

Dear Friend of the Kingdom,

Thank you for being willing to share this pioneering documentary film project with people.

To better understand why I am looking for financial advocates in this film documentary, I am taking the liberty to share, personally, how such relationships have allowed the Lord to achieve some remarkable outcomes in the past (in all cases, senior leaders had said the outcome was not possible):

1. **Cycling Club Growth:** When I was a young officer doing compulsory military service in South Africa, the most senior ranking officer of Natal state (province), Brigadier Pretorius, agreed to become Patron of the 6-member Cycling and Triathlon club that I led. In a year, the club had created a national footmark and had hosted a public cycling race in the city of Durban, involving the Army, Navy, Airforce and the Mazda Corporation. Professional models gave out prizes, including a vacation to the Island of Mauritius, and it was reported in the main city paper.
2. **Factory Productivity Growth:** As an engineering management trainee working for a multinational corporation in Lisbon, Portugal, the CEO agreed to advocate for my two projects to: a) implement factory-wide Total Quality Management, and b) improve the productivity of the main production line. In eight months, while facing imminent closure, the productivity improved 30% and the Business Unit Manager for Western Europe told me that no prior CEO's tenure in Portugal had achieved what my team did in eight months.
3. **Crime Reduction in Pasadena:** A senior pastor interested in mobilizing prayer in the city agreed to advocate for my citywide 24-7 prayer mobilizing efforts, resulting in many churches being blessed by the increased fervor of congregational members and new converts. The acting city police chief publicly thanked the Church for their prayers, requesting more prayer because of the drop in crime and several miraculous incidents his police had experienced.
4. **Pioneering PhD on Prayer and Social Transformation:** A respected Missions professor agreed to advocate for me after I had failed my midterm exams, resulting in: the creation of a new doctoral committee, the salvaging of my existing missions research, and the creation of a pioneering missions doctorate which introduced to academia, for the first time, the notion that prayer was central to Kingdom advance (the view of Dr. CP Wagner, my external reader).

We moved as a family to Redding, Northern California in May 2016, and it has been a joy to discover so much enthusiasm to seek Kingdom-led transformation in the city. We attend Bethel Church, and it has felt very much like coming "home."

The last year I've had the privilege of participating in discipleship multiplication efforts in Redding and finding out the "lay-of-the-land" to complement existing efforts to transform the city.

We believe this film project is one of the best ways we can help existing efforts to realize social transformation that reflects the Kingdom of God, both in Redding and elsewhere.

Many blessings,



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