



The EvangeCoach

“Coaching Local Churches . . . to Excel in Evangelism”

Ken & Diane Ramey

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Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus! My name is Jim Quayle, and I am excited to share with you what God has been doing in the lives of our dearest friends Ken & Diane Ramey. The last several years have been an incredible journey for them, and it has been our joy and privilege to be a small part of it. The last few weeks have been especially exciting!

God’s ways are not our ways!

A majority of Ken & Diane’s ministry lives have been spent working on staff in local churches. Most likely this is how most of you got to know and love them. This is where they would still be today if the Lord had not intervened. Many of you know the story, but for those who don’t let me give you a brief overview.

While serving as lead pastor of Summit View Community Church in September, 2006 Ken suffered a number of serious health problems that forced him to resign immediately. I visited them in October of that year to encourage them and to pray with them about what to do next. They decided to accept an offer to move in with close friends (the Glass) in Reedsport, Oregon while Ken recovered. After a year, Ken then felt led to provide for his family by becoming a Honda car sales associate. He was extremely successful at this until the crash in the car market. During this time he saw himself as a pastor and evangelist in the work place. But, we all knew he had a higher call on his life. Diane was earnestly praying for over a year that God would speak to him. At one point while Ken was at work he sent Diane a phone txt saying, “I think the Lord is trying to speak to me.” She immediately replied saying, “Are you listening?”



Ken at Summit View

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27

Seven months ago, on Easter Sunday, the Lord finally spoke. He challenged Ken to stop giving his life to selling cars. He called him instead to give his life for what he gifted him in, to win the lost and challenge and train the church to missional living. Ken finally came to grips with the fact that his primary gift is that of Evangelist, and that gift as given in Ephesians 4:11-12 is to be used to prepare God’s people for works of service. In obedience he could no longer continue in car sales. So, he resigned from the dealership and has been living totally by faith since that time. He says “I believe God is calling me to invest my life into helping local churches bring the gift of ‘evangelist’ and the ministry of ‘evangelism’ back to its proper significance and respect.” Diane praises God for answering her prayers, and is a full partner with Ken in this call.

He has now met with a number of pastors throughout Oregon and Washington to present the challenge to “excel in evangelism” and to offer his services. Also, while attending another local church, he has been given many opportunities to use his gift of evangelism to challenge and equip the pastor and people there. Because he is no longer on staff at a local church he recognizes his need for accountability as well as collaboration with others in the ministry of evangelism. So, he is now a member of and endorsed by the Luis Palau Association, Next Generation Alliance (NGA), which is a large group of evangelists from around the world. It was at the annual NGA Innovative Evangelism Conference in Portland, Oregon, the week of November 10th. that the Lord clearly revealed the next GIANT step in the development of this ministry.



The Quayle-Ramey connection

At this point it would be good to explain my involvement in all this. Just as many of you have remained close friends with the Rameys, my wife Jan and I have too. But, when I visited them about three years ago, Ken and I began to sense the Lord knitting our hearts together in a very special way. Also, He seemed to be preparing us to eventually come together in ministry as well as deepen our friendship. We had no idea if, when, where, or how the Lord might do this, but as time



Jim, Jan, Diane, Ken

passed, this sense as well as our friendship have become even stronger. Ken has had a lifetime of experience on the pulpit side of church leadership, and I have a great deal on the pew side. We see a convergence of our gifts for such a time as this, and for such a call as this. So, as we headed to the conference together we were asking God for a clarification of the “next steps” He wanted us to take individually, as well as a team.

The Conference

From the first person we met at the conference to the very last, God was answering our prayers. The encouragement and confirmation of the way the Lord was leading was nothing short of profound. Just being in the same room with over 350 evangelists from all over the world, with Matt Redman leading worship, and Luis Palau speaking was overwhelming.



Jim, Dallas, Ken

There were over seventy workshops throughout the conference. So, we spent a lot of time strategizing about which ones we should go to. On the second day of the conference the Lord led me to go to one called “The Role of Teacher/Evangelist”. It was led by Rev. Dallas Anderson from the Billy Graham Center, at Wheaton College. I was astounded to learn that he was Director of a new program called the “**Evangelizing Church Project**” and was looking for “evangelism coaches” to join his team. The intent of the project is “**to move existing churches to be expanding churches through conversion growth**”. This is almost the exact call God

has given Ken. Needless to say, we spent the rest of the conference time meeting and praying with Dallas. God knit our hearts together during that time.

Ken has now officially applied for and received tentative approval to be an “Evangelist Coach” under the Billy Graham Center, Institute of Strategic Evangelism, at Wheaton College. The Evangelizing Church Project is now looking for churches to be part of a pilot project. The Lord is clearly putting together a team for this great effort. The need has never been greater! A drastic course correction is needed in the church if we are going to see this generation brought to Christ. We are so excited to join the Billy Graham Center in this effort.

My Heart Cry... & Call

For the last three years the biggest cry of my heart has been the financial provision for Ken & Diane. There is not a day that goes by that this is not on my heart. It is not that I am constantly fretting or anxious about it, just always conscious of and concerned about it. In this the Lord has shown Himself faithful, especially over these last seven months. I know some of you share this burden as well. But, for some, this is the first time you have been made aware of Ken & Diane’s call and current situation. It is an ongoing need, and can be a real hindrance to the ministry itself.



Paul Ramey at Village Church

During the conference, the Lord kept speaking to me about this. He was urging me to take direct responsibility for this critical part of the ministry. I have resisted this, and have never done this kind of work before. I recoil against it especially because I know the tremendous stress this is to so many at this time. We, as Americans are constantly bombarded with financial requests for very worthy causes. However, just as Ken had to step out in obedience to the call of the Lord, so I had to also. God is not in a recession! I realized this while attending Village Church in Beaverton, Oregon where the Ramey’s son, Paul, was leading worship. I knelt

down in that service and committed myself to the Lord for this task.

The challenge is much larger than just supporting Ken & Diane, although that is my first concern. Much more is at stake. **Statistics show that evangelism in the American church has been dying a slow death. We have been called to turn this tide.** Of course, the evil one knows the quickest way to kill this effort is to steal the funds necessary to release Ken and Diane to do the work. I refuse to let this happen.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
John 10:10

At this point their monthly support is only **13%** of the basic need, which is currently \$4,056. They have only one car now, and have reduced their expenses as much as possible. As you can see by the numbers it looks very dismal. However, through special gifts, food donations, and selling extra items around the house they have been able to survive. But, the ministry is suffering. Funds for such basic things as gas to go meet with pastors are just not there. I could go on, but I think you get the picture.

I know in the world’s eyes there couldn’t be a much worse time to be asking for support, but let me tell you a short story. While Ken & I were on our way to the conference in my truck, since Ken did not have the money for gas, he received a call from someone in the ministry

who is also living month to month by faith. They are a young couple with small children of their own. They wanted to donate money to Ken & Diane. It was heartwarming! The point is, with man some things seem impossible, but with God all things are possible. You have more to give than you think you do, and the Lord can multiply it if you just commit to give a little. If each family receiving this letter were to give just \$1 per day, their needs would easily be met.

What's Next?

First, it is important to understand that the call and mission God has given Ken has not changed. It has just been **confirmed and strengthened** through joining forces with the Billy Graham Center. Ken will be expanding his efforts to meet more pastors throughout the West Coast. He will also be looking for one church to begin a formal coaching relationship with as part of a pilot project. Additional literature and a web site are being developed, and the Evangelizing Church Project team will be coming together in the near future for their very first meeting. We will keep you updated as the ministry grows!

Pastor Bill Austel, New Life Community Church, Lake Tapps, WA "I am convinced that we believers need to be re-taught how to do personal evangelism instead of relying on the church structure to do it for us. It is time for the individual believer to take one-on-one witnessing and evangelism as their personal calling and responsibility. The time has come for us to wake up to our calling and make His mission our mission, every day. I believe that God has called Ken to help us do just that. As one with the gift of evangelism, Ken is being raised up to be used of God in the life of the local church to bring personal evangelism to a place of prominence as it should be by coming alongside us pastors and working with us to challenge and impassion our people for souls."

If you believe in Ken & Diane; if you believe God is wanting to turn the American church around with regard to evangelism; and if you want your resources to go directly into reaching lives for the Lord Jesus Christ, then I challenge you to join Ken and Diane's prayer team (which is vital to them) and to put feet to your prayers by committing to a monthly gift whether large or small. As a reminder, if you act now you will be able to receive a tax credit before the end of the year. In fact, consider making your commitment a Christmas gift to Ken & Diane from your family to theirs. Also, for anyone making a new monthly commitment of \$40 or more between now and the end of the year we will send you a complementary copy of the worship CD "Alright" by Paul Ramey.

Please indicate your commitment on the enclosed form and return it to me in the self-addressed envelope along with your check or money order made out to **RCCF** (River City Christian Fellowship). Indicate on your check that it is for "The Evangecoach". If you have any questions or would like to discuss additional funding strategies for the "Evangelizing Church Project", please feel free to contact us directly. For more information you may also go to www.evangecoach.blogspot.com and www.missionalliving-therealcareer.blogspot.com/.

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My/Our Commitment to Ken & Diane

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I/We will commit to pray regularly for Ken & Diane and the “Evangelizing Church Project” and wish to be included on the list of those who receive regular updates.

I/We commit to also support Ken & Diane by making a regular monthly gift of :

\$30 _____ (a dollar a day) \$100 _____

\$50 _____ \$ _____ (other –fill in)

I/We wish to make a one time gift of \$ _____ (for a special need?)

- Current special needs include **a new printer**, and **dental work for Diane**.

Thank you for keeping us informed. We are currently contributing to Ken & Diane’s support.

I would like more specific information about the ministry, and how it works.

I am interested in arranging an appointment for Ken to meet with someone in my church leadership.

Feel free to write us a note below:

