

Dear Pastor:

My life's ministry is to help children and youth with choices—to encourage them to build a closer working relationship with Jesus Christ. The LORD has been molding me for this ministry ever since I surrendered my life to him in a prison cell 35-years ago. It has been an amazing journey, from discovering hope in God because He first loved me, to becoming an honor inmate and chief engineer of an inmate fire crew, of driving a fire engine to save lives, to earning a lifesaving award from President Ronald Reagan just one year out of prison, then being hired by Captain Cousteau as his expedition leader and chief diver launching me into five-year odyssey of underwater adventures. When I became an SDA in 1993, I resigned the job of my childhood dreams to fulfill my promise to the LORD to help others not to make life damaging mistakes and to share a message of "Hope That Never Surrenders," because that hope is founded in Jesus Christ, the Indwelling Holy Spirit, and in our always loving Holy Father.



Hope in God is the answer to saving children, youths, young adults and families. The church service, I am offering to share at your church can be viewed by going to YouTube and type in "Hope That Never Surrenders," it has had 3,300+ views, 113 shares, 131 likes, and 48 comments. This sermon gives people hope. It is the most Christ focused program I have ever done. I have been speaking in the LORD's House for over 25-years and have matured as a speaker. The gift God gave me is to be a story teller that attracts the attention of children and youth as well as adults because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

My youth Sabbath school is gently educational regarding the hazards of how legalized marijuana, vaping, synthetic drugs, and opioids that are impacting youth and families and what they need to know. I show how a close working relationship with Jesus Christ is our best defense for making right choices.

To prove how impactful I am with youth, in the last three months, I have spoken to public schools in five counties in Northern and Central California. Here is what the County Educational Leaders thought of my programs.

In Calaveras County, I spoke in a classroom to all of Mark Twain Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> graders (6 periods). This is what the overseeing teacher, Ms. June Perry, submitted to the County TUPE Coordinator as my performance evaluation:

- *"Students were totally involved in the presentation, videos, and slide show"*
- *"Super positive message"*
- *"Students truly enjoyed and learned from this program"*
- *"Highly recommend it to more schools in Calaveras County"*

I use my Cousteau adventures to motivate youth to pursue their dreams through study, a commitment to be the best, and to take care of their health regarding the choices they make. I refer to our minds and bodies as our "Adventure machines."

*"Stephen Arrington's message to young people comes straight from the heart. He cares about them and they feel his sincerity. His story is one of hope, second chances, adventure and heroism. The hardest part was fitting his message into the time allotted!"* Ann Hill, TUPE Coordinator Trinity County.

As a public-school speaker, I have a sincere responsibility to make sure my programs are uplifting and motivational while sharing sensitive drug education issues. A student's parents might be using medical marijuana or could be recreational marijuana growers. That means my message needs to focus on the known impact of marijuana on young, developing minds and bodies—and not be judgmental.

I share how vaping “just water” damages lungs because the heating elements can shed nano-sized toxic particles of tin, lead and cadmium from the E-cigarette’s heating element into the lungs and then into the blood stream. Also, that most flavorings for E-cigarettes maybe FDA approved for the digestive track, however when heated and inhaled into the respiratory track they become toxic.

*"Stephen Arrington's message of "If you make a mistake, it does not mean you are a mistake" was a captivating message that resonated with students. No matter what the mistake, they can pick themselves up and continue towards their dreams. Powerful message."* De Funk, TUPE Coordinator, Modoc County Schools

*"Siskiyou County Probation invited Stephen Arrington to speak at our first Resource Fair for kids and parents of our truant youths, and our Adult Probation and Parole Resource Fair. Arrington was insightful and appropriate with his message and reached all our age groups. I received positive feedback from those who attended- many felt hope and encouragement from his message."* Officer Charmain Mortenson, Siskiyou County

My job is to inspire students and to motivate them towards achievement despite obstacles. My theme is, “With dreams begins responsibility,” and “Hope that never surrenders.”

*"Amazing, Steve came to one of our high schools and brought along a TV crew, doing a story on him. As usual he had the students spellbound during his entire Presentation. He has added new information in his presentation regarding the hazards of vaping and for recreational marijuana. As usual, several of the students stayed after the presentation to ask Steve private questions, or to tell him their story that relates to his talk. What an inspiration"* Bruce Mulligan, TUPE Coordinator Plumas County. Video of the North State Action News Story that Mr. Mulligan is referring to can be found at [www.drugsbite.com](http://www.drugsbite.com).

I have now spoken at over 3,500 public school assemblies in 49 states. It is why President Barack Obama gave me a full and unconditional pardon on his last day in office. There is literally a ground swell of interest in my public-school programs that is sweeping across Northern and Central California for this fall’s public-school assemblies. As such, I should be reaching as many of our SDA youth and families as possible, which is why I am knocking on your door.

Thank you for your time, may the LORD richly bless you and yours,



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