with Crisis Pregnancy in Winnipeg, in a fairly rough area, where people come in off the street. We use *Hope for the Future* for women with unplanned pregnancies. We also run parenting programs and Bible studies. We have just started using the NIV Bibles, and people love them because they are so easy to understand. It is a thrill to give free Bibles to those who have a hard time making ends meet.

Terri Redekopp

Another Kind of Freedom

Bob Wahl is with Victory Riders, a Christian motorcycle group. Here is part of the report he shared at a Winnipeg brunch:

We distribute the *Hope for the Highway* New Testaments. Bikers can relate to the picture of the biker on the front cover and the feeling of freedom of getting on a bike and riding away. As they read the NT they find out about another kind of freedom available to them through a relationship with Christ.



Victory Riders conduct Sunday services and children's ministries and serve at a variety of functions—as security at gates, mechanics, providing First Aid, or wherever we're needed.

One of my favourite drop-off points for Bibles is a bikers bar in North Dakota. You may ask, *What do Bibles have to do with a bar?* This bar is run by a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association, a woman who felt that her calling was to get into the biker bar business. She is an awesome witness there. People who go to bars often have problems and feel free to talk to the bartender.

I took a couple of non-Christian bikers down there one time. They thought they would go in, have a quick beer and ride off, but for about an hour the bartender shared her testimony with them.

One woman stood at the entrance to the beer garden, looking at us, and then over her shoulder. Suddenly she hurried across the street and started picking through the things on our table. It soon became evident that she really didn't need any motorcycle parts. I thought, *Perhaps she would like a Bible.*

She had questions about the language and whether it would be hard to understand. I assured her it was easy to read and that the language was current. The entire time she seemed nervous and kept checking over her shoulder back to the beer gardens. Finally she grabbed the New Testament, shoved it into her jeans pocket, expressed her thanks and hurried back to the beer garden.

It was funny how she was so concerned about who might see her getting a Bible, but it was what she wanted. Perhaps in reading it she will find Jesus, the Living Water, who will satisfy her soul more than the product at beer gardens.

There is a thirst for God's Word in this country, and the Bible is still relevant, even for bikers on the road.

Chuck Sheridan

A Meaningful Experience



My wife, Lue, and I taught the story of Daniel to three Grade 5 classes at the Woodlawn School for about two months. At our last class we gave each student a New Testament from LifeLight Ministries. We had a variety of NTs available for them to choose from.

Several of the teachers asked for one as well. One teacher came back and, somewhat bashfully, asked if she could have a second NT for her sister.

Thank you for making these Scriptures available to these children. We trust God will continue to bless your ministry.

Reg Reimer

Providing God's Word for this Generation