

Do They Work?



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INTRODUCTION

Throughout the history of the church since the Reformation, any use of quality gospel tracts has proven, without a doubt, that they DO WORK. The Gutenberg printing press brought the Bible to the common man but that was not all. Bible literature in small doses became widely used to whet the appetite for more of God's word. Most revivals were preceded by a saturation blitz of gospel tracts stirring the people to conviction. Chick tracts are no different —the cartoon pictures simply adapt the ageless message to a format for the visual generation.

Today, no serious believer denies that the Western World needs a revival. Europe is basically dead to the Spirit and America has been drinking deeply of Europe's poison. Whether these are the "Last Days" and all we can do is snatch a few more from Satan's grasp, or if widespread repentance will bring another "great awakening," we need to be busy.

The following pages testify to the continued effectiveness of no-nonsense gospel tracts. God has granted Chick Publications to be a major source for tracts that speak to this generation. Please notice from these testimonies how the simple two-second act of handing someone a tract or even leaving one on a gasoline pump, can have eternal consequences in a sinner's life.

Actually, the tracts serve at least three purposes: bringing conviction that leads to surrender to Christ; biblical teachings that edify the believers; and witness against the sinner at the Great White Throne Judgment who once read a tract but pleads that he "never knew."

SUICIDE

It wasn't the usual call to the Chick Publications' offices, but only a most heart-moving of the thousands of testimonies that have come in over the years.

"I have a story for you," said the caller, and proceeded to tell how, when he was a young man, he became so discouraged with life that he hiked out to a cliff overlooking a wild river near where he lived in Alaska. As he gazed at the roiling water below and prepared to "end it all," a bit of color in the dirt at his feet caught his eye. It was a Chick tract. Not only did the gospel message in that tract save his life that day, he went on to commit his life to Christ and eventually to become a pastor.

That tract did double duty that day: It saved his physical life and pointed him to eternal life.

In the early days of the Chick ministry, another similar story emerged. It was during the "hippy movement" in the 1960s. A bold soul winner named Del Wilhite lived across from a park where the "flower children" would gather to camp. He made sure the gathering there was well salted with Chick tracts with his name and address on the back in case anyone wanted to know more about the Lord. Some in that movement had become Christians and boldly shared their faith.

One day a well-dressed business man knocked on Del's door and asked for Del. He said, "I have a story for you." He began to relate how he had been traveling several months ago on a major highway north of Los Angeles. Beside the road was

a young hitchhiker and the businessman broke his custom of passing on and stopped to give him a ride. Once in the car, the man noticed that the youth had a large Bible and he began to share the gospel with the man.

Comfortable in his self-assurance, the businessman made some excuse to let the lad out as soon as convenient but not before he had been handed a copy of the Chick tract, ***This Was Your Life***. He promptly tossed it into the glove box and forgot about it.

Several weeks later the businessman received the news that he had terminal cancer and had only months to live. Not willing to face the suffering, he went home, parked in his garage and secured a length of pool hose to his car's exhaust pipe and lodged it in a window.

Before starting the engine, he began rummaging in the glove box for a piece of paper to write a suicide note. Instead, he discovered the forgotten tract, read it through, and accepted the eternal life that it promised. Like the young man in Alaska, the tract was simply waiting for the right time to deliver its message of hope.

The businessman had followed the address on the back of the tract to share his victory with Del before he died a few weeks later. No doubt, both of them are now rejoicing together in heaven.

For soul winners, these victories bring tears to our eyes, but they are no greater than the prisoner in a Dallas jail who wrote

rejoicing in his new-found freedom from sin; or the lonely truck driver who found hope and comfort in Christ through a tract left on the shelf of a telephone booth.

Often, when we hand a tract to a stranger or leave one in a restroom, we never learn the rest of the story. But over the years, a steady flow of letters, phone calls, and emails have come back to the Chick Publications' offices. Here are just a few samples:

HELPS PEOPLE OUT OF THE CULTS

I am a former (Ex) Roman Catholic. I left that denomination in January of 1983, when I asked the Real Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ into my heart. Though, it was not until around March, 1985, when I received a Chick Comic ***Is There Another Christ?*** That officially opened my eyes to this Babylonian (Pagan) religion. At that time I was a resident of British Columbia, Canada.

I now use Chick Publications Comics on a regular basis as an impacting witnessing instrument to share the everlasting gospel with others. One of my favorites is ***The Little Princess***. It has a powerful message that is good all year. Since people do not like to communicate now-a-days, due to Ipods, cell phones, computers and games, the tracts have made witnessing easy. May our Heavenly Father bless you, your ministry, and your staff at Chick Publications. John H., Ontario, CANADA

Thank you for making witnessing so easy. I know you never get tired of hearing that. Last Christmas I shared the tracts with my brother and his family. They love them! His wife is Catholic. At first she hated me, (Gal 4:16) but now they're passing out tracts.

Freddy S., Saugus, CA.

Special thanks for the Masonic *Unwelcome Guest* tract that I make sure is in my tract rack on both sides of the front door of the Missionary Baptist church I pastor. Masonry had a solid foothold on the African American Baptist and Methodist churches until saints like you came up with this material. The 1st group to come to me or recruit me after my calling, were Masons.

Otis W., Wadley, AL

Chick tracts and books (Alberto-Catholicism, etc.) changed my life and my family's. I read these back in 1975. I came out from the Catholic Church. I was an altar boy and graduated from a Catholic School in Massachusetts. The Holy Spirit showed me the truth. At first, my wife and family thought I flipped out. My wife divorced me and had the courts to bring my children to the Catholic Church to my wife on Sunday. I was devastated, to say the least. But Jesus told me to hold fast, and then He brought my wife and children and relatives to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. (John 14:6) We give out Chick tracts and literature to many souls. Thanks for being faithful to your calling. I have been doing these tracts for over 35 years.

Edward G., Ocala, FL

SOFTENS THE GROUND FOR GOSPEL SEED

Thank you Jack Chick for the continued production of gospel tracts. Four young men under 15 came to Christ Sunday because the simple gospel message title “Are You Saved” was preached by a guest preacher and the young men had been reading Chick tracts.

Otis W., Wadley, AL

Just recently we had a family visit our church. One of their daughters read one of your tracts, got under the Holy Ghost conviction and later that night her dad led her to the Lord! Thank you for your faithfulness, your boldness and your ministry. I say Glory.

Silas G., Rogersville, TN

TRACTS SPEAK HOPE TO THE ABUSED

These are some of the most effective tracts I’ve found. My favorite has always been *Somebody Loves Me*. That tract tugged at my heart and I believe reaches out to abuse victims across a broad spectrum. The themes are well done, God inspired!

Brenda H.

Mary Ann S., from OH, said she came from an abusive home, and was later adopted. She married an abusive alcoholic & became a battered woman. She grew up without Christianity—didn’t go to church— was always searching for God. She

didn't know who Jesus was, but someone gave her *The Last Generation* and *The Beast*. That's when she became born again. Now she hands out Chick Tracts.

When I was being verbally and spiritually abused and almost committed suicide, I remembered a tract my mother gave me with a little boy who lived in a cardboard box and people were kicking him as they walked by. I remember the love of JESUS to that little boy in the tract. I told my mom I was going to design tracts someday.

Michelle W.

REACH THE LITTLE ONES

My niece, now in 2nd grade, accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour on Jan, 2011. She found your Chick tract *It's Your Life* in my purse while visiting me for the day. We read the "cartoon" together, then she read it again by herself. Then she accepted Jesus Christ. She understands what judgment and salvation are. She really loves the Lord. Thank you! Thank you!

Tini T., Linden, NJ

RESCUE THE SUICIDAL

Just want you to know about 27 years ago I wanted to take my life. I read a tract that was given to my now ex-husband and gave my life to Jesus Christ.

Norma G., NM

Your pamphlets have been a blessing to many of us. They provide an easy way to get the gospel to a person who can then consider it in privacy or in a spare moment.

I practiced law for 20 years. Kept the tracts on the lobby furniture and several on my desk. One day a young, good-looking flight instructor came in for an appointment—financial problems. Of course, I shared with him and he left to go to the airport. On his way out he “stole” a GI Joe (*Holy Joe*) tract. When he got to the airport, he had to wait for the mechanic to get the plane gassed up and ready for flight. He intended to take it up as high as he could over Sky Harbor Airport here in Phoenix and then dive into the runway at a 90 degree angle.

While waiting for the mechanic to finish his tasks, the flight instructor reached in his pocket and took out the GI Joe (*Holy Joe*) tract. He read it and with a broken spirit accepted Jesus as his Lord. Sometime later, still under conviction he came in with a nickel and paid for the tract and with it lead his buddy (another flight instructor) to the Lord. M.R.W., AZ

TRACTS DRIVE PEOPLE TO CHURCH

You will be glad to know that today, Sunday the 25th, a family of 4 came to our services because yesterday one of our soul winners handed them *Esta Fue Tu Vida*. Man-o-man — that tract is something!! I was saved shortly after someone gave it to me over 35 years ago. Its still whacks people over their conscience. Amen! Carlos A. Email

PASTORS CREDIT TRACTS FOR THEIR SALVATION

I live in the heart of the mountains in Mindanao, Philippines. When I was 15 years old I was a drug addict, drug dealer and a leader of a gang. On October 24, 1999 I saw the tract *This Was Your Life*. That night I was saved. Now I am a pastor of 4 churches after 5 years in the ministry. Our main church has 150-180 attending every Sunday. All because of God's grace. Thank you for your tract. It was used by God so that I understood salvation. D.V., Philippines

MAKE SHY PEOPLE INTO SOUL WINNERS

Thank you for providing a shy Christian like me with the opportunity to “plant” the word of God in shopping malls and car windshields. Thanks again. Fred T., Ohio

THEY SCARE PEOPLE AWAY FROM HELL

I just want to say that I love this new tract, *Here Comes The Judge!* It reminds me of the way Mr. Chick wrote his first tracts many years ago in the beginning of his ministry! I used to read them before I became a Christian —and then as a “baby Christian” —and they used to really scare me! Mr. Chick doesn't play around with The Truth, Thank Jesus! God Bless you all —and God Bless Mr. Chick for all your work for the Kingdom Of God —to His Glory! Theresa K., @yahoo.com.

In July 2006 a friend handed me *This Was Your Life* and after reading it several times I prayed the salvation prayer and asked Jesus into my life. Since that day I live for Jesus, I am a child of the King and nothing on this earth satisfies me now, nothing except worship and making Jesus known. Thank you, Jack, for writing *This Was Your Life*, God used it to save me from an eternity in hell.

J. K.

CHICK TRACTS SPEAK ARABIC AND 100 OTHER LANGAGES

On Fridays, when we are not out of state or in a missions conference, we teach in a Spanish Bible Institute. We got there early this last Friday and stopped for some Mexican food. Much to our surprise we saw a group of military men start trickling into the restaurant —13 to be exact. Judging by their uniforms they definitely did not represent the U.S. We thought it was a takeover! I approached one of them and asked, “What military do you represent?” He said, “No English. You? Arabic?” I told him that I didn’t speak Arabic and asked who in his group spoke English. He directed me to another man in the group and I asked him, “What military do you represent?” This man responded, “We are from Qatar. We are here for training and today we finished; we return in three days.” Imagine that, God brought 13 men from the 10/40 window into our contact! Praise the Lord that I keep a stack of Arabic Chick tracts in my car. I passed out the tracts I had to these men, and each of them gladly accepted.

What a wonderful opportunity and example of how God has brought the mission field to Los Angeles. Let each of us be faithful to reach those who He's brought here, with the gospel of Christ. Missionary Kyle S.

This Was Your Life remains one of the simplest, most straight forward gospel presentations I've come across. I have used this particular tract as a pastor and prior to becoming one. About 10 years ago, before I was a pastor, I gave several packets of 25 of *This Was Your Life* [in Romanian] to a missionary that was headed to Romania. I gave him one packet of 25 in English. He said, having both not only helped his team with their presentation in Romanian, the pictures helped drive home the points to the people of Romania and people were won to Christ. In that I rejoice. *This Was Your Life*, is a great presentation of the gospel and has worked well in my ministry and the ministries of others I know. Frank Q., Facebook post

SNEAK GOSPEL INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

My teenage daughter puts them in the bathrooms at her public school where they already had a death, a suicide, and many who are into drugs, alcohol and self-mutilation. Thank you for helping my teenager share Jesus! Linda B.

BRING LASTING CHANGE

Just wanted to let you know that about 35 years ago I found a tract, *This Was Your Life*, on my windshield. It helped to change my life. I got saved and have been passing out Chick tracts ever since. Just wanted to say “Thank You!” Donald, MO

EVEN ATTENDS FUNERALS

Many years ago my cousins came running up to my father in a local mall. He said, “How did you know I was here?” They replied, “We followed your tracts!” At his funeral his grandsons passed out his tracts. We placed his Bible in his hands and his tracts in a suit pocket. A few days later several hundred miles from his funeral, my brother found one of the tracts our children had passed out at the funeral. Dad was a Pastor. He taught us that, “he that winneth souls is wise.” We will continue in his “tracts.” Jennifer B., Ocala, FL

WILL WAIT FOR YEARS FOR JUST THE RIGHT TIME

This story is about Ronnie M. who played basketball in high school and college. He was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks, but before he could play one game he destroyed his knee. He was a very angry man and it was costing him the marriage he was in. One day while his wife was packing to move out she came across a tract that was sent to her by her brother. She said

she read it and it had a very clear message of salvation. She then prayed and gave her life to Jesus. Later he, too, gave his life to the Lord, and is now active with youth. Just think all this came about because of a little tract! CA.,Email

Back in '89 at the Mardi Gras I was 24 and living a life of debauchery and danger. At midnight on Bourbon Street I recall seeing the teeming crowd part right down the middle. A little boy was leading a group of old men. They were all carrying banners in one hand, their other hand being on the shoulder of the person in front of them. Despite my intoxicated daze I'll never forget the deep, stabbing conviction I felt when they approached me and a boy handed me a tract. It was ***This Was Your Life***. I didn't have to read it; I remembered it well, having enjoyed reading many Chick comic tracts when I was in elementary school. I couldn't even look at it. The message was loud and clear. Later that year I was brought through a series of devastating circumstances that culminated in my coming to Christ. That tract was an early "warning shot." Judgment was on its way. I thank God that His mercy triumphs over judgment. Email

Thanks for putting together the best Christian site on the web. I go to it all the time. I was walking down a street in downtown Nashville about 3 years ago, when a man handed me two of your tracts —***Tiny Shoes*** and ***Holy Joe***. I read them at

the time, but didn't do anything about it. I kept them in my desk drawer, and would take them out and read them occasionally. I knew that there was something missing in my life (Jesus), but I didn't think I would be able to fit the "Good Christian" mold. Your tracts helped me realize that I could always go to Jesus to ask forgiveness of my sins, and that salvation is a free gift of the Lord (Not what I was taught as a Catholic).

Anyway, those two little tracts played a huge part in my salvation. I have turned my life over to the Lord, and read my Bible every day. The only thing I regret is that it took me 17 years to realize what a change it could make in my life.

Thank you for helping to bring me around. I'll never forget how much my life has been blessed by your tracts, and by my new-found faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep up the good work. Your plain talk really works. David S., E mail

READERS NEVER ESCAPE THE MESSAGE

You have been a positive influence in me since I was a child (I am 47). I have just rededicated my life to Christ after 20 years and I have to say your work was a key factor in my decision. My 19-year-old son was recently saved. He and I talked about it and despite my backslidden ways I encouraged him. This led to contemplation on my own part and I ran across your web site amid all this and something clicked. Thank you for your work and your influence on so many people. Don L., AR

I was over seas on an island in 1970-1971. I was drinking and wicked. I got a new room in the barracks and found the tract *This Was Your Life*. I never got away from it. About Oct 1973 I started my walk with the Lord. Keep up the good work! C.W.

Thank you for what you do. I got saved partly from, *Somebody Goofed*. Someone gave it to me and my roommate. We couldn't throw it away. I was convicted reading it but I couldn't get rid of it. Got saved less than 1 year later. B.W., CA

GIVES EVERY CHRISTIAN A WAY TO MINISTER

Not too long ago I asked the Lord "how can I work for you?" I heard His voice that said, "Go back to your first fruits." Well, my first fruits —one of them is passing out your tracts in high school to my classmates. What a powerful message contained in these books.

So I decided to start ordering your tracts again. I especially like your African American tracts. I pass them out in the fast food restaurants and they ask for two instead of one. One guy told me in front of the other workers there to please give them more than one because they are fighting over them. I'm glad to hear people hungry for God's word still. Thank you Jack Chick. Your books help me share the Good News with others. God Bless you!
A H., Dallas, TX

BRINGS COMFORT IN BATTLE

I'm a US Marine in Afghanistan. My days have been up and down to where I asked myself, who am I and what's my purpose. One day a friend sent me my first letter and gave me *Who Is He?* book and that brought joy and ease to my heart knowing that Jesus is watching my back and is there for me. I was just really moved by reading through and wanted to thank you for putting a smile on my face despite the condition of warfare. Continue your works. Thank you. Lep1 M., FPO, AE

STEALS THE DEVIL'S THUNDER ON HALLOWEEN

In response to “Trick or Treat” I gave out tracts on Halloween night for the first time EVER. The enemy tried to talk me out of it. I even got locked out of my car earlier in the day and was very discouraged. But I did it! I had given a bunch out at my church during a “Light The Night” celebration the night before. NONE of the kids refused them. Some of them started reading them right away and forgot about the candy. It was AWESOME! It is spurring me on to purchase more tracts to give out on a regular basis. Re-reading your tracts and reading the new ones has helped to re-ignite the fire in me. I am more excited than ever about witnessing, now. I have a more practical way of doing it now —with prayerfully better results. Thank you Mr. Chick and may God bless you for all you have done.

Theresa K., Scranton, PA

We had a boy come to our door tonight, trick or treating. I didn't realize he had a friend with him, so I gave him some sweets and a ***This Was Your Life*** tract. As he left, the sweets were completely forgotten and they were both rapt with the "little book". God bless Jack for giving us this opportunity to witness. He is right, it is so easy! Take care and God bless you all.

Maree M., South Australia

EVEN WORKS FOR CHILDREN

I am a 10-year-old 6th grader who is blossoming in the Word of God because of your tracts. They really work. I can remember when I was a newborn in the word of Christ. If it wasn't for my uncle and my grandma for the tracts this wouldn't be possible. Some of my favorites are ***The Long Trip, The Beast, The Only Hope, Somebody Loves Me, Happy Hour*** and many more. Your tracts are a great inspiration for my ministries.

Jackie B, Mobile, AL

PRODUCE FRUIT THAT REMAINS

About 40 years ago I had the extreme privilege of finding your ***This Was Your Life*** tract when I was about 7 years old. I am so fortunate I found that since it helped me to believe in Jesus and accept Him as my Saviour.

Rod F., Dayton, Ohio

TRACTS REFLECT REAL LIFE

I read over *This Was Your Life*. This man's story is almost the same as mine!!! This man was materialistic, living for the moment. Now, I am a child of God! The trials are hard, but it is worth it. The Lord has rescued me!! Thank you so much for making these tracts!!! God bless you all. Nathan S.

EDUCATES CHRISTIANS

I want to thank you for your great service as an informing Christian. I have learned much from your literature that I have never had the chance to learn elsewhere. I have double-checked all the information that has been presented in your publications (the ones that I have, that is) and have verified their veracity. It has not earned me many Catholic friends though (smile). But they couldn't dispute the truth after investigating the matters. Here is the one line that I have learned that shuts down Catholic arguments. "Who are you defending, the Catholic institution, or Christ?" Russell C.W.

LOVES TO GO TO PRISON

Thank you very much. I thank God for Chick Publications. If it wasn't for the *Alberto Series* I would've never came out of Islam 3 years ago while incarcerated. (Muslim saved after reading *Alberto Series*.) Alterik Harris

A prison chaplain referred to Chick tracts as his “Little Soldiers” The inmates hold on to them and don’t want to let them go.

George S., Emmett ID

ENJOYS PARADES

Love Chick tracts. My dad has passed them out at parades for over 12 years. One parade has over 3,000 people and we hit it annually now with our teen group involved. I’ve seen addicts, elderly and kids cherish these tracts and some even have a collection! Thank you for your continued love of spreading God’s word in an ingenious form. God bless you!”

Kalli W., Facebook post

THEY WORK ON THE MISSION FIELD

A dear friend provided over 1,000,000 Chick tracts to outreaches in the Philippines this year. We are seeing, hearing and experiencing some of the results that is coming from the distribution of those tracts and it is a blessing! Let me share just one of many stories: A dear pastor friend received a box of 10,000 tracts and setup a mission trip to Paranaque (a populated area of people living under depressing conditions) and called it “Rescue 1 on 1”. There were 97 participants that joined their hearts together and distributed 5,129 tracts in two days and then held preaching services with 1,281 attending the services. There were 501 professed to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Praise the Lord! Missionary Donny Whitlock – Philippines

MORE PROOF THEY WORK

We were in a Save-A-Lot parking lot and I saw this white van which had a plate on the front with something about the Lord written on it. I felt led to put a *This Was Your Life* tract on the driver side door so that is what I did. Shortly thereafter we went down to the Winn Dixie store and pulled in and parked and guess what? the white van followed us! I didn't know what to think at first, but the man pulled up and said, "Brothers! Praise God!" The man explained that 35 years ago someone had handed him the same tract, he read it, and then proceeded to give his life to the Lord right on the spot. He said that he was, "ripe for the picking" and somebody came along and handed him the very message he needed. Thank you Jesus! Brother Pat

I know your tracts work as I laid one out for my husband to read. He read it and went to church that night and gave his heart to the LORD. He followed the LORD every day after that. He played bass for the church band. He is now with the LORD. He has been there for 5 1/2 years. I know I will see him when it's my time to go. Thanks.

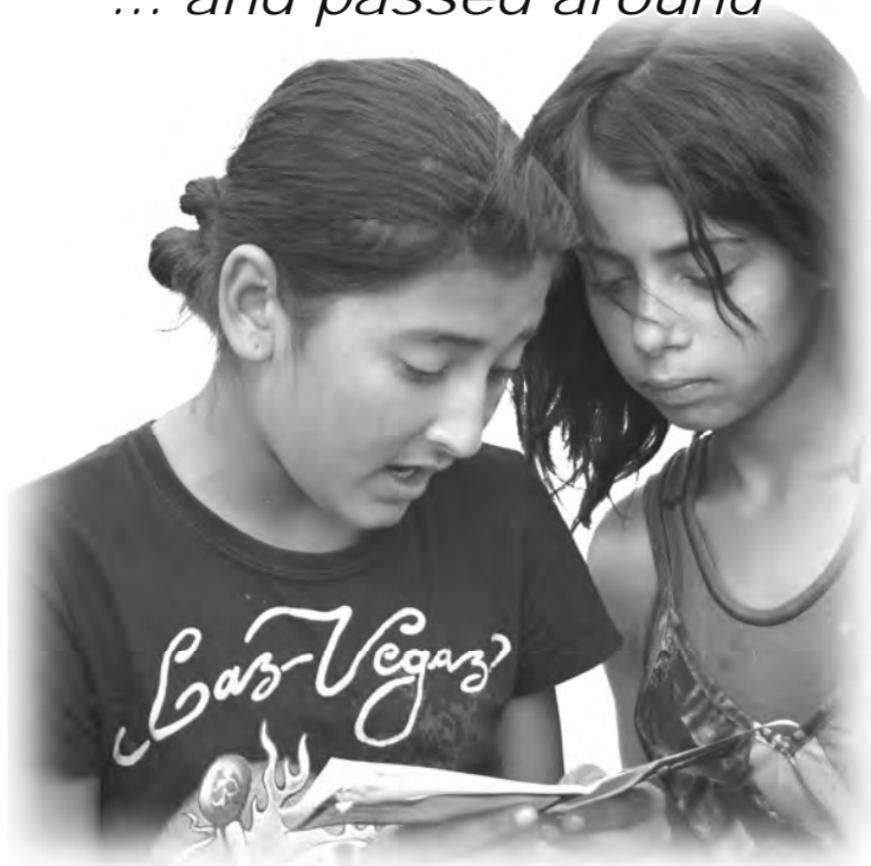
Joanne N.

Chick tracts get READ!

... and shared

... and saved

... and passed around



I AM A MISSIONARY

I am a missionary. I am being used of God to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. I have a tremendous task. I am a missionary: yet the weakness of the body does not slow me down. I never get a headache. I never have a cold. I never get tired.

I am a welcomed missionary. Homes are open to me that would never open to a preacher. Hearts will hear my message eagerly, though they would never go to a Bible-believing church.

I am an educated missionary. I speak the language perfectly and I speak so the professional can understand as well as the uneducated. I can approach every person on his level of understanding.

I am an effective missionary. I can reach more people at one time than Paul reached in a lifetime. I can cover more territory with the Gospel in a month than the average missionary could cover in a lifetime. I am man-made ... but God-sent! ***I Am a Gospel Tract.***



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