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experience

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT | Erik Willits Ministries Inc., Nashville, TN | 2007 - present
I led and organized the ministry in attaining 501 (C)3 status. I assembled the ministry board and advisory team. Currently I plan and run an annual meeting and cast vision for ministry-led initiatives. I also manage finances as well as raise support and work with donors.

EVANGELIST / EVENT SPEAKER | 1999 - 2002 (part-time) 2002 - Present (full-time)
My primary role is to communicate the Gospel in relevant, life-changing ways, with an emphasis in college / young adult and student ministry events. As an independent minister, on top of speaking duties I also manage booking, administration and organize all other aspects of ministry.

Current Involvement & Initiatives

- The Loop Nashville | speaker guy.
A citywide non-denominational young adult gathering.
- Revolutionary Thoughts :: 89.1 WNAZ.
These devotional spots are played daily on Christian radio in Nashville TN.
- iLiveLove | ministry initiative.
A ministry initiative that exists to tell stories, stir imagination, and enable action. ilivelove.com will launch in 2010.

STUDENT MINISTRIES PASTOR | St. James UMC, Montgomery, AL | May 03 - Dec. 03
I facilitated a student ministry with two paid staff, as well as interns and volunteers under my leadership. This was an interim position and on entering a ministry that had been without a student ministries pastor, I started with 10 - 15 students. When my time ended, 50+ students were involved and being disciplined. Students were involved in large group events, weekly bible study, accountability groups, mission and service projects and other special events, bringing the student ministry in line with a growing church community of 1000+. I served until a full-time student ministry pastor was hired.

STUDENT MINISTER | 1st Church of the Nazarene, Terre Haute, IN | March & April 2002
As a ministry student in college, I was placed in a church for two months to learn all aspects of the church and its functions. My placement afforded me the opportunity to be in a midsize church (300-400) and learn hospital calls, worship planning and many other details of local church ministry.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER | College Church, Bourbonnais, IL | 2000 - 2001
My first year in the LTC program, I served as the Sr. High student ministry assistant, assisting with administration and small group leadership teams. In my 2nd year, I served on the Evangelism and New Service. My gifts of vision and administration were utilized in starting a new service focused more on evangelism. This was an incredible opportunity to be involved in a large congregation (1,500+).

CAMPUS MINISTRY | Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL | 1999 - 2001
I was one of three students leading and developing leaders to facilitate a weekly college campus worship experience. I played a key role in growing the ministry from an average 50-75 college students per week to 200+ students per week.

CAMPUS LIFE DIRECTOR - YFC | Create-Monee High School, Crete, IL | 2001 - 2002
This was a staff position with Youth For Christ, a para-church organization. I was in charge of establishing a ministry in a new south suburban Chicago school with little previous groundwork. In this school of 2,000, I was in charge of establishing a regular monthly meeting time and a leadership team for the ministry. My responsibilities also included establishing community connections with public school administration, community church leaders and community business people.

affiliations

Luis Palau Association | 2008 - present

Member of the Next Generation Alliance
Featured Evangelist

Cross Style International Ministries | 2002 - 2006

Youth evangelist

education

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

B.S. in Religion & Christian Ministry | 2002

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Masters of Arts in Religion | 2003-2004

references

Brad Goode | associate pastor of college & young adult ministries

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