



# THE LifeLight

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## One by One

God places us in situations and circumstances that give us opportunities to demonstrate our faith. Are you making yourself available to be used by Him?

In this issue, read stories of Christians who are using Scriptures to demonstrate their faith and share the Good News:

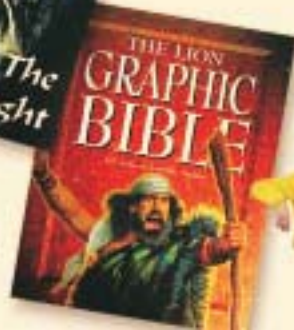
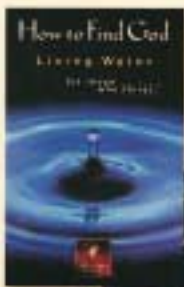
*... It's great to be able to offer people hope by giving them these interesting and relevant Bibles.*

*... She asked very simple questions such as "What is the Bible?"*

*... I would like two more LifeLight NTs to give to unsaved friends.*

*... She asked me questions about God, many of which I couldn't answer. I gave her my copy of "How to Find God."*

*... I hope this New Testament will give her answers to many of her questions.*



**W**e have just finished four LifeLight Spring brunches — a time of fellowship with many friends of LifeLight over a great meal, inspiring stories of what God is doing through the many ministries and individuals whom we are able to provide with Scriptures, through your prayers and cheerful giving.

On my drive to our brunch in Rosenort, Man., I noticed many huge parked tractors, with seeders hitched, ready to go. I wondered what it would be like to be a farmer, ready to go, seeders full of abundant and healthy seed ready to be planted; tractors well lubricated, tuned and full of fuel. I thought of the story in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, a wonderful story about sowing, generosity, cheerful giving and providing a service for the needs of God's people, and the distribution of His Word.

### Sowing Generously

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

## A Harvest

Greg Armstrong

*As it is written,*

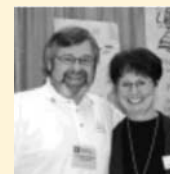
*"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

*The service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
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God's Word for this Generation

Then it hit me: *I wonder what weighs heaviest on the farmer's heart as he waits patiently for the conditions to be right so he can get out on the fields and sow seeds.* I shared this with the people, some of them retired farmers, at the brunch.

On my way home, after an awesome time of great food, fellowship and inspiring reports, I stopped in at a farmyard where a tractor, with the seeder hitched, was ready to go. I introduced myself to the farmer

and shared with him about our brunch, God's Word, seed, generous sowing, and more.

Then I asked him, "What is your greatest anticipation as this tractor sits in the yard, ready to go?" His immediate reply, said with a smile, was, "**A harvest!**" You may think, *Well, of course, Greg, what did you think he would say?* He could have mentioned the price of fuel, the fact that his land was still mostly flooded, the cold

weather in the forecast for Monday and rain for Wednesday, but his reflex response was "**A harvest!**"

My hope is that we would learn a lesson, like this courageous farmer, about sowing and scattering the Seed, with a harvest first on our minds and in our hearts, and that we will not be discouraged by the challenges we may face.

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## When God Makes Appointments

Rufus & Marti Derksen

We went to Ixtapa, Mexico, in February. We usually take along Spanish Scriptures from LifeLight Ministries, make friends with the Mexican people and give them some literature, clothing, school supplies, etc.

This year, because of weight restrictions, it did not work for us to take Scriptures, so we asked God to make some appointments for us – maybe tourists whom we could witness to.

Well, God was very faithful. We met a 50-year-old man (Rick), who was divorced, had disowned his 15-year-old daughter, and two years ago had been rehabilitated from the addition of drugs and alcohol. He was sociable, but very lonely. We spent a week and a half with him.

We found a small Christian fellowship church and attended there the first Sunday of our vacation. The second Sunday Rick came with us. What an opportunity, one

which opened up many discussions with him!

Rick promised us that the first thing he was going to do when he got home was call his daughter and start building a new relationship with her. How we saw his heart



change during this short time! He had no spiritual background whatsoever; the Gospel was totally new to him.

When we were ready to go back home, Rick came to see us off. We had a picture

taken of him and us, and told him that this photo would go on our fridge as a reminder to pray for him. With tears rolling down his cheek, he said goodbye as we gave him a hug.

When we got home we sent him a *How to Find God* New Testament from LifeLight Ministries and a *Daily Bread* booklet.

Praise God for His faithfulness in making this appointment for us to minister for Him! We request that you pray for Rick; he still needs to be born again and live for Jesus Christ.

If you have never done so, we encourage the readers of this article to take a holiday with a mission in mind. Pick up Scriptures from LifeLight and ask God to make appointments for you. He will be faithful, and you will receive great blessings. We certainly did!

## On the Bulletin Board



*of the Perfect Christmas.*

I did not see her again for a number of weeks, but Diana and I have both been praying for her. Sometime ago I saw her again and asked her whether she had read the booklet. "Yes," she said, "and I put it on the bulletin board so the others could read it too." Now we're praying that this presentation of God's plan of salvation will bring results.

Cliff Reimer

## Pass it On

I called this morning asking about *The LifeLight* New Testament; I would like two more to give to unsaved friends.

I can't recall how I came to have this NT. I probably sent for it some time ago, glanced through it and laid it on my night table to check through it at some point.

I am acquainted with a teenager who has sort of taken to me, and I have it on my mind to give her some Christian literature. Then this New Testament, *The LifeLight*, lying on my table came to mind, and I leafed through it. I feel that it is just the right kind to give to her. It is simply written and easy to understand and, if she has an open heart and mind, she is sure to be affected by it.

I am no expert on theology, to check if it is truly correct, but I feel in my heart that it is. In faith I will pass it on to my friend with a prayer that God's Word will come alive to her and bring her under conviction of sin, and that she will repent and be saved.

Please pray over the Bibles you are sending out. Pray that through the Word people will understand that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and Lord.

R.L.



## Give it Away!

Recently I had a church display at a vibrant community church. A young woman walked up the table and pointed at the *How to Find God* (HTFG) NT, and said, "That is an awesome Bible! I used to have one." I replied, "You used to have one? What happened to it?" Her answer confirmed that the mission of LifeLight Ministries is alive and well.

Her story:

*I attended a Jon Buller concert some months ago and picked up a free copy of HTFG. I was reading it and enjoying all the extra study helps in it. Weeks later, a person asked me questions about God, many of which I couldn't answer. I gave her my HTFG and told her that this was helping me and that it could also help her. She thanked me but then I didn't know where to get another one."*

She asked about the cost, and I told her that the suggested donation is \$5.00, but because of the generous giving of many partners and friends of LifeLight, I could give her another one. "In fact," I said, "here, take two free, Keep one for yourself and give the other one away the next time you have the opportunity."

*Greg Armstrong*

I was walking to my car just before closing time on a cold fall night when I noticed a man sitting in his truck on our parking lot. I walked over to him and asked him if he needed some help. He told me that he was passing through on his way to Ontario and that his vehicle needed repairs but that the guys in the service department were looking after him. I bid him a good night and went home.

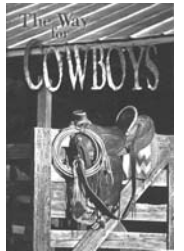
When I got home I told my wife about him, mentioning that he was going to sleep in his truck because the parts he needed would only arrive the following morning. My wife said we should take him to a hotel for the night. We went back to the garage, began chatting with him and asked if he wanted to go to a hotel. He said that he did not have extra money for that, so we offered to cover the cost. He accepted, and as we loaded up some of his stuff, I felt that I should share the gospel with him.

*Well, this should be easy — just reach into your pocket and give him the NT — but it wasn't that simple.*

I felt awkward giving some guy I had just met a Bible, one for cowboys, nonetheless and he was no cowboy! But I knew I needed to do this, so after we got him checked in, I reached into my pocket and him the NT. He took it and started to share about his personal life.

The next day we repaired his vehicle, and before he left he thanked me for everything and went on his way.

*Lord, send my more cowboys; I still have another NT.*



*Reyn Kroeker*

## A Treasure Chest

*Carrie Romanec*

The horrific events of 9/11 really shook me up. I felt as if my years of feeling in control of my life had come to a screeching halt. I was nervous, and God got my attention.

I grew going to church and accepted Jesus into my heart as a child, but after 9/11 I decided that I needed to get to know God better. I knew that God has ultimate control over everything, that He loves us, and that he'll take care of us. I needed to know Him more intimately.

I committed myself to reading through the whole Bible in one year, something I'd never done before. Each day I asked God to help me understand what I was reading and to speak to my heart. Reading through the Bible is the best and most fulfilling goal I've ever set (and met) in my life.

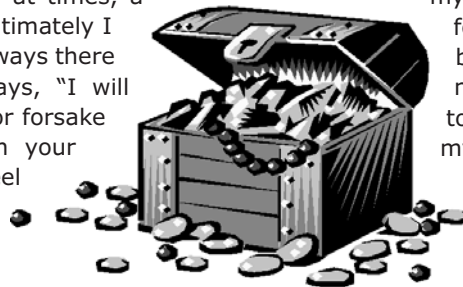
I continue to do read daily and to go through the whole Bible each year. I have learned the importance of reading God's Word *every day*; in this way it seeps into every area of my life, fills and completes me, and gives me such wonderful peace and contentment. God's word is such a wonderful treasure chest of precious and priceless jewels!

My history is clouded with childhood trauma and adoption issues. I've learned that the ultimate Healer is God. I feel loved and accepted, purely. God is always with me, and I pray throughout my day. Life is still a journey and, at times, a real struggle, but ultimately I know that God is always there to help me. He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." With God in your life, you don't feel alone.

Reading the Bible can transform people. I've given a *How to Find God* New Testament to a relative who I thought was searching, and I heard through a friend of the family that she reads it every night. Praise God! Also, I gave an *Adventure Bible* and a *Would You Like to Know Jesus?* booklet to a foster boy I helped care for. My daughter told me that he was actually reading during lunch at a field trip they were both on. I also gave a copy of *How to Find God* to his foster mom. One of my neighbours, whose parents passed away, received a *New Believer's Bible*. She has no close relatives left in this world. She and her male friend

were both interested in what the Bible had to say.

God is on my mind and on my lips. I need to tell others about Him; I can't keep it to myself. He's done so much for me and continues to bless me daily. I've seen so many miraculous answers to my prayers throughout my life, things only He could have done!



The Bible, God's Word, will speak for itself. God will do the rest of the work, with our involvement. God can speak to anyone in any troubling situation. He cares for and loves everyone, no matter where they are at in their lives. People have an opportunity to meet Jesus through the easy-to-understand Bibles from LifeLight Ministries. It's great to be able to offer people hope by giving them these interesting and relevant Bibles, which present the gospel so simply. Thank you, LifeLight, for your wonderful work. God will bless those who distribute the Word and those who read it.

**GOD'S WORD IS A TREASURE CHEST OF PRECIOUS AND PRICELESS JEWELS!**



## ATTENTION: Bible Camps!

It's time to get your Scripture orders in for your summer camps.

Suggestions:

### The Pathlight



The Pathlight Bible gives campers a map to salvation. Features include a gospel presentation, answers to FAQs about the Christian life, and testimonies from personalities they can relate to.

Suggested donation: \$9.00

### The LifeLight



A New Testament in the easy-to-read NIRV translation.

Suggested donation: \$5.00

**Call us about these and many other Scriptures.**

## Yours to Keep

My wife and I have become friends with the Chinese couple who manages the restaurant in our town. One day I was the only patron in the restaurant, and the lady took time to visit.



She asked me what the word "Mennonite" meant, which quickly moved our conversation to topics of faith and Christianity. Evidently she had seldom discussed this subject with anyone before. She asked very simple questions such as "Who is Jesus?" and "What is the Bible?" I found it quite a challenge to answer her questions in simple enough terms so that she could understand.

I asked her if she would appreciate a Bible, but she said she would probably not have any time to read it. I told her I would try to get her a

Chinese Bible and that it would be a gift from us to her and her husband. She seemed a little concerned, but agreed.

A week later, I offered her the Chinese Bible from LifeLight Ministries, but she didn't want to accept it. I reminded her that it was a gift and that she wasn't obligated to read it. She asked how long she could keep it, and when I told her that I had gotten it for her and her husband and that it would belong to them, she took it and hugged me, with tears in her eyes.

I told her that the day might come when she and her husband would have more time and would decide to pull the Bible off their bookshelf and read it.

She refused to accept payment for my meal that day! Sometime I will check with her to see if the Bible is collecting dust or not.

John and Marilyn Van Essen received this note recently from Dawn:

*I don't know if you remember or not, but last year we were at the same table at Parkway's Missions Conference banquet. I got a copy of "Mommy Dreams" from your booth...and was just now thinking I never thanked you for what a blessing this little book became! Through it I was able to join MOPS Online and find a whole lot of other moms just like me. I have formed some really good friendships, and my payer life has gotten a LOT better all because you had this little booklet there last year. So thank you for being such a blessing.*

*I'd like to get a second copy of "Mommy Dreams" to send to a friend of mine who is feeling very discouraged. She is one of my MOPS friends, and I think this booklet would help her too. I still read through it when I feel overwhelmed about being the mommy of a preschooler.*



**2006 LifeLight Ministries Golf Tournament**

Tuesday, September 19  
Steinbach Fly-In Golf Club




x 4904, Steinbach, Manitoba R5G 1R5





## African Gospel Concert

One by one God is bringing individuals and families from Asia, Africa, the Persian Gulf and the Middle East to Canada, people who have a God-given passion to demonstrate His love and communicate the Good News to their own people in Canada, as well as beyond.

PALM (Praying and Loving Muslims) Ministry Association comes alongside these international servants of God by embracing, equipping, empowering and releasing them to minister to their own people. We are also involved in mobilizing Canadian believers to be salt and "light" to the newcomers to Canada.

How thrilling to see a large African community at the African Gospel Concert at the University of Alberta campus! Even though we had a snowfall just prior to this concert, an estimated 450 people attended.

God's leading was very evident as the participants allowed the presence of Jesus to flow through them. Every part of the concert—music groups, drama, participation, ministry team from Toronto, speaker, emcee ministered very effectively. A number of people responded to the invitation to pray after the Good News of the Gospel was conveyed. Approximately sixty New Testaments from LifeLight Ministries, as well as a number of Jesus videos, both in Arabic and French, were given as gifts.

Pray that what has been sown in the hearts of those in attendance will bear fruit in the days ahead. God has promised that His Word will not return to Him empty.

*Harold Klassen*

## For My Best Friend

I would like to order a *How to Find God* New Testament for my best friend to whom I've been ministering off and on. I hope this NT will give her answers to many of her questions.

She is a very talented beautiful young woman, with a heart of gold. She volunteers at a mental health rehab and tries to help her friends. The Holy Spirit has planted a few seeds in her heart, but with all the struggles and hardships she has been through, she has trouble accepting the Lord and His ways.

Please pray that God will reveal his plan for her life and that He'll use her to minister to her friends. Also, pray that her mother will let her come to our church.

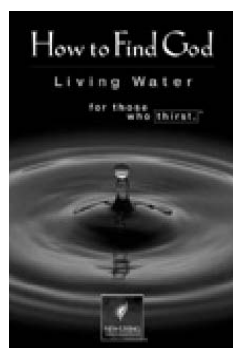
*A Student*

### How to Find God

Many people have found the *How to Find God* New Testament to be a very effective evangelism tool.

- New Living Translation
- Upfront Plan of Salvation
- 40 Topical Bible Studies
- Study Notes throughout
- "Live it Now" topical index

*Suggested donation: \$5.00*



## The Best Gift

Two years ago our church started an outreach program in Darlingford. We've had a DVBS program running for the last three summers, which has been very successful, with the greatest number of children attending in the summer of 2005.



We have had a Kids' Club program for two years, and as we interacted with the children, we noticed that a number of them did not have a Bible of their own. We decided that the best gift we could give them was a Bible that would catch their attention, one that they would want to read. We chose the *Adventure Bible*, which we got through LifeLight Ministries.

The Bibles were given out on April 11, and the children got into them immediately! They were eager to read, and one child, in particular, wanted to take his Bible to school so he could read it on the bus. The next morning one of the children was already at chapter 18 of Genesis and hardly had time to get dressed properly for school! That's exciting!

Our prayer is that they will keep this enthusiasm for reading and that Scripture memorization will also become something they will want to do.

*Carol Unger*

### From the Mailbox

- *I've read your book and now somehow feel close to wanting to know more. I've always felt left out, unwanted and like the scapegoat of my family. The loneliness I feel daily and the hurt I've caused others is sometimes overwhelming, and I don't know where to turn, so I would love to try a new path with Jesus Christ if he will still let me in. I need to talk; I need to let this hurt out. I'm writing to you because I cannot go to church here because I'm in lock-up due to my parole violation. I was on the street but messed up once again due to drugs and my bad choices/decisions, so now my family is left out there for the next two years without a father once again. I would love to get a handle on myself and learn about God.* – Robert
- *I was born again in 1985. I've read the Bible several times in French, my usual language, and in English. Recently I started learning Spanish. Since I've been familiar with the Bible for many years, I decided to read it in Spanish in order to improve my Spanish reading. I had a lot of difficulty with the Reina Valera version, but the Nueva Version Internacional (NIV) you sent me is easier for me to read.* – Alain
- *We're praying for you all. Keep up the wonderful work! We love to hear that God's Word is going out to our native people, which is part of my own heritage.* – Ron & Anne
- *I received a "How to Find God" NT, and I find it very easy to understand; I can't put it down. I want so desperately to understand God and the Bible. This book really helps me so very much. Please help me as much as you can by sending more easy-to-read literature.* – Mike
- *I have been receiving your newsletter for some time and appreciate your ministry. I try to give out tracts, etc., every time I go out on the street. I had the privilege of working in rescue missions for over forty years and saw the power that the Word has to change lives.* – Leonard

# What's New?

## The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus

John R. Cross



Introducing a book that will help you present the Gospel clearly. Written in narrative form, *The Stranger* explains the Bible chronologically from Creation to Christ, beginning with simple truths and moving to the more complex. The book lays the foundation of the Gospel with major Old Testament stories, builds upon essential biblical truths in a logical manner, and culminates at the Cross and the Resurrection. *Suggested donation: \$12.00*

## Women of Faith Devotional Bible

A message of grace and hope for every day. Provides women with inspiration and resources needed to strengthen their walk with God and build stronger relationships. NKJV. *Suggested donation: \$8.00*



### WORKBOOK

The review questions in the workbook cement in your mind key points from each lesson, while offering further insight. In group settings, each individual should have a personal Workbook. *Suggested donation: \$5.00*

### VIDEO

An 11-hour video series that clearly and logically explains the gospel from Creation to the Cross. Following *The Stranger* book, often word for word, the greatest of stories is brought to life on screen. *Suggested donation: \$90.00*



### CD SET

Not everyone enjoys reading, or it may be a matter of making good use of one's time while commuting. For these and the seeing-impaired, *The Stranger Audio Book* is a genuine solution. Recorded professionally using two voices: one for scripture, the other for commentary. 10 hours of audio. *Suggested donation: \$20.00*

Reaching those who know little or nothing about the Bible

**Please add 30% to the suggested donations for ministry expenses.**

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Staff support for \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Scripture order \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please send the following Scriptures:

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I would like to receive your newsletter by email.

*Credit card donations may be made at [www.donatebibles.net](http://www.donatebibles.net)*

### Women's Devotional Bible #1

A Bible for, by and about today's woman. Includes devotional messages on love, marriage, work, children, and many other topics. *Suggested donation: \$16.00*



**Call us for more information or to order: 204-320-9676, or send your order on the Reply Form.**

#### Don't Miss the Chance

The day began and I was sure  
that God would use my life...  
to touch someone in a special way,  
and shine a special light.

Not only did I miss the mark,  
I failed in every way...  
The difference that I hoped to make  
was left for another day.

Lord, let me have another chance  
to prove my love for You...  
Please send someone along my path  
to be a witness to.

Jill LeBlanc

### Newsletter by Email

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter by email? If so, please indicate this on the Reply Form. Make sure your email address is printed clearly.