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**Never Give Up**

This short video is a heart touching story that illustrates the power of choice. Watch this man's incredible journey from being told he was never going to walk again, to having the ability to perform all the tasks he ever wanted to. The bottom line of this video is that the choices we make each day really do matter! Truly amazing. Watch on Facebook  |  Watch on the Internet

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Breaking Lightbulbs

"I was so afraid of my father that I had to obey him. He threatened to kill me and Mom if we didn't stop believing in God and get rid of our religious beliefs." Marianna Maukovich recounts the time when her father demanded her to break all the light bulbs in the house so she and her mother couldn't read their Bibles, or any devotional material.

Watch the video

Living It

Living It is a resource center where youth leaders can find encouragement and support for working with public high school students. Their website is about helping youth connect with Jesus and Living it with him every day. Ward is currently Youth Pastor of the Lodi English Oaks Adventist Church, in Lodi, Calif., and is NAD Public High School Campus Ministries Coordinator.

Visit Living It online

FREE EVENT

ATTENTION: Church Audio and Media Support - Join Chip Dizard for a FREE webinar on streaming your services and worship events. It takes place: Monday - March 25, 7:00 PM - Pacific Time - Subject: Streaming Your Services - Gotowebinar.com

Resources You Can Use

ChurchApplied or the Pacific Union Conference does not receive payment in exchange for listing resources. The products, resources, and entities below are simply listed to make you aware of what's available.

The Power of Words (Video) - The words we use make a huge difference with the results we get. Think about this as it applies to ministry.

The Religious Freedom Project - The RFP is the nation's only university-based (Georgetown University) program devoted exclusively to the analysis of religious freedom, a basic human right restricted in many parts of the world. Our team of interdisciplinary scholars examines different understandings of religious liberty as it relates to other fundamental freedoms; its importance for democracy; and its role in social and economic development, international diplomacy, and the struggle against violent religious extremism.

Looking for a Good Video Projector? - Here's one that we just bought that get's great reviews. The price is right and the lumens are in the ball park for projecting a great image.

Weebly - Weebly is a San Francisco, California based company that was founded in 2006 with the mission to help people put their information online quickly and easily. We enable over 12 million people to easily create personal sites and blogs or establish a web presence for businesses, weddings, classrooms, churches, artistic portfolios, and more.

inSpire Artist Database - If you know an Adventist artist, photographer, videographer, musician, or poet, please tell them about the inSpire artist database. We want them to be part of it.

Okeechobee Prison Ministry (Video) - See what one Florida church is doing to reach the incarcerated for Christ.
**Adventist Songwriters and Digital Designers** - We need you to help us create contemporary expressions of God and biblical truths. Join our contests and be eligible to win an iPad. The first ever inSpire design and songwriting contests run through March 19, 2013. Works submitted must be created by you. [For details click here.](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/...kza15fqZSB7k5NZ4g7bh7C10j9_73SSdc7sn9Cgd2M39-fCEqJp_r5vTeip3B190Ni7nA%3D%3D)

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Pacific Union TechApplied

By Rich DuBose

The Pacific Union Conference now provides free tech support to its churches and leaders who are using various media tools for mission and ministry.* Because knowledge knows no geographical boundaries, anyone can join!

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How to get technology assistance in 2013

1. Join our FREE online tech forum monitored by Chip Dizard. Check out the discussion threads.

2. Participate in one, or all 4 Webinars (listed below) to be held in 2013. Anyone is free to attend.

   **Monday - March 25, 7:00 PM** - Pacific Time - Subject: Streaming Your Services - [Gotowebinar.com](http://gotowebinar.com)

   **Monday - April 22, 7:00 PM** - Pacific Time - (login details coming here)

   **Monday - May 20, 7:00 PM** - Pacific Time - (login details coming here)

   **Monday - June 24, 7:00 PM** - Pacific Time - (login details coming here)

3. Chip Dizard will conduct a LIVE seminar on Sunday morning, April 28, 2013, at the Berkeley Adventist Church for those who want to turn their websites, Facebook pages and other media streams into powerful, effective communication and evangelistic tools. Musicians, artists, photographers and church technology teams will especially benefit from this. You won’t want to miss this dynamic brunch/seminar. You may attend the Technology Brunch with Chip Dizard without attending the entire inSpire weekend. [Register now](http://www.churchsupportservices.org/article/396/special-features/pacific-union-techapplied).

4. TechApplied Video Page - Watch Chip’s videos for tips on how to use various media tools to get your message out!

   **Samples of the kinds of questions that will be addressed:**
What's the best codec formats for YouTube videos?
- Which video camera should we use to record our sermons?
- How can we best stream our worship services?
- What video editing software should we buy for our church?
- Why is my video audio not working?
- What kind of lighting do we need to get better sermon videos?
- What are the best software alternatives to PowerPoint and Keynote for worship?
- How can we engage more people using technology?
- How can we use mobile phones in ministry?
- What are the best uses for Facebook/Twitter for our church?

* Support does not include basic assistance or maintenance with NetAdventist or Adventist Church Connect products. These entities offer their own tech support and are better equipped to service their products. We WILL help you with ideas about critical content, Social media strategies and other technologies that can help you extend your web presence.

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The Intentional Church

By Ed Gallagher

Intention. Expectation. Too many of us have become so used to things as they are, that we appear to have lost hope for the lost. We need renewed intention, revived expectation!

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A few months ago I visited a small church, about 20 attending. Since my last visit there one year before, two or three new people from the community were regularly participating. “How did this come about?” I asked the church leaders. “God sent them,” was the reply. “God picked them out and sent them.”

The other day I was talking with two pastors from a large city church, hundreds attending. The pastors mentioned how delighted they were that a new person approached them after worship the previous week—a woman from the community, previously unknown. She said she wanted to learn about having a changed life and becoming a church member.

Would you like this kind of experience in your congregation? What’s the key?

It has nothing to do with coincidence, and there are times when it has little to do with any special program or outreach. It has everything to do with intention and expectation.

As you plan your worship and ministries, is it your conscious intention to attract and meet the needs of new people whom God might direct your way?

As you conduct your interaction with people, is it your expectation that God will use you to bless others in his name, and lead someone to look into being born again because of your influence?

Intention. Expectation. Too many of us have become so used to things as they are, that we appear to have lost hope for the lost. We need renewed intention, revived expectation!

I was not surprised to learn from the leaders of the small church that they had engaged in sustained prayer that God would send new people to their congregation. They intended, they expected, they prayed. And God responded. It was no surprise, either, to learn that at the large church, prayer warriors met early that morning to intercede with God for at least one person who would come to the congregation and find life with Christ that day, right there. Same dynamic—they intended, they expected, they prayed, and God responded.

“But we’ve prayed like that before,” you might say. “And nothing happened.” So, what’s the solution? To stop praying? To stop intending and stop expecting? To stop hoping, watching and waiting?

We must be faithful in prayer, persistent in prayer, never giving up. We need the spirit of Jacob in our prayers: “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” Genesis 32:26. An important factor is corporate prayer—praying together. Jesus gave the church authority to bind evil and release good. He said that if two or three disciples agree together in his name, he will step in and answer abundantly. Matthew 18:18–20.

Here’s a comment on these verses: “The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love of God and for one another.”**

Let’s regain our intention and expectation. Let’s pray together often. God will respond, and sinners will be born again right here.

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