

## PRAYER FOCUS

We can now offer The Story of Christmas and the gospels of John (NIV) and Mark (NLT). Mark is also available in large print.

We would appreciate a donation to cover the cost and below you will find the suggested donation.

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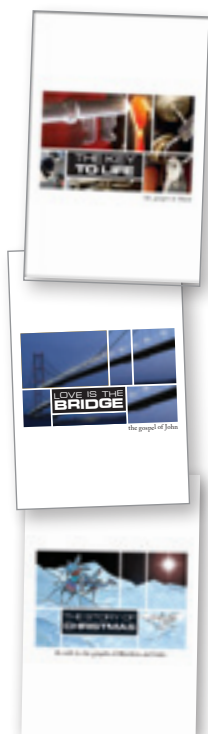
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Cheques should be made payable to 'Bridge Builders'.

All booklets

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



## Vision of Harvest



In the early days of The Pocket Testament League [now known as Bridge

Builders] Edward Last, author of 'Hand Gathered Fruit', was an enthusiastic supporter.

During his 'win another' campaigns he encouraged people not to be content to just give away gospels but to use them to help engage people in heart to heart personal conversations.

Last tells how members of PTL carried with them a New Testament which they promised to read daily.

They would also give a New Testament to anyone who would sign a pledge in the inside cover promising to read a chapter a day. He tells of a mill girl who leaves her New Testament on her machine. The forelady asked her about it. As a result her boss not only joined PTL but also put her name in the decision form at the back of the New Testament indicating that she had trusted Christ as her Saviour.

Last writes of a harvest waiting to be hand gathered. To be reached one by one. He warns that we must not neglect the fruit low down. Those who are nearest to us. 80 years later we live in very different days. But there is still a need to sow the seed of the Word of God and be ready to reach people through heart to heart conversation.

## bridge-builders

The Pocket Testament League Limited in the UK

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### SUNDAY

- Pray for Dave Bennett, our National Director as he preaches today and shares about the work of Bridge Builders.
- Praise that the financial needs of Bridge Builders are being met and particularly for two legacies received this year.

### MONDAY

- Praise for the many tourists who returned home from Chester having received part of the Bible in their own language.
- Pray that this literature will be read and that as a result some will come to put their trust in the Saviour.

### TUESDAY

- Pray for the visit of Alex Alexander, the leader of PTL India, to Britain in October that he will gain many new supporters for this amazing Church planning ministry in India.
- Pray too for the continual protection of the 300 workers of PTL India many of whom face the real possibility of violence in response to them sharing the Gospel.

### WEDNESDAY

- Pray for our National Director as he works on his Doctor of Ministry dissertation which must be completed this winter.
- Praise the Lord for the new enthusiasm Dave is gaining through his research and the opportunity to share this in Churches.

### THURSDAY

- Pray that the 20,000 copies of 'The story of Christmas' will all be distributed before December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Praise that Bridge Builders has been able to print 60,000 booklets this year.

### FRIDAY

- Pray that those connected with Bridge Builders will use the gospels to help engage people in conversations.
- Pray that 'The story of Christmas' booklets will be used to 'hand gather fruit'.

### SATURDAY

- Praise with Dave Bennett that 50 years ago an old man told him the Gospel while they were waiting at a bus stop.
- Praise too that 50 years ago this August Dave trusted in Jesus as his Saviour at the Billy Graham Crusade in Manchester.

## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

We now have another 20,000 copies of 'The Story of Christmas' and it would be really good if they could all be distributed by the 25<sup>th</sup> December.



As told in the gospels of Matthew and Luke

Last year we very quickly ran out of stock. To save disappointment please order early. We are very happy to send you a sample copy. If you used the booklet last year why not recommend it to others.

This excellent resource includes the story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, arranged in the order the story happened. We have used the very readable New Living Translation. The Bible text is followed by eight pages explaining the amazing significance of the Christmas message and a reply card to send off for more information.

We are coming to the end of the 400th

Anniversary of the first translation of the Bible in English to be made widely available. Why not join in one more act of thanksgiving by ensuring that people you know have the opportunity to read the Christmas story from this attractive little booklet.

Last year many Church groups sang carols in their high street and gave away this booklet with bars of chocolate. Individual Christians passed it on to friends and neighbours. There is no other time of year when people are as warm and open as during the Christmas season – presenting us with a golden opportunity. Order your supply soon so that you don't miss out.



## HOW TO GIVE

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# Hello, where are you from?

It is a sunny evening at the Cross in Chester. The Tell-a-Tourist team are inviting people into St Peter's Church for coffee. Two team members are busy painting the flags of the Nations in the City tonight. As the flag of Bahrain is painted people from three other countries are chatting to team members near the sketchboard. By the end of the evening the flags of 25 nations would adorn the board.

On the benches outside the Church some of the team are entertaining a group of Spanish language students. After a while one of the team shares his testimony with the group. They respond by teaching the team a worship song in Spanish. There follows over an hour of sharing and singing.

Sitting to one side a team member is in deep in conversation with a young man from America. At first they were playing guitar together and sharing about their lives, now the team



member is answering probing questions about Christianity. At the same time two team members are chatting with a couple from mainland China who seem to know nothing about Jesus.

While all this is going on outside St Peter's, inside three team members are in the side chapel praying. Tourists are sitting with team members at two of the tables. Among them are two men from Afghanistan who have been in conversation for over an hour. One of them was asking very good questions about Christianity. I explained to him the Christian Gospel and what

we believe about Jesus. Before leaving he said to me, "What you have shared makes sense and if Jesus did rise from the dead then it is all true."

Once again Tell-a-Tourist was privileged to have an exhibition stand and literature table in the cloisters of Chester Cathedral. A few yards from the TAT stand is the door out into the Cathedral gardens in the centre of which is Stephen Broadbent's sculpture of the woman at the well offering Jesus a bowl of water. I showed a couple the story in the fourth chapter of John. To my surprise the man read the passage



aloud and other people stopped to listen. He then turned to me and said that there was no way of understanding the sculpture without having read the Bible. I explained that this is true of life and with a smile they promised to read the rest of the Gospel.

On the Friday evening of the Chester Races we split into two groups. The group that went in the main street met a lot of tourists, including a large group from Israel. Meanwhile the other group walked along the City Wall and down to the racecourse. Rachel, who was on the team for the first time, writes, "The evening we went down to the racecourse I had

three great conversations. Firstly with a local couple who accepted a John's Gospel from me as a gift as I shared with them the power of God's word in my life. The second was with a girl from Canada. Steph and I spoke with her for two and a half hours and we made a real friendship with her and she was very encouraged by the work we were doing. Whilst talking with her a lady started speaking to us. She was a Muslim from the Middle East who was visiting the UK. We had an amazing conversation during which I was able to share the Gospel. She accepted literature and asked if I could keep in touch with her and continue

sharing about my faith."

For the past 28 years Bridge Builders has had the privilege of partnering with Churches in Chester to organise an annual outreach to visitors to their City. This July a team of enthusiastic young people contacted tourists from 100 nations. William talked with a couple from Myanmar who were Buddhists and knew very little about Christianity. "You believe in reincarnation", they said. We were able to explain the unique message about Jesus being the Saviour. Carole spoke to a Muslim man from Turkey who told her he had decided to read the Bible. She was able to give him a Gospel in Turkish and she shared with him the story of the religious man who came to Jesus in John 4 and how Jesus explained to him about being born again. Kim had a conversation with four Jews from Israel which lasted almost an hour and ended with them accepting Scriptures in Hebrew. Hindus from India shared with team members about the different Hindu gods. As two of the team listened another went to the literature case for a Gospel in Hindi which they gladly accepted. We shared with them our belief that the Creator intervened in human history. Something they had not heard before.