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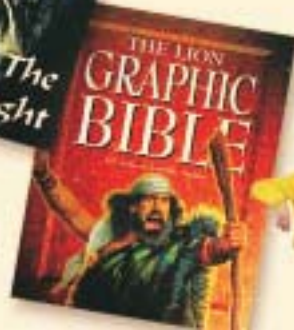
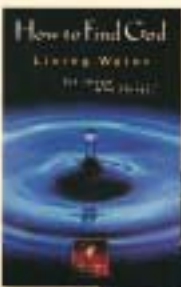
LifeLight Brunches and Banquet

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Basic Instructions

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" The father smiled and asked, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said the father. "So, Son, what does it mean?" "That's easy, Daddy. It stands for

**Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth."**



God's truth can set people free.

Tearing Down Strongholds

Ernie Brosowsky

HE was a very good dog and loved us all his life as only a loyal dog can, but now it was his time to go. The vet gave him the needle, and the life in my dog's eyes slowly seeped away as I held him in my arms. It was very difficult, and I admit I sobbed as I watched him leave me.



What is even more difficult than this is watching life fade from the eyes of a family member or friend who is dying spiritually. To look into their eyes and see death overtake the life in their soul, to see them leaving us through despair or loss of hope – how powerless we feel!

Right now many of them are in a spiritual wilderness, facing the powers of Satan. Through grief, temptation and sin, loved ones become trapped in strongholds. A stronghold is an accusation planted firmly in their minds, such as the lie that they are at fault for a family tragedy or that they have the right to hang on to bitterness because they have been wronged. These lies are Satan's strongholds and, if they are not resisted by God's Word, they will twist and turn in a person's mind, leading to a slow spiritual death.

Sermons and prayer alone are not enough to pull down these strongholds. The only weapon

that scares Satan today is the same one that scared him in the wilderness when he tempted Jesus. That weapon is the truth of the living Word of God – the Bible. Only the Lord's truth can set people free.

We at LifeLight encourage you to not only continue to help ministries, groups and individuals receive Bibles through your donations but also to order Bibles for yourself and those around you. We ourselves need to have a deep hunger to know God's heart by reading His Word, and we need to have additional Bibles to give to those God places in our path, people who may be dying inside. Many are barely holding on.

Do you have extra Scriptures in your car, in your home or in your workplace to give to those who need God's Word? LifeLight Ministries can help.

We use God's mighty weapons, not mere worldly weapons, to knock down the devil's strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4).

For the Word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are (Hebrews 4:12).



Ernie Brosowsky and his wife, Lil, have served on the LifeLight Ministries board for a number of years. They live in Winnipeg and attend The Lighthouse church.

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God's Word for this Generation

Steinbach Brunch

Yellow mums, a donation from Sobey's in Steinbach, together with matching green and yellow serviettes, helped to create a spring-like atmosphere in the dining room at Steinbach Bible College on April 8. About a hundred people enjoyed a delicious brunch, followed by music and reports. *Thank you, Gil, you are a great chef!*

Carry Your Candle



The group "One Reason" (Stephanie Penner, Becky Buhler, Derrick Reimer, Lisa Bergen, Wes Bergen) encouraged the attendees to take the light into the darkness:

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world.

- *Inner City Women's Ministries Int. was created to fill the void of Christ-centred support for women struggling with addictions, as well as their families. The ministry acts as a liaison between associated agencies, provides support groups for women in Winnipeg's inner city, leads Sunday chapel services for incarcerated women at the Winnipeg Remand Centre and is in the initial stages of planning a residential rehab centre for women and their children.*
– Shon McLaren

- *I am excited to see the Spirit of God being poured out upon the young people in the North. Your Bibles make the Scriptures more understandable to the young people. It speaks a language that they can understand.... They are able to embrace it and live it when they can understand the language.*
– Roger Armbruster

- Isabelle Fiola brought two guests with her, Pastor Lloyd Guimond and his wife, Arlene, from Fort Alexander. Isabelle works as associate pastor with Pastor Lloyd and has given quite a few Bibles to the First Nations people. In addition, she visits inmates at Milner Ridge and plans to start offering programming there, using the *Life Recovery Bibles*.

Thank You, Volunteers



LifeLight Ministries appreciates the many volunteers who help with a variety of jobs at the Distribution Centre in Steinbach. Many of them attended the brunch, where the oldest and youngest volunteers received recognition.

Brian Penner, age 10, is our youngest volunteer. He comes in occasionally, together with his mother and sisters, and helps put inserts in the Scriptures.

Annie Reimer will be celebrating her 90th birthday in October. She rarely misses when eight to twelve volunteers get together every two months to do the newsletter mailing.

Just What I Needed!

John Neufeld

I started using the services of LifeLight Ministries when I was pastoring a church in Steinbach. I had been asking around for an affordable source for Bibles that I could give to people who came to me for spiritual and/or relational counselling. I was referred to LifeLight Ministries. The *How to Find God* New Testament was exactly what I needed!

One noteworthy experience occurred when I introduced a rodeo bull rider to Jesus. He didn't have his own Bible, so I phoned Martha at the LifeLight office and asked whether perchance they had a Bible written for cowboys. She told me they did, so my new brother in the faith and I immediately headed over to the office to pick up a copy. He was very impressed and loved to show his cowboy New Testament to his "rodeoing" buddies.

On another occasion we met a local couple

in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She was somewhat conversant in English and asked if we had any English literature with us so she could learn to read better. We told her we didn't but that we'd send her some when we got back to Canada. They invited us to their home for supper, where we learned that they were members of a Jehovah's Witnesses congregation. As soon as we got back home we sent them an English and a Spanish NT. I hope someday we will meet this family in glory.

Over the years I have been asked to officiate at hundreds of weddings. One of the pre-marital counselling sessions focused on spiritual leadership and disciplines in the home. I explained to each couple how my wife, Anne, and I use the HTFG for our own devotions and how it has been a blessing to our lives. Then I gave each of them their own copy of this NT. When we checked back with them we

found that the majority of them were using it for their devotional times. At the present time we are engaged in a counselling ministry and continue to give this New Testament to people who come for help.

Perhaps the most significant use of the HTFG has been for our own devotions. We have a very simple reading plan: We read a chapter a day together. I read the odd-numbered chapters, Anne reads the even-numbered ones, and then we spend some time talking about how the Word ministered to us. Over the years we have used a variety of resources, but none has had the same impact as the Word of God all by itself.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this ministry a reality. Lives are being changed, souls are being saved, the Kingdom is being advanced, and Jesus is being glorified.

Rosenort Brunch



More than forty people turned out for the LifeLight brunch at the Rosenort Heritage Centre on April 22. Beautiful roses, donated by Safeway in Steinbach, decorated the tables. We enjoyed a delightful meal (quiche, Tator Tots, sausages, fruit, cinnamon rolls, muffins, juice, coffee) prepared by Lorraine and Lorne Loewen, the caterers.

After the meal, we were encouraged by exciting reports from a number of people who have used LifeLight Scriptures for distribution. Marge Penner challenged the attendees with a number of songs, including *People Need the Lord*:

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What would be too great a cost
For sharing Life with one who's lost.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord,
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
When will we realize — people need the Lord?



From the Mire into His Choir

Bill Rempel

Job had a desire that his life's story would be written. He wanted his strong faith in his living Redeemer to be recorded for all eternity.

My life's story began in a rural area of Manitoba in a good loving home, but we rarely attended church, and there was no Sunday school at that time. However, I had a godly teacher at the little country school who took his Christian walk seriously.

As a young teenager, at age 15, I started working in Winnipeg and lived there by myself. I gradually followed the world's way of doing things instead of God's way. I started driving truck at age 18, and by age 20 I was married to the love of my life, Helen, and we continued living for the world instead of for God.

I was 28 years old when God allowed a storm of fierce trials to come into our lives, which brought me face to face with the story I had written thus far with my life. I realized that I had not lived for God and that I was a sinner on the way to hell. For two years I drove truck under this heavy conviction that I was not right with a just and holy God.

I talked to nobody, and nobody approached me about Jesus. However, I started reading the Scriptures, and there I found hope and realized what I needed to do with my load of guilt. I read in Hebrews 4:16 that I could *come boldly to the throne of grace and that [I could] obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need*.

I was thirty years old when both Helen and I knelt by our bed for the first time to pray,

and we asked God to forgive us — and He did! How thankful I am that *the Lord is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9).



My story made me realize how important the Scriptures are in bringing people to see their need to come to Jesus for forgiveness and pardon. This, in turn, has made me see how important Scripture distribution is, and I have distributed thousands of New Testaments, booklets and other Christian literature in Canada and the USA as a truck driver. I haven't done this to earn "brownie points" but because I am so grateful that the Lord brought Helen and me out of the mire and into his choir, with a new song in our hearts (Psalm 40:2-3).

I am thankful for LifeLight Ministries who are very serious about making the Word available to everyone, and I want to help them by distributing *The Road Home* New

Testament to truck drivers as a Chaplain for the Mobile Chapel Ministry, Transport for Christ Inc.

- Greg Armstrong, Winnipeg rep, reported that we are allowed to place Bibles in the Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg if we put them in plastic bags (for sanitary reasons). We will need a lot of Bibles for this purpose because once the patients open the bag they have to take the Bibles home.

- Audrey Brandt mentioned some of the exciting things that are happening in Oak Bluff, Man., where she and her husband, Harry, are involved in planting a new church. People are coming to the Lord, and the church is looking forward to a baptismal service in the near future. They have been using Bibles from LifeLight to give to those who need them.



Taking notes?



2006 Golf Tournament



Tuesday, September 19, 2006



Fly-In Golf Club
350 Park Road East
Steinbach, Manitoba

Our Goal

To raise \$40,000 to help replenish our inventory of *How to Find God* New Testaments, which is almost depleted.

Call Marge (661-1639) or Greg (471-6295) For more information or to register.

Arborg Brunch



LifeLight Brunch in Arborg, May 6

"Paul and Silas" Travel North

Brian Dyck

Last winter I accompanied Peter Loewen on a Scripture-distribution trip to northern Manitoba. I'm only about half as old as Peter, so I was the young understudy (like Paul and Silas!).

We visited four reserves, where we distributed *The LifeLight* in the schools. Peter was careful to present the New Testaments in a non-threatening manner. We also left New Testaments at the nurses station in Pelican Rapids and at the Rehab Centre in The Pas.

Years ago I spent two summers in The Pas. One of the kids who attended the Christian Day Camp at that time is now the store manager. On this trip I had the opportunity to reconnect with him and give him an audio tape.

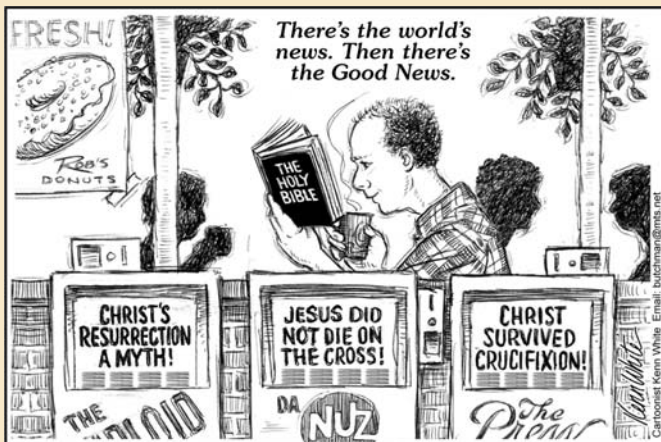
Some northern communities have had wholesale changes as a result of the distribution of *The LifeLight*. Many seeds were again sown on this trip, some in stony soil and some in good soil. We are called to sow the seed, not to take soil samples.

Band Office Receives Scriptures



Peter Loewen introduced Carl Whiteway of Berens River. Last winter Carl picked up Peter and six boxes of Scriptures and drove across Lake Winnipeg to Berens River. They ran out of Scriptures before they had distributed them to all the students there.

At the band office, the chief asked for a New Testament for himself and one for each councillor and worker at the office. After Carl drove Peter home, he picked up two more cases of NTs, for the band office, as well as for his store, where he gives them to people who want them.



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The Great Commission in Action

John Thiessen



In Isaiah 55 we read what God says about His Word: *The rain and snow come down from the heaven and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send*

it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it (vv. 10 & 11, NLT).

I was reminded of that promise on May 7 as my wife and I enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship at a LifeLight Ministries brunch. What an encouragement to hear story after story that gave testimony to this truth from God's Word! The afternoon was a reminder of the incredible life-changing power that exists in the Bible.

Another thing that impressed me that afternoon was the fact that

God uses humble men and women to share the Word. People giving their time, their energy, their lives to go to remote places, to unfriendly places, to places of great need just to share the message of hope, a message that has given them a personal sense of purpose in living and expectation for the future! It is a message these humble men and women cannot keep to themselves; they have to share it with others.

Humble people, not drawing attention to themselves, but committed to serving in the place to which God calls them. People convinced that if the broken, the crushed, the helpless and dying are offered the message they too will find new life to the fullest extent. Humble people sharing the message of hope, bringing the light of Christ into dark places — God's formula for changed lives.

Thank you for inviting us to witness the Great Commission in action. God says that His Word *always* produces fruit. Our time together confirmed the truth of His promise.

John Thiessen is the pastor of the Albright Church in Winnipeg, the site of the Winnipeg brunch.

God's Word Produces Fruit

Ian Croatto

As with any ministry, Teen Challenge is ineffective in reaching the lives of the men without God's Word being front and centre of everything we do. Without it as our starting point, we are left powerless and ineffective in our attempts to minister to the very core of the souls of the men who entrust us with their lives. It's true, as Isaiah states: *It is His Word that works. I send it out, and it always produces fruit!*

The following story shows how one Bible from LifeLight Ministries made its way into the hands of Daniel:

"Coming out of jail, I was sent to serve time at the St. Norbert Foundation. While there, my spirit was craving something.

"Although they don't distribute or have any Bibles on hand at the Foundation, one day a copy of *The LifeLight* New Testament was put into my hands. I was taken aback by how easy it was to read. My journey towards Christ began as I started reading it; in fact, it was the first Bible I ever read. Through the influence of my uncle and *The LifeLight*, I have pressed on and continue to grow in Him."

Partnering with LifeLight Ministries is an effective way for us to put copies of God's Word into the hands of broken, searching souls.



Ontario Banquet

It was a great privilege to hold our second annual CLLM Ontario banquet.

We enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner provided by our caterers, Hayward Catering. We presented an overview of the work as Ontario reps with LifeLight Ministries and highlighted some of the many Scriptures available.

It was wonderful to hear testimonies of local people who use our material regularly. One woman, who has a thrift store, uses the display stand for Spanish and English New Testaments. These are taken quickly and appreciated by the offshore workers. Another person reported that she used the *NIRV Bible for Kids* to counsel children on the Internet for Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Another highlight of the evening was the music of the Soenen Sisters. They are a talented young musical group and have played

together for four years; we were blessed by their ministry.

Our speaker was Cathy Birnie, the director of the Pregnancy and Resource Centre in Brantford. She did an amazing job of presenting the work, much of which we weren't even aware of. We believe that God will expand that ministry to our area as a result of this promotion at our banquet.

Many Christian businesses sponsor the tables at these banquets, making it free for those who attend, so donations received go totally to a particular cause. Each year the donations are designated for our booth at the local fair. Thousands of visitors come for this event, and each year more than 400 come to our booth, where we promote God's holy and precious Word.

*John and Marilyn Van Essen
Ontario Reps*

The Bible's principles aren't old-fashioned, they're just the only ones that work.

From the Mailbox



- I'm an inmate at the Winnipeg Remand Centre, and I'm looking for some info on Jesus. I'm really interested in the Psalms, and I really like how, when you open the Bible ["How to Find God"], they have sections with things like readings for everyday situations like anger, fear, and death. – Matthew
- I received "How to Find God," and I find it very easy to understand and read; I can't put it down. I want so desperately to understand God and the Bible. This NT really helps me so very much. Please help me as much as you can by sending me more easy-to-read literature. Thank you. – Mike
- I am a new learner. I want to learn about God and change my life around — for myself first, then for the sake of my family. (I have four children.) I have nothing to lose. I will be in jail for several months and think this is a good opportunity to find myself. Please help! – Lindsay
- We are grateful to be a small part of your ministry as the Lord allows us. I am a retired factory worker. I am originally from northern Ontario and have a great love for the North and the cold. We appreciate your outreach to natives since part of our heritage is Ojibway. God bless you all, and keep up the good work. – Ron & Anne

Just Arrived!



in northern Manitoba. Thank you to all our donors for your ongoing prayers and generosity, which makes it possible for us to continue to provide "seed for the sowers."

The LifeLight is a colourful New Testament in the easy-to-read New International Readers Version (NIRV) and is suitable for a large range of audiences from children to adults. It includes Bible helps, full-colour pictures and highlighted memory verses.

This NT is especially appropriate for VBS, camps, other children's ministry, ESL, and seeker-sensitive outreach.

The suggested donation for *The LifeLight* is \$5.00 each (plus 30% ministry costs).

Fresh from the printers — 25,000 copies of *The LifeLight* New Testament, ready for distribution on time for the 2006 Bible camp season and for outreach on reserves

Where Have All the Bibles Gone?

We have distributed 37,000 copies of *The LifeLight* New Testaments in the past five years. Here are just a few examples of how they are being used:

- Thousands have been distributed in northern Manitoba schools.
- Several hospital chaplains in Manitoba rely on *The LifeLight* as their ministry tool, leaving a copy at each bedside in the hospital.
- A group of VBS teachers went up to Nelson House and had a tremendous response from the kids, with 26 of them accepting the Lord as their Saviour. These children had no Bibles, but the teachers had a case of *The LifeLight* NT, so the children got their own.

Reply Form

Enclosed is my donation:

Staff support for _____ \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____ Other _____ \$ _____

Scripture order \$ _____ Please send the following Scriptures:

Name _____ Address _____

PC _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to receive your newsletter by email.

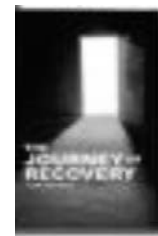
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What's New?

Journey of Recovery

Two new Scripture tools to minister to addicts

You probably know someone who is struggling with alcohol or drug abuse, eating disorders, or sex or gambling compulsions. Now you can offer addicted individuals God's lasting help and hope through *The Journey of Recovery* New Testament and DVD. The NT features 64 colour pages of eleven real-life stories of men and women who have been ensnared by common addictions, recovery meditations and practical 12-step insights for restoring relationships with self, God and other people. Also contains self-tests to assess addictive behaviour and co-dependency, as well as a list of recovery resources. The DVD contains four hours of stories and round-table discussions.



Suggested donations:

New Testament: \$8.00, DVD: \$8.00

Reach 4 Life

Scripture that transforms passion to purity

God's Word gives clear guidance on the subject of premarital sex. *Reach 4 Life* caters to the younger generation in HIV/AIDS prevention efforts with 250 pages of straightforward notes on issues of sex, alcohol, drugs and pregnancy. It is rich with biblical insights about God's purpose for sex and relationships. It contains practical applications to help teens live free from sexual sin and sexually transmitted infections. Young people will benefit from the stories and testimonies and will be inspired to live pure lives.



Suggested donation: \$5.00

Please add 30% to help cover ministry costs.

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