

Finding Your Niche in Resort Ministry

Golf Ministry

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My ministry proves that you do not need to be an expert or professional at the area you are passionate about.

In 1993 while returning from the ARLM meeting in the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. I began to think about the vast number of people who play the game of golf. Most like me are at best just a little below average at the game. But most golfers like many leisure people are very passionate about playing the game they love.

With thousands of Christian playing golf and many thousands who are not Christians, God opened my heart to the need to reach those people though those who are Christians.

Having the experience in the Resort/Leisure Ministries serving at that time as the Director for NC Baptist I just began to pray and develop a plan to assist golfers to share their faith every time they play the game. Know that most people are not as open about sharing their faith we tried to develop a system that would allow for relational conversation to share the message of Christ.

Soon the North Carolina Christian Golfers Ministry was founded and since 1996 it has been know as Christian Golfers Ministry reaching people in 41 states and 3 foreign mission fields. The ministry has been run for its entire existence by Volunteers and member partners who carry out the ministry on golf course across the world. 489 hits to our "How to become a Christian" link on the web site www.golfministry.com where you can also go to find information on how the ministry really works, read our mission and plan of ministry. You can also find links there as to how to inspire people to passion in church to R/L ministry in the module "how your church can be involved in Resort/Leisure Ministry" and links to many other ministries of passion and personal interest.

The ministry now includes not only the efforts of the individual average member/partners but also outreach efforts of church and groups of golfers working together to provide ministry to golf courses and golfing areas. Through prayer and relationship building and chaplaincy. Sending mission dollars to many different outreaches at a rate of \$2000 (avg.) per year.

Look at the things you love to do most and there you will find a way God can really use you in a mighty way!