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Vision Challenge:

Opportunity Seldom Knocks Twice

the work of this free salvation at the is given as much is will be accounted for. divinely destined time.

skills as they develop yet not that this young waiter had committed compromising on the timeless word. suicide. If only opportunity had knocked And in every age God has placed this once more! burden upon the hearts of men and women to innovate and be creative. The spreading of the word has never retarded or ceased in momentum with the changing times as evident from the times of hand written copies, to the printing era, the age of computers and

The book of Acts is filled with examples word processing to the internet and pod of how God creates opportunities and casts. In such a world of opportunities, the the Apostles declare Christ in the power message of Paul in I Corinthians 9:16 of the Holy Spirit. At every opportune where he writes 'Woe is me, If I don't moment, be it running along side a preach the Gospel is a call reminding chariot, or on the way to the temple or every believer that there is no excuse to even at the altar of the unknown God, not share the Gospel. Every Christian who the book of Acts reminds us that the claims access to the heavenly places is a preaching of the Gospel is not limited to missionary called to the service of the a time or season. It is the Spirit that Gospel. To each of us is a given a measure enables every willing heart to proclaim of talent, skill and opportunity and as much

D. L. Moody recalls a journey on a ship It has not always been that the Gospel when he came across a waiter on a ship was preached from the pulpit. Through who looked depressed. Moody was the ages the harvest has been gathered burdened to talk and he resisted this call in ways beyond our understanding. God all night wrestling in bed and trying hard in has enabled his faithful ministers to vain to sleep. The following day early in the adapt with time using technologies and morning, he heard to his horror and guilt





MISSION CHALLENGE: iShareministries Technology at Work in

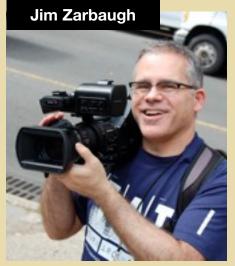
the Harvest Field

While preparing for a mission trip to Eastern Europe, a group of youngsters were faced with a dilemma. They had a message to communicate but there was a language barrier. The students on the mission trip could speak only English and couldn't communicate in the different languages used in these countries.

Realizing the need for a medium that could get past such language barriers and at the same time, present the gospel in a personalized manner, Shawn Callandar approached his friend Jim Zarbaugh with the idea of a video tract.

Jim came up with the concept and both of them worked on the script together. Thus was born iShare Ministries, with a vision to share the gospel in every language using new technologies.

Jim, who is the creative genius behind iShare Ministries has always had a heart for ministry. Even as a child growing up in a home to parents who were unbelievers, he identified with many youngsters who were quietly seeking an answer to their spiritual hunger. Eventually he was



led to the Lord and today he is involved in full time ministry using the talents that God has blessed him with, for the furthering of the gospel.

Till date, iShare Ministries has released digital gospel tracts in ten languages and they are currently working on the translation of their eleventh tract which is in Farsi. All these are available for free download at www.iShareministries.org.

iShare was developed to equip God's people with a tool to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The number one concern when going on a mission trip is "How am I going to witness to someone when I do not speak their language?"

iShare uses video iPods or any media playing device to show a short 3-4 minute Gospel video presentation. People are able to hear the Gospel in their own language while watching a video Gospel presentation. The presentation is actually an animation consisting of simple cartoons by Jim.

The ministry is driven by the realization that God has called each of us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "i" am the only one that can share with my friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances that God brings into my life.

The founders are now working on a mobile application to extend the reach of the ministry.

During the initial years, there were many doubts but over the years, Jim and Shawn along with their partners in this ministry have realized that God brings great returns even from the littlest sincere effort.

V2M takes this opportunity to thank Jim for taking time out to speak to us.

WHAT CAN I DO? iShare in YOUR language

iShareministries.org is looking for passionate believers who speak a language as their native tongue and who have the ability to make a quality recording of the iShare script.

If you are burdened to have the iShare digital tract translated into your language, Shawn and Jim would love to hear from you.

Shawn using iShare in Tijuana









