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Title: Mr Mrs Miss Rev
Other

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

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Postcode:

No of gospels:

John _____ Mark _____

Large Print Mark _____

Donation enclosed: £

Please enclose the suggested donation

Cheques should be made payable to 'Bridge Builders'.

Mark & John

Qty	Price
10	£6
25	£14
50	£25
100	£46
250	£110
500	£190
1000	£360



Dave Bennett shares a perk of the job

I joined Bridge Builders (The Pocket Testament League) as an evangelist in 1983 after 14 years of being involved with evangelism among Merchant Seamen.

Literature had played a big part in my ministry. Thanks to 'SGM Lifewords' I'd been able to distribute literature in many languages.

One of the perks of being employed by Bridge Builders was a supply of gospels. 'Love is the Bridge' (our edition of the gospel of John in the NIV) was first published the year I joined the staff.

I remember that summer giving them away in the open air. After each sketchboard talk I would offer them to 'anyone brave enough to take it from my hand'. On a two week mission 800 people came forward and took a gospel and many stayed to chat with members of my team.

Twenty-eight years later I'm still enthusiastic about distributing 'Love is the Bridge'.

This is not just because I work for Bridge Builders but because I sincerely believe it is one of the best resources available to use in personal evangelism.

Why not order 10 today?



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PRAYER FOCUS

SUNDAY

- Praise for distribution of 20,000 Easter booklets and their impact on those who read the Easter Story this year.
- Pray for the needed finance to allow Bridge Builders to reprint the very popular booklet 'The story of Christmas' by the end of the summer.

MONDAY

- Pray for Dave Bennett as he leads the Chester Tell-a-Tourist team for the 28th time July 1st to 15th.
- Praise that once again the TAT team will have the privilege of having an exhibition stand and literature table inside Chester Cathedral.

TUESDAY

- Pray for Chris Duffett as he engages in imaginative open air work and seeks to motivate Baptist Churches to 'Make Jesus the talk of the town'.
- Pray for Carole Atkinson as she works in primary schools and leads open air work in Altrincham.

WEDNESDAY

- Pray for Zoe Roder our book keeper/accountant who has some ongoing health issues.
- Praise the Lord for financial provision enabling Bridge Builders to continue.

THURSDAY

- Pray for increased openings for Dave Bennett to deliver training sessions on "How to help someone you know consider Christianity" with UK Churches.
- Praise for Christians joining Bridge Builders as a result of these training sessions.

FRIDAY

- Pray for an increase in individual Christians using Bridge Builders materials in personal evangelism.
- Praise for the success of the Easter and Christmas booklets which have encouraged many to reach out at these special times.

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ENABLING CHRISTIANS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH ONE-TO-ONE

newsletter June 2011

SUMMER SOWING

14,000 gospels dispatched in one week in May. 20,000 copies of 'The story of Easter' were distributed. We have just printed 30,000 copies of John.

A group of Churches in Poynton will distribute 7,000 Mark's gospels as part of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publishing of the Authorised Version. A Church in South Ruislip will be distributing 5,750 gospels of John to celebrate their Church anniversary.

Many Churches took up the challenge to distribute 'The story of Easter' together with chocolate eggs. Beechwood Chapel gave away 350 on Easter Saturday outside their local supermarket. Maitland Evangelical Church served free refreshments for seven hours during the 'Secret Gardens of Oxton' on Sunday 8th May. Thousands of people came to visit 27 gardens in the area near the Church. As well as inviting people into the Church for rest and refreshments they gave away 300 packs which contained a packet of seeds, information about the Church and a copy of the Bridge Builders booklet 'The story of Easter'.

Although it is brilliant to supply literature for such projects we are even more encouraged by individuals who order a small quantity of gospels or booklets for use in personal evangelism. One lady gave an Easter booklet to each of her twenty-one neighbours.

Can we send you some gospels?





HOW TO GIVE

Please send your gift to...

Bridge Builders, 32 Edenpark Road
Birkenhead CH42 9JP

Please send me details of how to give monthly to Bridge Builders by standing order

Personal Details

(Please write clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Rev Other

First name

Surname

Address:

Postcode:

I would like to support Bridge Builders by my enclosed gift of..

£.....

(Cheques to be made payable to Bridge Builders)

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The enclosed single donation of

£

Signed Date

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Finding Treasure with Chris Duffett



One Sunday morning I set up a maze in the middle of Peterborough city centre. In the middle I had a treasure chest filled with copies of Mark's gospel from Bridge Builders.

As I gazed over the mass of paths I really did wonder if people would take part and connect with the message of 'finding treasure.' Four hours past and I had non-stop conversation after conversation with more than 90 people who took the challenge to walk the maze to find treasure at the centre.

It really worked. People asked why there was a maze in the middle of the city and what the point of it was. It was fun, and in the midst of the laughs and mini competitions to see who could find the way to the middle the quickest, most people were happy to hear about why a copy of Mark's

gospel contained treasure. Yet above the gimmicky means to communicate something of the good news of Jesus, the maze brought the perfect excuse of a contact point to listen and pray and get to know people.

I regularly offer the Bridge Builders gospel of John to people who I meet. "This is one of my favourite books and I would love you to read it." I explain to people that I have given many copies away for free as I think the message and stories found in it are amazing! Some people ask me what the main theme of the book is all

about. Once I shared with a man that it was about having a new start in life. This astounded him as all week he had been wondering how he could have a fresh start.

The gospels from Bridge Builders help me communicate the wonderful Gospel message clearly to many different groups of people. One girl who I met last year joined me with her friends to give out free bottles of water in a city centre. She and her friends had never been to church before and knew very little of the Christian message. At the end of the day I gave them a copy of John's gospel each. They promised to read it. A few months later the young lady who had helped saw me and happily told me how she had become a Christian.



Chris Duffett

*National Evangelist of The Light Project
Vice President of the Baptist Union*

Why Carole Atkinson gives gospels



I've been using Bridge Builders gospels for many years now and often recommend using them to Christian friends. 'Why?' you may ask.

Well, there are several reasons; firstly, they're a convenient size to carry around in my handbag or pocket. Secondly, it's the Word of God and good for me to read myself. But the main reason is that I'm on the lookout for a 'divine appointment' where God may give me the opportunity to share my faith.

God has done so much in my life

that I want to share about Jesus with people I meet. When the conversation gets around to spiritual things I often ask something like 'Have you ever read the Bible for yourself? Can I show you this?'

My favourite gospel to use is 'Love is the Bridge' - John's gospel in the NIV. Sometimes I point the person to a particular passage, maybe John 3, the account of the religious man, Nicodemus, coming to Jesus with his questions. I also point to single verses such as John 1:12 about receiving Jesus. This and other key scriptures are emboldened in 'Love is the Bridge', so they really stand out and are easy to find.

At other times I turn to the back

pages which explain God's plan of salvation. The fact that He wants everyone to know Him. Going our own way separates us from Him but Jesus became the bridge between people and God, the way to be reconciled to Him, then live for God. The diagrams and scriptures are very clear and just right for this. The sample prayer of commitment and information to help new Christians are also very good. It's great too, that anyone reading it can send off a card to the Christian Enquiry Agency.

If you've never used Bridge Builders gospels before, why don't you give them a try?



Carole Atkinson

*Associate Evangelist with
Open Air Campaigners*