





# **WINNING OUR WORLD** *Bringing Hope to People in Need*

## IMAGINE ...

Standing in the most needy areas of our city, surrounded by desperate, hopeless people and seeing it transformed into a place of peace and joy, filled with people of hope and destiny! This is how the power of God works through Stephen and Linda Tavani in their incredible outreaches called WOW JAM.

The Strategy is simple. Mobilize local volunteers, churches, businesses and organizations to help throw a party complete with a free barbecue, music, drama, games and prizes. Love people in practical ways like giving away groceries, providing haircuts, repairing a child's bicycle, taking family photos, and rocking a baby to sleep. Then, share with those people that God loves them personally, and has a distinct purpose for their life!

## RESULTS...

*In 21 Years.....*



- Over 1,250,000 people have attended!
- 1,195,045 people received a free meal!
- 22,942 free haircuts!     • 34,180 bikes repaired!
- 62,836 plants given away!
- 24,059 family photos delivered!
- 123,180 volunteers mobilized!
- 2,150 interns trained!
- 82 cities and 13 countries ministered to!
- **438,970 salvations!**

## THE FOUNDERS...

Stephen, a Wheaton College graduate, is emerging as an extraordinary communicator and a profound visionary for evangelism. He has been involved in music, preaching and urban ministry since a young child. His successful songwriting and producer credits for talents such as Smokey Robinson lead him to meet his future wife, Linda, who sold over nine million records as "Peaches" in the multi-platinum group "Peaches and Herb" with their smash hit "Reunited". Linda's phenomenal voice, linked with her distinctive magnetism, is a perfect companion to Stephen's powerful singing and passionate preaching. Their Gospel albums have not only had chart-topping success in radio stations all over the world, but the anointed music has touched thousands of lives.



Their fresh and creative urban evangelism not only has direct evangelistic effectiveness, but also benefits the greater church through modeling innovative approaches and providing practical training and opportunities. Stephen and Linda build relationships among churches in cities that often continue beyond shared sponsorships of WOW JAMS, and help new churches effectively launch with an influx of new believers. Together, with their love for Jesus, they are an amazing couple reaching today's world with life changing results.

## FOLLOW UP...

At each event, local church workers give every new believer a Bible, wristband, letter from a local pastor with contact info, and are urged to pray, read their Bible, go to church and be baptized. They are prayed with for any needs they may have. Salvation information cards are filled out and given to local pastors for follow-up. A water baptism ends the outreach week with bus transportation and lunch and towels provided; converts are encouraged to bring family/friends as the salvation message is given again and even more accept Jesus!

All are baptized by local pastors that day, then the local church has a family-style event within 2 weeks, promoted at the WOW JAM/baptism. Churches phone each new convert within 2 days of the event and visit their homes to develop relationship and discipleship. There is also delivery of family photos, which were taken at the WOWJAM, to homes within 21 days. Each church has its own discipleship class for new believers.



## TRAINING...



The Goal is to ignite laity for evangelism and better prepare those in full time ministry to impact their world for Jesus. While the focus is on reaching the urban poor, the principles learned can be applied to all areas of ministry. All workers at WOW JAMS are trained in each city. Much deeper and detailed training takes place at the 10-day intensive WOW MISSION WEEKS held in New Orleans and Los Angeles each year. All ages are welcome. Each morning there is worship, special speakers and practical training on how to reach the inner city. That afternoon, the interns use what they just learned by serving 4,000 people at the WOW JAM. Mission Week participants from around the country represent many denominations and colleges including Life Pacific College, Pacific Rim College, Pepperdine, Kentucky State, Tulane University and Case Western..

## WOW 2013...

WOW will minister to 80,000 people in 14 cities by mobilizing 4,000 local workers to serve in 14 WOW JAM outreaches in the inner cities resulting in 7,000 salvations. There will be WOW Mission Weeks in Los Angeles and New Orleans with 200 interns. With new discipleship/witnessing training and commitment in place, another 10,000 people will be reached with 3,000 salvations during the year by the workers and interns. **The total reached in 2013 with the gospel will be 80,000 with 10,000 salvations.**

## THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN...

The Five Year Plan consists of developing relationships with churches, organizations, corporations, community and denomination leaders to participate in "Day of Salvation" where outreaches are held on the same day by churches all across the country. This plan has a potential to reach 25 million people with the gospel, mobilize and train 254,000 workers resulting in 5 million salvations and planting 300 new churches.

## NEEDS...

1. Design strategic marketing to involve more corporations, churches, sports teams, colleges and community organizations in the WOW JAMS and follow up in planting churches.
2. Develop the Mission Weeks where over 4,000 interns have participated in learning WOW- developed principles in evangelism and taking it back home and doing it.
3. Join team to build financial base and increase capacity to implement Five Year Plan called "Day of Salvation".

## **Endorsements**

***“Stephen and Linda Tavani are missionary-heroes of this generation! Their passion for the lost and the way God grants them exploits of spiritual triumph are as moving to witness and as dramatic to hear of as any great missionary accounts from history. Our urban centers, rife with gangs, drugs, and broken lives, are as hopeless as India was before Carey, or China before Judson. But God, now as then, is raising up a gifted, dynamic, self-sacrificing new breed to penetrate the darkness and desperation in our cities, and the Tavani’s are pointing the way.”***

Dr. Jack Hayford , Founder & President, King’s College

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***“Coca-Cola Consolidated is honored to be a part of WOW JAM and its goal to reach individuals and communities for God! It is a blessing to see people of different backgrounds peacefully come together and experience hope. We are already looking forward to what God will do next year!”***

Morgan Everett  
Stewardship Coordinator, Coca-Cola bottling Co., Charlotte, North Carolina

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***“Their outreaches are fast paced, without breaking down on issues or talking down to the people. Relate to these people. Connect with the soul. Minister to the spirit. I can think of no better way to describe the life and ministry of Stephen and Linda Tavani. Their ability to reach people where they are through this innovative style has proven to be effective, not just once, but year after year after year....”***

Pastor Bill Wilson, Metro Ministries, Brooklyn, New York

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***“I was honored to participate in the WOW JAMs. I came as a representative of the State of Louisiana to work the event as an outreach opportunity to educate the public on the many free and low-cost health insurance programs available. WOW came into the area, not just feeding the bodies of people, but also the minds and souls. I was so impressed that I plan to attend representing LAChip whenever possible.”***

Vanessa Simmons, Region 3-LAChip, Outreach Coordinator

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***“Attending a Wow Jam event in the inner city is a life-changing experience. Supporting the Tavani’s ministry is an investment of eternal significance to the people who attend. This ministry changes the lives of people who society has forgotten or just looks the other way. To the people who attend that face so many of life’s challenges, it provides hope for the first time of a better life through a relationship with Jesus Christ.”***

Bruce Dow, CEO, Screen Actors Guild Pension Plan

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***“After my time here, I feel like the disciples in their amazement after they spent a day with Jesus. I never encountered a bad attitude on our team or among the WOW volunteers. I want to thank the pastors and steering committee for this opportunity.”***

Dr. Robert Flores-Life Pacific College President

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***“During WOW Jam week in March of 2010, it was our privilege to have college students from Life Pacific College serve as interns for WOW. We provided space for them to have classes, meals, and other training events here at our church. It was such a joy to have them here, to watch their growth during the week, and to hear their comments. We heard things from “The food is so good down here” to “I was scared to talk to them at first” to “This was the best week of my life”. The changes, the learning, the ministry, and the love the kids received and gave out made this one of the best WOW Jams we have ever had. The interns added a new dimension for our area. That dimension was the forever experience the interns received through the WOW training, then immediately being able to put it into action at the WOW itself. The result was both a powerful heartfelt impact in the neighborhoods where we ministered and the forever experience in the life of each intern. It was phenomenal and we are ready to do it all over again”.***

James J. Autry, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Christian Center

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***“A lady who received a plant was very moved because she’s never had a plant. A different woman asked why we were putting out all this effort, to which I responded, “We just wanted to show love.” “Well, my grand-babies are having a ball!” came her response.”***

Bethany (Life Pacific Student)