

# How to Run a Mobile Shop or Bust



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by  
**JOHN**



Getting the best out of life?

You can do what I have done, and even better!

Life is for living, so trust in the Lord and **Go, Go, Go!**

***I can do all things through Christ that can strengthen me.***

*(Phil. ch4:v13)*

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**O**ur mobile shop only works because God gave us the idea.

Things for it:

- \* **no rent**
- \* **no power to pay for**
- \* **no rates or advertising**
- \* **no waiting for customers  
to come to you**

The whole idea is to show people that money is out of fashion and love is in. We go by the rule “it is more blessed to give than to receive”. The more you give, the more you are showing love to people.



The Bible says "Love your neighbour as yourself." We support four children in Myanmar and the Philippines through the Salvation Army, and also a family a month with a live goat through the Tear Fund.

When we sell things which are mostly only \$1 we don't count the money, we give it to the bank teller to count. When we look at our bank statement there is always enough and, much to our surprise, a bit more thank you Lord. We get better advertising than TV when we drive down the street - everyone looks up at the mobile shop and when I say everyone, I



mean everyone. You can hear the kids calling out and waving, saying “soft toys only one dollar”. It is the talk of the town. We used to chase people, and now they chase us. We have got permission to park on private property in carparks around New Zealand.

We have a coffee bar in our mobile shop and food for people that are hungry, all free. People always have a kind word for us, and we have made some genuine lifetime friends. Things are going well, and we might be taking on another child; we are praying about it.

*These are the children that we support*



Dawn and I work at a coffee bar four times a week with promotion, and with our mobile shop running every day we are getting quite busy. I said to Dawn jokingly “I think we will have to give up the night job.” I write the Coffee Break Books and Dawn puts them on the computer. We have written about 20 books and have a website [www.coffeebreakbooks.com](http://www.coffeebreakbooks.com) . People ask me “When are you going to write another book?”

We have discovered that there is quite a problem with older people communicating with teenagers. I have been an entertainer for about 40 years so I don't find it a problem. For example, several times I



have spoken to groups of teenagers and shared my books with them, and they loved them.

We were in Whanganui at Easter. I approached two couples outside McDonalds, and offered the some of my books. I got a great response. First of all, they could not believe that the books were free. One chap asked us how long have we been married and I said "45 years". He said "That's what we want to do." They asked "Can we take a photo of you and your wife?" and they did. They were friendly and polite, and keen to talk. Another time, in Victory Street in Whanganui, we met some teenagers on skateboards. I approached one of the girls and



offered her a Coffee Break Book. She seemed to find it hard to handle, first of all us taking the time to chat with them, then offering them all a book free. She just came out with “I love you”. Then there was silence. It seemed she was trying to think of a way to repay us, so she said “would you like a ride on my skateboard?”


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