



Bradley A Mattrisch

Brad is a U.S. Missionary Associate who serves Special Touch Ministry as the National Coordinator of Support Ministries. Among a wide array of responsibilities, Brad oversees the Pastoral Care department and coordinates the ministry's Information Technology needs.

Brad has a message to share with the church, especially to those who face challenges. Due to Cerebral Palsy, his speech is affected. So, he writes a manuscript of his sermon and transfers it to a PowerPoint presentation which is projected, so the congregation can easily follow along as he speaks.

By drawing from his experiences with limitations and his Biblical knowledge, Brad shares how God is more than able to help in tough times. He uses humor in a non-threatening way to address sensitive topics. Brad wants to inspire his listeners that with God they can overcome their challenges as well.

Trusting God in the midst of adversity is a common theme in Brad's ministry. He believes the Bible holds the answers to life's frustrations today. He encourages believers to use their difficulties as means of drawing closer to God. If you're interested in Brad speaking to your church or group, please email or call the Special Touch Ministry Office.



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Highlights in Brad's Journey

- ✓ As a result of a delay in breathing for 26 minutes at birth, Brad has Cerebral Palsy.
- ✓ He was involved with the Special Touch Summer Get Away Program since the summer of 1982. At the first Get Away, Brad sensed God calling him to help people understand the Bible.
- ✓ As a teen at Pound AG, Brad excelled in Bible Quiz and writing for Fine Arts.
- ✓ In college, he attended InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, where he learned the importance of community outreach.
- ✓ Brad earned a Bachelors of Business Administration degree in Management Computer Systems.
- ✓ He earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Bible & Theology while working full-time in Information Technology for Compuware Corporation, a large consulting company. Brad was employed for several years.
- ✓ He taught Sunday School and was actively involved with the Singles Ministry at New Life AG in Janesville, WI.
- ✓ As Turning Point Church became established, Brad learned about church planting. He was given several opportunities to speak and teach.
- ✓ Brad was ordained at the 2006 Wisconsin / Northern Michigan District Council.
- ✓ After being part-time for several years, Brad made the move and joined the Special Touch Ministry Office staff.
- ✓ His articles were published in periodicals, such as the *Pentecostal Evangel*.

Endorsements & Testimonials

Brad is the son of my cousin, Jackie, who is now with the Lord. I have greatly admired Brad's tenacity in overcoming obstacles to become an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. He indeed does have a special touch as he serves as National Coordinator of Support Ministries for Special Touch Ministry. I encourage every Assembly of God church to reach out to those in our community who will respond to the special touch from a loving church. Brad is uniquely prepared and gifted to inspire our churches to do that very thing. I believe in him with all my heart!

George O. Wood
General Superintendent of the AG - USA

As the Youth Pastor at Pound in 1985, Brad was in our Youth group and my wife's Bible Quiz team and it was his hard work and good memory that accounted for a lot of the team's successes. Recently, Brad came to Hillside and shared his mission with our Sunday morning congregation. Brad is difficult to understand, but he sent us a manuscript for his message that we were able to project on the screen. It was a very unique service that deeply ministered to a lot of people in some unexpected ways. People came to greet me and just said, "Wow!"

Paul Carlson
Hillside AG, Gillett, WI

Brad types out his sermons, so that his manuscript appears on PowerPoint while he preaches, allowing the congregation to follow along. It's very effective! His sermons are relevant, thought-provoking, full of humor, and theologically sound. Every time I heard Brad preach, there is laughter and tears, and lives touched by God.

Tom Zillman
Turning Point Church, Janesville, WI

The first time I heard Brad speak was at my church, where I let him share a message on overcoming difficulties in life. Brad has Cerebral Palsy and can talk to this issue in great length.

Brad has made Radiant Fellowship his home church along with his sister. The thing I like about Brad, is his witty sense of humor, love for life and God, as well as the wealth of experience he brings to the table. He has been an inspiration to me in ministry and has challenged me.

Bob Adams
Radiant Fellowship, Waupaca, WI

I have known Brad for better than ten years. I have had him minister here on a Sunday as well teach a class. He is a brilliant teacher and his mind is filled with the Words of Life. He is able to communicate God's Truth in word as well as by example. I know that the people at New Life Assembly have been deeply moved by how Brad has been able to rise above his disability. In fact, I believe that his courage and faith empowers others. Need a speaker that will inspire and motivate? I recommend Bradley.

Michael Jackson
New Life AG, Janesville, WI

It was a real blessing to have Brad come and share with us at Journey Church. We co-taught on the issue of suffering, using Romans 8:18-27. The service was very powerful and our people were challenged to the core. Brad's faith in the midst of his struggles is both inspiring and convicting! One guy who had some personal struggles told me that the next day he went into his office and erased what he had on his white board and wrote in bold letters "It's not that bad!"

Vic Cuccia
Journey Church, Jacksonville, FL

Brad's message was informative and inspirational. We experienced a wide range of emotion as a church family from laughter to tears. I encourage Pastors to invite Bradley to come and share. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart in a creative way through His chosen vessel.

Kurt Verhoeven
Living Waters AG, Elkhorn, WI

I'm going to be brutally honest here. When Brad first asked to come, I'm ashamed to say that I put him off. I was afraid to have a man with a disability do a presentation at my church. I had a lot of questions regarding how he would communicate and how effective his message would be. One day, when I was preparing a sermon on the Parable of the Great Banquet, I read about the servant bringing in the crippled, the blind, and the lame. Immediately, I was convicted because I knew that those people were also to be a part of God's Kingdom and Special Touch was doing the work of inviting them in. I stopped what I was doing and contacted Brad asking him to come and, instead of just a "window," I gave him the whole service. His presentation was extremely effective. His humility and humor made the audience very much at ease and his message was fresh and challenging. My only regret is that I didn't have him come sooner.

Mike Dissmore
The Rock AG, Janesville, WI

I first met Brad in the mid 1980's when he was a teen bible quizzier. His life and ministry reflect the fruit of the application of God's Word. Brad came and spoke for us and did a wonderful job presenting the Special Touch ministry, his personal passion in ministry and a biblical challenge. It was an exciting service and we were able to clearly understand what Brad said. Brad demonstrates indigenous missions work as a person served by the ministries of Special Touch who is now ministering to people in a unique manner for which God has specially created Brad.

Richard York
Christian Life AG, Plymouth, WI