



THE
POCKET
TESTAMENT
LEAGUE

2012 REPORT

CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE

2012 NEW GOSPEL COVERS

MORE LANGUAGES AND NEW PARTNERSHIPS

During 2012 The League printed and distributed Gospels in Chinese, Spanish and English... plus we launched new Gospels in Italian and Japanese. Our Portuguese Gospels are currently in design!

Ministries, businesses and churches partner with us to expand our reach to people around the world.



A Message from our President

We are thrilled to see the ministry grow around the world proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Through your generous financial support and prayers this year, 1.6 million Pocket Testament Gospels were put into people's hands all around the world... in places like Japan, China, Italy, Mexico, Argentina, South Africa, Indonesia, Belgium, New Zealand, Ireland, Korea and more! As a result lives will never be the same!

We keep our staff small, our technology great, and our administrative costs low so your donations do what you want them to do – heal hurting souls with the message of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for standing with us.

Michael W. Brickley

FOLLOWING IN HELEN'S FOOTSTEPS

As a young teenager, Helen Cadbury, daughter of the president of Cadbury Chocolates, had a heart for evangelism. It was 1893 when she was so excited about sharing her faith that she organized a group of girls who sewed pockets on their dresses to carry the small New Testaments her father had provided. The girls called their group "The Pocket Testament League."

Helen would be proud of 12 year old Elizabeth, who received a Pocket Testament a year ago and has since given her life to the Lord and been baptized. Elizabeth wants to be like Helen. She has shared the gospels with all her girlfriends. Her heart's desire is to give gospels to everyone she meets and encourage her girlfriends to do the same!





CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING AROUND THE WORLD



1,600,000

Gospel presentations have been made this year!

God is on the move all around the world. We receive thousands of stories in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Italian on our website and through Facebook... and it is because of your prayers and support!

GROWTH IN THE UNITED STATES

We are celebrating our members... in all 50 states; across all generations from 12 years old to 80+!!! Because of your partnership we are equipping the Saints to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! We receive amazing salvation stories and we stand in awe of our God who seems to bless the giver of the Gospel as much as the recipient.

ONLINE RESOURCES MADE POSSIBLE BY GRACIOUS SUPPORTERS

As of this month:

- Over 25,000 members have started Evangelism Boot Camp
- Over 31,000 have begun digging into the Book of John through the 21 Day Challenge
- Over 67,000 have signed up to receive our weekday devotionals
- 12,000 people shared 26,000 stories on our website this year

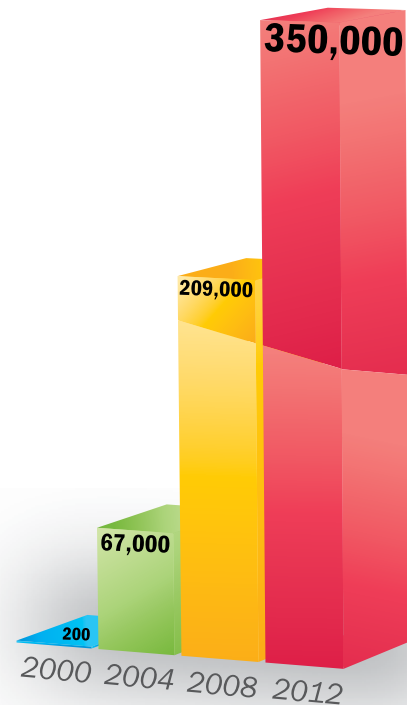
If you have not signed up for these resources, we encourage you to. You will be blessed!

FACEBOOK COMMUNITY EXPLODES!

Just a little over a year ago we had an online community of about 200,000. Today we have over 900,000 Facebook Fans from all over the world. Join in the conversation!



MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD



MEMBER GROWTH



The Gospel of John is available from the League in Simplified and Traditional Chinese.

WE PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR HEART TO REACH THE WORLD

International Growth

At the end of 2010, The League had virtually no international members. Over the past two years, however, the Lord has opened many doors for us! We've been able to build international relationships through local Bible Societies in China, Italy and Japan.

CHINA

We've seen incredible growth during 2012. We have close to 9,000 League members in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macao, Singapore and Malaysia. Membership is growing quickly in these countries as people want to share the Good News!

China's population is 1.3 billion people, and it's estimated that one billion Chinese have never read the Bible. We are partnering with Christians in China to legally provide Chinese Pocket Testament Gospels for people to read.

In the last 12 months, we've printed 600,000 Gospels in China. Our partnership with the praise band, Stream of Praise, has allowed us to hand out Gospels to every attendee during their summer concert series. A new Gospel, which includes a Bible Study, was also distributed in China. Over 100,000 people are Fans of our Chinese Facebook page, and another 10,000 follow us on Weibo, a Chinese microblog.

JAPAN

Did you know that General MacArthur asked the League for Pocket Testaments after WWII? Members of The Pocket Testament League contributed a stunning 11 million Gospels for the nation of Japan through gracious giving and prayer. As a result of these Gospels being shared in Japan, Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, who had led the attack on Pearl Harbor, accepted Christ as his Savior. He even worked for the League! We re-launched in Japan this fall, and have over 250 members there. We pray this is the beginning of something BIG in Japan!

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Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

—John 5:24



A GOD-SIZED CHALLENGE TO REACH 100 MORE COUNTRIES



SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

God has blessed our efforts in Spanish-speaking countries and we have over 3,500 members signed up from countries like Colombia, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Venezuela and Bolivia (1,000 in the last 30 days!). These new members are enjoying Boot Camp, the 21 Day Challenge and Daily Devotionals. God is on the move!

ITALY

We believe the Lord has led us to launch the League in Italy. It is a slow start, and we covet your prayers for this country. We've printed four beautiful Gospels with distinct covers to touch the hearts of Italians, and we pray that this effort will yield much fruit. Today, we have over 36,000 Italian Facebook Fans. Admittedly, the feedback is not always positive, though we continue to learn and grow as we proclaim the Truth of God's Word and trust the Lord for the results.

BRAZIL

Brazil shares a border with almost every other country in South America - and covers almost half the continent. It is the fifth largest country in the world, behind Russia, Canada, China, and the U.S.A.! The people in Brazil speak Portuguese. We are currently developing Gospels, a new website and a Facebook presence... in Portuguese. Please pray for our efforts in Brazil.

100 MORE COUNTRIES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

We celebrate what God has done in The League's international growth. We are shipping Gospels to China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, Italy, Argentina, Chile, Mexico and more! 23% of our growth in 2012 has been from international countries... and we are growing in the US at the same time.

Join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's will to expand to 100 more countries over the next 5 years... countries like Germany, Switzerland, Indonesia, Korea and the Philippines. We are called to this exciting God-sized challenge. It is a challenge in a world with language barriers, environmental devastation, political opposition, economic and political gloom and even spiritual apathy. But our God is mighty and able!

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

—Matthew 28:19



CELEBRATE LIVES CHANGED!



I minister in a hospital up here in Maine. One day on my visits, I saw a lady who was fearful of dying. I was able to share Christ with one of these Gospels. Through my testimony she came to a saving knowledge of Christ.

~ *Christopher O. Brewer, ME*

I am a physician and volunteer at a local Christian free medical clinic. I generally inquire whether my patients are believers, and if they are not or are unsure, I will present the gospel with the help of my Pocket Gospel of John. Yesterday, I was blessed with two people who responded on the spot. They prayed the prayer of repentance and received Christ. I consider it a great blessing and was “flying high” for the rest of the day.

~ *Dr. Steve P. Portland, ME*

My mother-in-law just passed away. I had the joy of leading her to Christ a few months back. The PTL large-print Gospel of John booklet was instrumental. She read it in one sitting and wept.

~ *Rosemary T. Wausau, WI*

Of the last 10 people I handed these out to, 3 people got saved. And my own faith was strengthened...

~ *Kathy S. Burnham, PA*

I was standing in the line at Bank of America in San Francisco. Someone walked up to me and handed me the Gospel of John and I began reading it as I waited for service. The words gripped my heart and suddenly I understood that Jesus Christ was Lord... I am ready to hit the streets in SF ... armed with the Gospels of John. They led to my salvation and I hope it will lead to the salvation of many.

~ *Donna W. Vallejo, CA*





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Celebrate New Resources and Technology



MOBILE APP

The League's Mobile Phone App is our newest digital resource. It is available in English and Chinese. In real time, members can share stories on a world map marking places where they have shared the Good News. Our mobile app brings the League's website and its resources to members wherever they go!



Our whimsical new dinosaur church videos have been seen by thousands at this year's Creation Fest and online at Facebook and Vimeo.

www.vimeo.com/channels/dino

LIFE IN HIS NAME

Currently, 1,100 members have signed up for our new online study launched this year. It's a four session study that encourages and equips believers in their walk with the Lord. Leigh Ann A. from Flint, Texas, is taking it now, and she writes... "So far I love it. It has made me see the book of John in a different way. My order of Gospels of John is on its way. I can't wait to get them so I can share them with others about the life of Jesus."

CELEBRATING WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE THROUGH YOU

The Lord continues to bless this ministry with the fruit of changed lives, and we are expecting Him to do even greater things in the years ahead. Now more than ever, we need your prayers that people would be encouraged and motivated by our resources to share the gospel with a hurting world.

For 119 years, members of The Pocket Testament League have faithfully shared the Word of God in simple one-to-one encounters. The lives of friends, family, co-workers and total strangers have been changed for eternity through these humble acts of obedience.

Your heartfelt prayers and generous gifts enable the ministry to grow around the world. Thank you!

For the Word of God is
alive and active...

—Hebrews 4:12a

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