

Donate Materials

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[Love Packages, www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org) in Illinois takes Christian materials. They take children's Sunday School material but require a minimum of 8 student books with the teacher's manual. I donate my left over Sunday School story leaflets to the children's ministry at our local homeless shelter. The program operates during the school year. They have an arts & crafts room, home work area and games. Tutors use the Sunday school papers to help with reading and to give the kids something fun to do.

Editor's note: Love Packages, 220 Union Street, Butler, Illinois, 62015. (217) 532-6701

- **Bibles (new or used):** All Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions, Individual Gospel booklets
- **Tracts:** All tracts
- **Reference Books & Commentaries:** dictionaries, bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, etc.
- **Books & Paperbacks:** All Christian books - adult or children, fiction or nonfiction
- **Magazines:** Any magazine from a Christian publisher. e.g. Discipleship Journal, Decision, Voice, Aglow, Christ for the Nations, Pentecostal Evangel, Message of the Cross, Leadership, Bread for the Children, etc.
- **Sunday School Supplies:** We accept adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any amount from all publishers. We accept children's quarterlies if you have the teacher's manual and at least 8 student manuals. Please DO NOT SEND any handiwork, craft, or busy work papers.
- **Daily Devotionals:** Upper Room, Daily Bread, In Touch, etc.
- **Tapes (cassette & VCR), CD's, DVD's, Records:** music, movies, teaching
- **Puppets, Noah's Ark, Bible games, Nativity sets, biblical puzzles:** most anything that helps to present the gospel especially to children

Save on postage; don't send: Guideposts, handiwork or busy papers from Sunday School materials, secular books (other than dictionaries)

If you live close enough, you can bring it to their headquarters in Butler, IL. However, if you don't live nearby you should use the U.S. mail. Please use sturdy boxes and pack to ensure materials will not shift. Also, please do not ship overly heavy packages. Break your shipments up into smaller boxes, preferably under 35 pounds. Since we are a non-profit organization, and since we establish libraries, you may send it fourth class library rate. This library rate should save you some money. The requirements are as follows:

- "Library Rate" must be written on the same side as the address
- The box must show the address of a non-profit religious organization and your return address.
- Boxes must contain books of more than 32 pages, sheet music, or sound recordings, and be marked accordingly.

The information below is from [Hands for Christ's website \(handsforchrist.org\)](http://handsforchrist.org)

Hands for Christ, 5720 Williamson Road, NW, Suite 111, Roanoke, VA 24012 1-866-NEEDNOW

We accept donations of used and new Christian materials.

We accept monetary donations to help off-set shipping costs.

We use these to supply the libraries in churches overseas.

Most needed materials are Bibles, preaching and teaching type books, audios and videos.

All other Christian books, audios, c.d.'s, videos, and dvds are used and needed. We are accepting any Christian Spanish material.

We do not need any Sunday School materials or magazines at this time.

I know that Remnant Publishing, 649 E Chicago Rd, Coldwater MI 49036-9922 takes Bibles for Africa but I don't know if they would be interested in the other items mentioned. Worth calling about. We send all of our remainder devotionals to the local nursing homes.

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We have recently learned that the city and county jails really love receiving this material. We have a person who visits the jails on a regular basis, and he takes our leftover materials. He said the inmates are very happy to receive these booklets.

I don't know about Sunday School Supplies unless you have a sister church or a small church in a poor neighborhood that could use them. However, used devotionals can often be given to the local missions, jails or even doctor's office. Our pastor does Jail visitations and often takes paperback devotionals, Upper Rooms etc. to the jails. Our UMM group buys the Upper Rooms and is now starting to purchase a few for a sister UMC that is Spanish and struggling. They also take some of our outdated English ones to doctor's offices and the local missions. They have labels on them that they provide compliments of the U.M. Men's group with the church information. It is also a good outreach ministry for the church.

We donate a lot of reading material to a local prison ministry or the Salvation Army Recovery unit. You might see if you have one of these in your area.

Our Lay Leader is a volunteer chaplain at a local hospital and takes our leftover Upper Rooms and Daily Bread with him to leave with patients and their families when he visits them. Many people appreciate receiving these items and he likes having something to leave with them other than his card. Another local UM church takes their extras with them to the local prison when they go for a weekend with Kairos Ministries.

Our area women's prison loves to have extra devotionals and reading material for the women there. You might check with them if you have a prison anywhere fairly close where materials can be delivered. We collect them in a box here (plus any used ones that people bring back in), and then once a month or two - whenever we have someone going that way - we get them delivered.

Prison ministries really like that type of material. If you have someone in your church or a church in your area that does this type of ministry contact them. We have a gentlemen in our church that collects this type of material monthly to take to a prison in our area. Or you might want to contact the chaplain's office of a jail or prison in your area.

We ask all our Sunday School classes to turn their books in after the quarter is over, along with any Upper Rooms, and we donate them to a small church in our area that is just getting started. Of course it's a quarter old when they get it but it keeps them from having to purchase it. We send some of our Children's materials, if we over ordered, but a lot of that gets used up during the quarter.

An idea is to donate the leftover materials to your local nursing homes.

We send a box to the county jail ministry. They love to get the Upper Rooms, especially, even if they're "expired." Another one would be the local battered women's shelter, homeless shelter, or teen pregnancy home.

You can send Bibles, devotional materials & Bible study books to [Plowpoint](http://www.plowpoint.org), www.plowpoint.org. They request \$1 donation per book & \$3 per Bible for shipping. Plowpoint: PO Box 979, Graham, NC 27253.