

THE SALTSHAKER

“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.”

Matthew 5: 13 The Message

September 2018

LOVE PACKAGES

Love packages is a ministry that collects old Sunday School material and other Christian literature and ships it to English speaking third world countries. Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Shelby, NC serves as a collection center for Love Packages, so the FBA will be taking the material we collect to them on a quarterly basis.

At the end of each quarter, we will accept material at the FBA office the third week after the quarter ends. Please bring material to the FBA in boxes, preferably with lids, with similar material together.

Our first collection week at the FBA will be September 17-21. (If you miss this week then you will have to save your material until our next collection week. We just don't have storage space.)

Accepted items:

Bibles (New, used, any translation, in any condition): All Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions, individual Gospel booklets

Tracts: ALL tracts

Sunday School Supplies: Quarterlies and teacher's materials such as teacher packets, teaching pictures, etc. for all ages, pre-school, children, youth, and adults from most all publishers such as David C. Cook; Standard Publishing, Pathway Press; Lifeway, Gospel Publishing House (Assembly of God); Union Gospel; and many others. [NOTE: *In children's materials that come in its own packaging*

(plastic, paper, etc.) try to have all the teaching helps in the package and sealed shut so it won't get separated. Each quarter should be in its own packet. Do not send any children's crafts or anything that the children had already done.]

Christian Magazines: Magazines from any CHRISTIAN PUBLISHER! Examples – Home Life, Parenting, Living with Teens, Decision, Biblical Illustrator, Discipleship Journal, Voice Aglow, Christ for the Nations, Pentecostal Evangel, Message of the Cross, Pulpit Helps, Cornerstone, Christian Reader, Leadership, Bread for the Children, etc.

Reference Books & Commentaries: Bible dictionaries and regular dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, Books on Doctrine, Evangelism, any pastor helps books, etc.

Books and Paperback: ALL CHRISTIAN books – adult or children, fiction or nonfiction; study course books, Bible studies, Children's Bible story books, etc.

Devotionals: Open Windows, Daily Bread, Upper Room, In Touch, Stand Firm, Journey, The Word for You Today and many others.

Tapes: CD's, DVD's, Blue-Ray: music, movies, teaching, etc. (no cassettes)

Hymnals and Musicals: Hymnals that are in fairly good condition, sheet music, etc.

Puppets, Noah's Ark, Bible Games, Nativity Sets, Biblical puzzles: most anything that helps to present the gospel

Vacation Bible School Kits: **ONLY COMPLETE KITS**
– put in container you got it in (can, bag, etc.)

AWANA Material: **Only if there are enough books for at least a class of 8 children or more.**

Love Packages will take the following but that is not the main focus.

Christian School and Home School Curriculum: All book, All subjects

Public School Textbooks for ONLY these subjects - English, Grammar and Spelling, Math, Chemistry/Physics

School Supplies: notebook paper, pencils, notebooks, markers, etc.

OTHER: IN WORKING CONDITION – sewing machines (electric or peddle), bicycles, walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, Communion sets, Clean good choir robes, up to date computers, etc.

PLEASE READ: Remove all extra items in everything, such as Church Bulletins, candy wrappers, sticky notes, paper clips, photos, etc. If a SS quarterly or magazine is open, close it so that the front cover is showing. The outside cover should not have any drawing on faces, excess writing that does not pertain to the material. (It is ok for writing of names and notes and underlining to be inside and outside.) We don't want anything on our material that might give a **BAD IMPRESSION** of the U.S. to our brothers and sisters in Third World Countries.

Items that ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Denominational Papers – ex. Baptist Courier
Ministry mail outs like newsletters

INCOMPLETE VBS Kits

Christian magazines focused on contemporary American culture and politics (wonderful magazines that are helpful to Christians in the USA, but some of these have little value to Christians overseas.) Examples – Mature Living, Christian Single, Mission Mosaic, Girls, Boys, men's ladies mission magazines, The Commission.

NO books of Mormon, Jehovah's Witness Bibles and literature, Unity and Daily Word (put out by a cult called Unity School of Christianity), World Religion publications, Roman Catholic Books and Magazines, Seventh Day Adventist literature, Humanist ("post modern" – examples – Guidepost, Angels on Earth, Norman Vincent Peale, Robert Schuller)

Public School books in English Literature and Reading, Social Studies and History, All Sciences, biology, and Astronomy.

No typewriters, empty ink cartridges. No outdated computers (only updated – at least an XP)



For the Chrysalis Center

The Chrysalis Center is a treatment center for women with children who struggle with addiction. Right now eight of their clients are pregnant so we are going to do a diaper and wipe drive for them.

Items needed:

- Baby wipes – any kind
- Diapers – Size newborn, 1 and 2

Bring to the FBA Office by October 8.