

Go and Tell Testimonials:

Go and Tell Testimonial from **Steven Van Zanen** (Director for Missions Mobilization, Christian Reformed World Missions) *"Many are concerned about the future of Christianity in America, and with good reason. The most important cure for what ails the Church is a renewed appreciation for the heart of the Gospel message and the ability to communicate that to others. The kind of training in evangelism offered by Go and Tell will not only enable people to effectively witness to Jesus Christ, it will deepen the faith of those trained and encourage them in their walk of faith."*

The **CR World Missions and World Renew 2014** Orientation and Training Seminar held in Grand Rapids included the ***Go and Tell*** seminar and here are some of the evaluations:

"Excellent gospel presentation. I felt convicted for not sharing like I should. This has taught me to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit...Inspiring and convicting...This was a well thought out presentation that helped me learn and realize the importance of sharing the gospel...Pastor Jim gave us excellent tools for sharing the gospel with others. Great presentation."

Testimonial from Rev. Ron De Young - International Student Fellowship WMU

"I found the Go and Tell evangelism training seminar to provide an excellent tool for everyone who seeks to witness to those who do not know Christ. Strengths of this method include its Biblical and Doctrinal foundation, respecting established relationships, the small amount of material one needs to learn, and the versatility one has to follow the Spirit's leading. It is useful for someone who is just learning to witness or for someone who has been sharing the gospel for a long time."

Testimonial from Karen who thanked us after she took the ***Go and Tell seminar online***, she wrote: *"Dear Pastor Jim, I want to thank you for sharing your website with me. I have listened to all sessions and have taken helpful notes! I have also fully investigated your website. You are certainly right when you told me you have the gift of evangelism. You have put together one of the most comprehensive, loving effective ways of evangelizing I have ever listened to. So many of the sources you have quoted from are wonderful but the way you brought them all together is a gift from God! My Bible study I attend has around 200 women and I cannot wait to take it to my leadership. Lastly, thank you for emphasizing not pushing a person into praying a prayer. I did the study of Follow Me this summer and I know that this can lead to false conversion. The F.I.R.E and L.A.W., the bridge and the Christian Wheel were very helpful. I am thankful for how you taught us to let the person pray their own prayer of repentance! I love letting the Holy Spirit do His work rather than me trying to mess up His work. Thank you and God Bless you. I look forward to putting into practice what I learned!"*

The **Renewal Lab** from **Calvin Seminary** said this about ***Go and Tell***: *"Carl Bosma has found this very helpful "Go and Tell" resource material by Pastor Jim Halstead of the Fort Wayne CRC. It takes a similar approach to the approach taken by Scott VanderPloeg during our*

second learning lab "Tell" using the HC as a guide for developing a Gospel presentation. This is a good resource and an important reminder that at the heart of our renewal project is mission and at the heart of mission is the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ." Pastor Keith Doornbos

The Fanning the Flame - Rekindling Our Heritage of Prayer Regional Prayer Summit with the CRC/RCA in November 2013 included the *Go and Tell* seminar as one of their Breakout Groups. Mary Sterenberg, Prayer Mobilizer, CRC Home Missions Great Lakes Region gave this testimony of the *Go and Tell* seminar: *"Jim Halstead shared the Go and Tell Evangelism training following a 12 week prayer and empowerment training with-in the Great Lakes Region (Embers to Flames). It was a perfect conclusion as we were challenged to share the gospel and were given simple tools to do so. Many churches and prayer leaders were challenged and taught to include prayers for those who do not yet know Jesus. The Go and Tell seminar is an excellent resource to wake up the church to our need to reach beyond our walls, and to boldly declare the gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Testimony from a CRC church in British Columbia that showed the *Go and Tell* seminar online with their men's group: *"The Go and Tell series was well received in our men's group. I was amazed how enthused our group was. I am praying for boldness for the men and myself and open doors for all of us... I am going to share Go and Tell with Ed and ask that we can do this with Willoughby CRC in Langley and then the surrounding CRC churches in the area and then Classis. Will get back to you about Go and Tell and we are so very grateful with Go and Tell. Very grateful for you, Jim,"*

Testimonial from a CRC Pastor in Kalamazoo, MI who took the *Go and Tell* seminar last weekend: *"The "Go and Tell" training seminar is aptly named. We know we should go. We know we should tell others. But...., we have so many excuses. Hearing the personal examples, being reminded to listen, to love our neighbors, and to believe God is already at work ahead of our conversations were the main points I took away from Pastor Halstead's training. I was amazed how easily he incorporated familiar witnessing techniques into practical ways to share, grounding them in the teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism. I left encouraged and inspired to listen to my neighbor and to pray for an opportunity to talk about more than just the usual neighborly things. After 20 years in church ministry and training in evangelism, this three hour seminar was a wonderful review as well as a spurring on to do what Jesus said, "Go and Tell!"*

Go and Tell Testimonial from Joey DeKoekkoek, Director of Youth and Outreach at Grace CRC: *"Go & Tell is an event your church would benefit greatly if it hosted and you would be challenged and blessed if you attended. Pastor Jim Halstead teaches a practical, easy to understand method of presenting the gospel message. He gives you the tools and confidence that you can use in a practical, intentional way in your day to day life. All this is done in with a*

responsible and reformed perspective. I high recommend this seminar for you and your congregation.”

Go and Tell Testimonial from CRC Interim Pastor: *Several weeks ago Pastor Jim gave his Go and Tell presentation at Northern Heights C.R.C in Kalamazoo Michigan. What a great program for those who feel they need just a little push or a slight confidence booster to "Go and Tell" their friends and neighbors the good news of Jesus Christ, and what better time to do so. A recent article in the Grand Rapids press dated Aug. 7 stated the fact that the C.R.C membership is at its lowest point in over fifty years. In this same section was the report by the Pew Research Center that one-fifth of the U.S. public and one third of adults 30 and younger, are religiously unaffiliated. As Scripture tells us and Pastor said in his presentation, "the harvest is great, the harvesters few..." As the interim Pastor at Northern Heights I highly recommend this program for the church that wants to be a witness for Christ and have the confidence to do so.”*

Community CRC hosted the **Go and Tell seminar** and a pastor wrote this: *“I always told myself one dangerous and destructive thought: I am not an evangelist. For years I said this to myself and others concerning myself. I had even had the privilege of leading others to Christ but still persisted in thinking that an evangelist was someone else. An evangelist was someone marked by God for that specific purpose and I certainly was too afraid and uncomfortable in evangelizing for me to be one of them. I attended a seminar called Go and Tell which was led by Jim Halstead. Here are a few simple truths that changed my perspective on what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus Christ:*

- *The first truth was that we as believers are commanded to evangelize. This is not the duty of super hero Christians; this is the duty of EVERYONE who would call themselves a follower of Christ. To not reach out to others is to show little regard for following Christ. Christ reached out to us first because of his great love for us and we ought to do the same for others. The lack of comfort I feel when reaching out takes the focus off of my own abilities and puts it where it belongs: in God and His work through me.*
- *The second truth is that the only real way to fail in spreading the truth of God to others is to not bring it up. Sure you might put your foot in your mouth, you might be offensive, but God uses the flawed to bring about perfection through Him. When I fail to bring it up it shows my own timidity instead of power that the spirit has given me. It is also a hint to my own lack of satisfaction in the good news of Christ I profess. When I am satisfied with the care and service that I received by a business or person I tell other people. Being an evangelist is something we begin to naturally bring up when we are satisfied customers.*

A few months after attending the Go and Tell seminar I had the opportunity to go and teach in Africa for a semester. By this time I was already in the habit of bringing up the gospel to most people that I encountered. Something changed in me over those past few months, rather

than seeing sharing Christ with people as a duty, it now was clear it was the most compassionate thing I could do if I actually cared. By using the F.I.R.E which was taught in the seminar as a launching point, I started to see them as people instead of tasks. I just wanted to love them and the best way I could do that is to bring Christ around them in some way. Time after time as I witnessed for God to others I saw people's faces fall as we talked about their sin before a holy God. As these people received Christ I felt the joy in what it meant to truly live. Our calling and mission is to make disciples and teach them in turn to make disciples. This is one of the key components to following Christ. I strongly encourage you to take some time out of your schedule and allow yourself to be reoriented or refined by the Go and Tell seminar. The tools and perspectives will help prepare you to embrace Christ's mission for your life as His disciple." Phil

Since 2010 **Community CRC** has partnered with an African American Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana called **Latter Rain Ministries. LRM** took the **Go and Tell seminar** in the spring and here is a testimonial from their **Pastor, Bishop Reginald Blackmon**: *"I am a Bishop with my organization; I've been in ministry for over 20 years and have planted four churches personally plus helped other church planters over the years. I would have to say that, "Go and Tell" is the most thorough teaching on evangelism that I've attended. Pastor Jim does an excellent job in motivating and instructing the believer in the importance of evangelism. His simple but efficient approach of sharing the gospel while using the Heidelberg Catechism is incredible. As a matter of fact, I've taken it twice and the second time was just for pleasure. The churches that I oversee have effectively used this tool of evangelism and have witnessed firsthand its usefulness. I can guarantee that if you and or your church take this seminar you will see a rise in the sharing of the gospel in your life and the life of your church. The name says it all, "Go and Tell" it's the way to fulfill the Great Commission and Great Commandment of Christ using the tools that we all know and love. Thank you Pastor Jim for your dedication to the gospel and may His blessings are upon you and your congregation as you do His will. @ His Disposal Bishop Blackmon"*

Go and Tell Webinar Testimonials:

"I'm grateful to Jim Halstead for sharing his "Go and Tell" presentation. Jim clearly has a passion for sharing the good news with the lost. I will be sharing my seminar notes with my Council and with my Outreach Committee."

"I rejoice that the Fort Wayne church is so committed to evangelism! That fact tempers any criticism I can think of regarding presentation of the Gospel. May our Lord continue to bless the pastor, council and congregation. And may the rest of the CRC be so bold as to design creative ways to reach our neighborhoods and cities with the Good News!!!"

Go and Tell evangelism seminar testimonial from a youth pastor in Fort Wayne: *"Hey Jim, just wanted to let you know that I presented **Go and Tell** with my junior high missions team a*

few weeks ago. One student got saved, and has shown a remarkable turnaround in her life. Then each of the students, seventh and eighth graders, shared it with at least one stranger last week in Louisville.”

The *Go and Tell* video testimonials are located at:

(See video testimonial at: <http://fortwaynecrc.com/go-and-tell-overview/testimonials/>)

Go and Tell seminar is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19) based on the Heidelberg Catechism. ***Go and Tell*** evangelism seminar is **free online** and includes videos, audio, booklet, and additional free resources. **To access *Go and Tell*** free online go to www.fortwaynecrc.com and Click on the ***Go and Tell*** tab.

For more information on how to host a ***Go and Tell Evangelism Seminar***:

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