



John Volinsky

Sr. Director, Church Relations



John served 20 years in the ministry before joining World Vision in 2008 as senior director of church relations. He tells an amazing story of what happened when his own congregation reached out to the poor.

He was serving as a Creative Arts/Teaching pastor for one of the nation's top 25 influential churches, near Sacramento, California. The church faced a debt of \$10 million for a new building. As the leadership team planned a fund-raising campaign, they considered giving away a portion of the money to help the poor, maybe 5 percent, or even 7 percent. After praying about it, the senior pastor said he thought they should give away 50 percent.

John says, "It caused a major revival in our church." They hoped to raise \$12 million and ended up raising more than \$19 million. Besides the outpouring of generosity, many people accepted Christ and weekly church attendance grew to more than 10,000.

John says, "When you begin to live out the heart of the Gospel and what Jesus calls us to do, it just does amazing things within the heart of a congregation." He felt God wanted him to share what he learned with churches around the country. He joined the staff of World Vision where he is now connecting churches in the U.S. with World Vision's work helping the children and their families overcome poverty in nearly 100 countries.

He also continues to serve as an adjunct professor at Western Seminary in Sacramento.



John felt called to the ministry during high school and always had an interest in missions. He earned a Masters in Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and then went into church planting work in the U.S.



He offers a wide range of speaking topics, such as marriage and family relationships, discipleship, church renewal and consulting, and his own experiences as the father of an autistic child and what to do when life doesn't turn out like you planned. He also enjoys looking at the parable of the talents and "how to get people involved in using what God's given you to make a difference in the world."

John says, "My goal is to create a revolution where the church really begins to live out the values that Christ calls us to live out. And when we do that, the world will see and be changed because of it."

*John Volinsky is based in the Sacramento, CA area.*

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