

Kingdom Potential

Ricky Ryan decided to participate in *The Master's*



Program after watching multiple men from his church greatly impacted by their time spent in the program. Senior pastor of Calvary Chapel, Santa Barbara, Ricky was intrigued to see “men with amazing potential for the kingdom” ministered to by *The*

Master's Program. Ricky saw the sessions motivating these men “to be about the business of God” and quickly realized the potential of going through the program alongside men from his church.

The results had such an outstanding effect on his relationships with the men in his congregation, and with the vision of the church as a whole, that Ricky is now challenging fellow pastors to participate in the process with their churches. As a pastor, *The Master's Program* gave him common ground with men in his church. Participating in the sessions together allowed him to dialogue and pray and dream with them.

Throughout the sessions, Ricky experienced the equipping of Kingdom entrepreneurs and felt challenged to make room for these men within his congregation, Ricky realized the need to rethink the way he “did” church and the opportunities given to the people within his congregation. He began to see that there were people in his own church with amazing talent and resources and potential, that had not previously been offered a platform to work from.

Empowering Others to Minister

When Ricky began to give space for these men to minister within his church, the results were excep-

tional. Hearing the passion of these men, and plugging them into the life of the church immediately produced amazing fruit in the life of the church. Throughout this process, existing events at the church were enhanced. One fellow *Master's* graduate and church member, John Schuck, was invited to participate with the existing Easter service that served as an outreach to the city of Santa Barbara. John's vision and strategic planning allowed the Easter service to grow from reaching 2,000 people to 6,000 people within 3 years. Ricky was also able to bring in another *Master's* graduate, Jeff Stone, to bring his vision to the Halloween outreach event to the community.

Dreaming Bigger

“A great thing as a pastor is to see ministry generated in the hearts of the people in the church,” says Ricky Ryan. When a group of *Master's* graduates from the church heard about Acres of Love at a *Barnabas Group* meeting, they came together and dreamt big for their church. Today, the church is in the process of opening their second home for the organization that reaches out to AIDS orphans in South Africa. Without impacting the church budget, this group of men from the church had a vision that was even bigger than the vision Ricky would have had for their church. These men are now taking the model used to sponsor and build homes for Acres of Love and are sharing it with other Calvary Chapel churches, in order to produce greater results for the ministry toward AIDS orphans.

This Revolutionary saw an incredible opportunity to empower lay members of his congregation to use their gifts discovered through *The Master's Program* in order to impact their church, their community, and the Kingdom!

Ricky and his wife, Linda, live in Santa Barbara with their two teenage daughters.

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