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# PAKISTAN

Like the rest of the world, Pakistan has been facing difficulties throughout COVID-19 .

They are no longer able to gather in churches anymore , but have been able to start prayer chains and family prayer meetings in their houses.

It is very hard for the people of Pakistan as they are very poor and the virus is affecting their ability to earn a living.

However, despite the dire situation in Pakistan, Pastor Arif and his team have been helping their people by providing free medical assistance and awareness around the virus.

This has also enabled them to share the gospel and provide people with a free gift of "New Day, New Life- Gospel of John".

Please continue to pray for God’s provision and for Pastor Arif and his team to continue to be able to share the love of Christ and His word to them at this time.

## Lives Changed During Lockdown

Sheraz and his family received The Gospel of John recently and whilst they were in lockdown they spent time reading it.

He was reading John 11:25-26 where “Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. whoever believes in me. though he die, yet shall he live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die”. This verse made an impact on him and he gave his life to the Lord Jesus.

Pastor Arif baptised him in water soon after he gave his life to the Lord.



Sheraz being baptised (face has been blurred for privacy)

**> URGENT NEED:** Due to all the work they are doing during COVID-19, Pastor Arif is in need of 50,000 “Gospels of John” and 50,000 “Love is The Bridge” tract. In order to support this need we are trusting God for \$22,000 to print. If you are able to partner with us in providing these Gospel, please see details on how to do this on the back page of this newsletter.

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Pastor Arif as he leads the work in Pakistan.
- Pray for the free medical clinics being run in Pakistan and the evangelistic teams that are going out to share the Gospels of John; that many would come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Silvana Ortega (TPTL Colombia), that she would know God's presence during this time of illness and He will bring full healing to her body.
- Pray for Somchai and his wife as they lead the work in Thailand and Cambodia.
- Pray for all the countries TPTL works in during the COVID-19 virus. Pray for protection, provision of resources and creative ways to share the Gospel during this time.
- Thank God for the faithful supporters of The Pocket Testament League and for the funds provided that enable us to provide Gospels throughout the world.

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## INDONESIA

Vera, our representative in Indonesia and lecturer at the Bible College, writes that it has been hard for the students during the lockdown as the government has not provided food or supplies.

“We are thankful for Gods’ provision as sometimes people will give us small things like food, masks and vitamins.

We are limited in what we can do as we are not allowed outside and cannot let others in. But we have been praying together in the dormitories- with social distancing.

We know God will fulfill our needs but we need your prayer for this country Indonesia, and the whole world, that it will be better and back to normal so we can continue to share the gospel.”



Students during lockdown

## COLOMBIA

Norberto, The Pocket Testament League representative in Colombia writes, “Quarantine is still continuing here in Colombia and the situation is getting worse everyday There is lack of food and medicine in many places.

We are continuing to get together for church services twice a week on Zoom. Sometimes I get out with permission as Chaplain to give away gospels of John to people on the streets and police officers. Other evangelists from the League are doing so too. We take care and keep the safety protocols to continue doing our ministry.

Silvana Ortega (a woman who has been working with TPTL for 5 years) got a infection inside her spine and hips a few months ago and can now no longer get out of bed and walk by herself. Please pray for her health and full recovery.”



Silvana Ortega

## MYANMAR

David our representative from TPTL writes, “Some of the restrictions in Myanmar are beginning to relax. People are starting to go back to work and some factories are reopening.

Churches are still closed and it has been many weeks since they have been able to meet together on a Sunday. Some church members are struggling to feed their families as there is no work. The team are helping as much as possible but would appreciate continued prayer for their country.”





Nigeria

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Udeme the representative in Nigeria writes, "In recent times I have held a number of training courses in discipleship and evangelism. These have all gone well, with everyone finding it a great blessing. At the same time we give them bundles of Gospels of John so they can use that in witnessing when they go home. After one training session one brother who received a bundle of gospels went straight to the general hospital to share the gospel and pray for the sick. Some local fishermen attended one of the disciple traineeship courses in my house. They have indicated much interest in having the Gospel of John printed in the local language.

We would love to print 5,000 copies to use in the fishing communities, situated along the Atlantic coast of Nigeria. If TPTL Australia could provide the funds for this printing it would be greatly appreciated."

## BANGLADESH

James (from TPTL Bangladesh) writes, "The people of Bangladesh are still suffering with the effects of the coronavirus. People are not obeying the lockdown as they are desperate to earn money and feed their families. Many people have been infected and are dying from this disease but it has been hard with limited support available in hospitals. Many Parliament Ministers, Govt. Officers, Doctors, Nurses, Polices, general members, etc. have already passed away by this disease. The office is in the premises of an orphanage and the School Principal's husband from there passed away as the result of the Coronavirus on 4th July, 2020. He was a young man and people loved him very much.

We have been continuing to go to the office whilst keeping social distance and maintaining the rules for going outside if it is required. Unfortunately we are limited in our ability to go outside and share the gospel.

Please pray for us that the Lord may protect us and show us how we can do our ministry during this lockdown as we are not allowed to move around."

## GOD'S WORD CHANGES LIVES

God can use you to influence others for Jesus through sowing the Word of God into people's lives where you live.

Contact the office to purchase copies of the gospel of John.



# IN THE MAIL...

One of our regular supporters, Stan Cantor, shared with us how he has used the Gospels to share the word of God.

Stan usually buys 100 gospels at a time and then distributes them to people who live in a Buddhist Monastery near to where he lives. Sometimes, if he sees them walking from the Monastery to the Railway Station, he will give them a ride and hand them a copy of the gospel of John. Other times he waits at the gate of the Monastery and hands them out to the people as they leave the property.

Recently, he had 100 gospels in the boot of his car and he learned that the local Mission to Seamen were preparing boxes of groceries to hand out to the people who were stranded on the Ruby Princess in the harbour near to where he lives. He asked the person in charge if he could give them his gospels to put into each of the care packages and they were willingly accepted!

Its amazing to hear how people are sharing their faith and using the pocket gospels to spread the Good News of Jesus.

If you have a story of how you share the gospels or how they have impacted you we would love to hear from you.

***“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”***  
***- Isaiah 40:8***

# LEAVE A BEQUEST

## *An eternal investment*

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