

To Whom It May Concern,

Like many pastors, every month I receive many calls from missionaries and ministries looking to schedule services. Rev. Carl Hespe called our church looking to do just that. Unfortunately, I decided to call him and explain that we just finished our yearly mission's convention and it was too soon to have him come.

While on the phone with Carl, I heard his heart and vision for Special Touch Ministry and could not say no. I'll never forget something he said about special needs individuals. He told me over the phone that everyone thinks that individuals with special needs have an automatic ticket to heaven. That is not true. They need to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel just like everyone else.

Well, on the night of Feb. 11, 2009 he came and ministered to our church. It was one of the best missions/ministry services we have ever had. And we've had lots of them. The night was not only memorable because of the challenging message we were given, but also because we lost electricity right before the service started. Carl didn't miss a step. He ministered under one emergency light and kept all of our attention. Teenagers just "happened" to join us that night due to the power outage.

The message and ministry challenged us and opened our eyes to the needs of individuals with special needs. Our church is a mission's focused church and if your church has the same focus then I would highly recommend Carl Hespe and Special Touch Ministry to minister to your people. His message of value and love for people is needed in our world today.

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