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Dear Pastor McCormick,

It is a pleasure to give you an update on the ministry of The Gideons International from both a local and an international perspective.

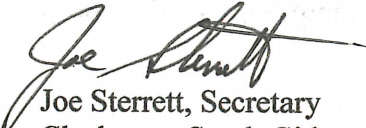
Last year in Oregon/SW Idaho we placed over 128,000 scriptures in schools and colleges, motels and medical facilities, fire and police departments, jails and prisons as well as our own personal distributions as individual members. Churches support us in all facilities distributions but we members supply all funds for our personal work. Locally, we also participated in a distribution point at the Clackamas County Fair. Even if you yourself did not attend, you were there by proxy as we distributed nearly 1800 scriptures to young people.

Worldwide we distributed nearly 78 million testaments in 190 countries. We recently added Kosovo, Laos, Syria and Viet Nam. As you can tell, some of these places are not normally considered friendly to a Christian witness. We even have made some inroads into China but are not established firmly enough to count it as one of "our" countries.

Anatoli found a bible under a mattress in his jail cell left by the previous person. He read it faithfully and Jesus came into his heart while he was awaiting trial. He was given 7 years but he used the time to witness to others about God's love. Every time he would witness to others, Paval would say, "If your God would perform a miracle, I would believe in him." Later there was a huge fire in the prison. When the prisoners came back to their heavily damaged area, they found that most of it had been destroyed but one wall was still standing. On a window sill that had not burned was a New Testament. Anatoli said, "That's my Bible!" Today Anatoli is a deacon in his church and Paval, the doubting man, is a pastor. Who would believe that a place where there are thieves, murderers, and other vile people would produce a preacher of God's word?

We appreciate your past support and encourage you to continue praying for open doors, many workers and sufficient funds to take advantage of all the opportunities God provides. We can rely on His promises that many will come to a saving knowledge of Christ and spend eternity in Heaven because of our vital partnership.

In Christ,


Joe Sterrett, Secretary
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