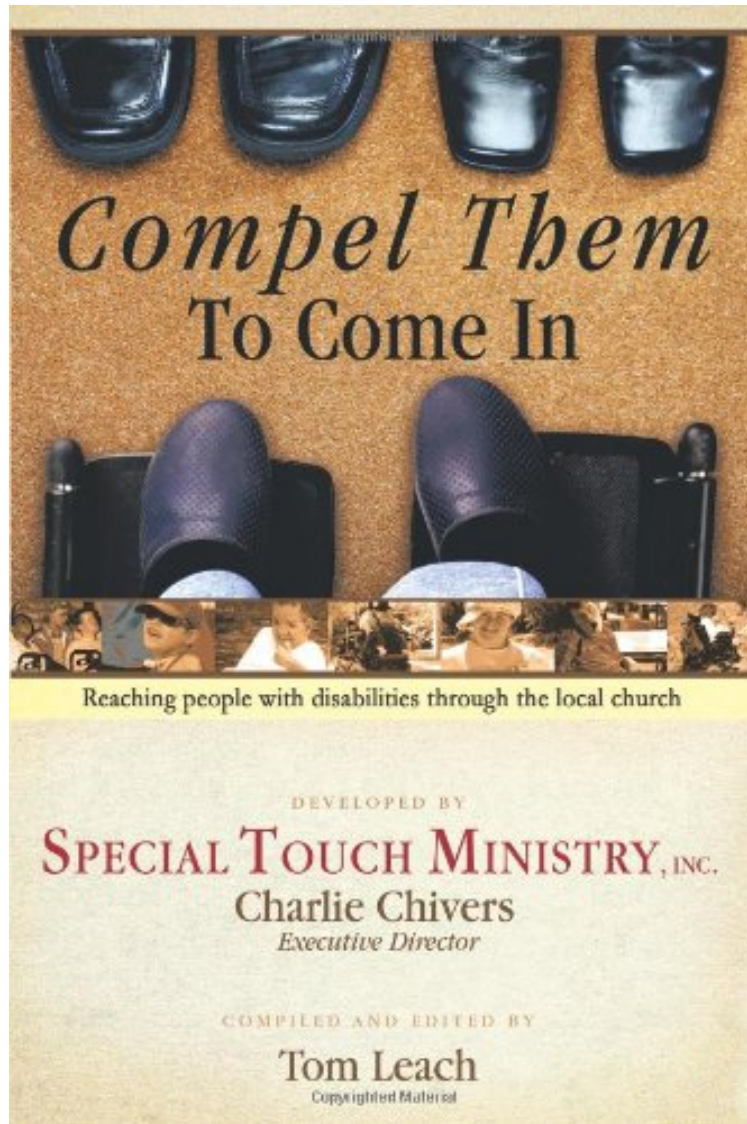


Compel Them To Come In: Reaching People with Disabilities through the Local Church

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Charlie Chivers : Compel Them To Come In: Reaching People with Disabilities through the Local Church before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Compel Them To Come In: Reaching People with Disabilities through the Local Church:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From Personal ExperienceBy PlainLeeNoOne152Since I personally know Charlie and Debbie Chivers and Gayle Leach, and I knew the late Tom Leach, some may think I am biased, but

I came to know them through Special Touch. I have a disability myself and I was on the committee that brought the first Special Touch Summer Getaway to Kentucky. I've attended 13 out of 17 Kentucky Getaways either as a guest or, once, as a staff member. I missed THE Kentucky Getaway last year only because I chose to attend the first Ohio Getaway with a friend and I couldn't afford both. I recently read a critical review, but he obviously missed the point of the book. There's more to ministering to people with disabilities than telling a Bible Story on a simpler level or having a ramp to the front door. Someone has said, "They won't care how much you know until they know how much you care." This is especially true of people with disabilities and their families. Too many of us have been forgotten, neglected, and excluded from the local churches because people don't want to bother to become involved in the harsh realities of our lives. Charlie, Tom and Gayle have ministered to people with disabilities by meeting us where we are in life and showing us the real love of God by not being afraid of a little extra work, time and understanding. Tom and Charlie and (Gayle as a contributor of a chapter) show you the nuts and bolts of effectively (not haphazardly) reaching out to people with disabilities and compelling them to come into the kingdom of God. This is a "must read" for anyone thinking of really reaching people with disabilities.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not GreatBy BBI am an M. Div. student in my final semester with undergrad degree in Special Education. I had the opportunity to design my own class where I focused on Disability theology and empowering churches in ministry to individuals with disabilities. This was the final book I read as a part of my study and I must say I was let down by it. The theology is not rounded out and it is interpreted out of context. As they state that all ministry should be supported through scripture you would think they would look at the context of the passage and not make sweeping statements. After earlier stating that using the "r"-word is not pc, they use it to describe a church that is not actively seeking to find places for individuals with disabilities in their congregation. On page 25, they state: "Disability ministry is a 'last days ministry,' and salvation is a limited time offer." In this, they are relying on fear-based approaches to draw people into ministry to people with disabilities and drawing a picture that individuals with disabilities are somehow the last people who should be ministered to. Having said that, there were a few valuable insights in the book but ultimately I would pass on it. Erik W. Carter wrote "Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities" which gives a good guide for churches and peoples interested in entering into ministry with disability ministries. For more theology, look at Stephanie Hubachs "Same Lake, Different Boat"

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. WOW!!By Sylvia TaylorThis book is awesome and inspiring. I wish everyone who ever cared about anyone could read it. It is great.

One out of every five Americans lives with the daily challenges of some form of disability. Eighty percent of this group has no home church home to call their own. For twenty-eight years Special Touch Ministry has served the spiritual and felt needs of thousands of people with physical and intellectual disabilities across the nation. In addition to direct ministry through the Summer Get Away vacation/retreat program and local chapter support groups, its representatives have taught at numerous churches and conferences on vital issues related to disability awareness, advocacy and ministry across the country. Now Special Touch presents a tool to help local pastors and congregations touch the lives of people with disabilities in their communities. *Compel Them to Come In: Reaching People with Disabilities through the Local Church* is both a disability ministry conference between two covers and a journey into the world of disability as seen through those who live there. At the heart of the book is the premise that every person, regardless of their condition or disability deserves a presentation of the gospel at their level of understanding. *Compel Them to Come In* presents discussions on the following topics: The Biblical foundation and mandate for disability ministry How churches can start an outreach to people with disabilities in their community A Biblical strategy for evangelism How to Present a Disability Awareness Sunday Including Students with Special Needs in your Sunday School Whosoever Will May Come: People with Intellectual Disabilities and Worship Understanding the Unique Needs of People with Mild Intellectual Disabilities Inside the Prison Bars of Physical Disability The Crisis and the Covenant: Physical Disability and Marriage Making the Cross Accessible to the Blind and the Vision Impaired With much more to everyone with an accessible heart and a desire to make a difference on an adventure of a lifetime!

About the Author Special Touch Ministry has fielded a team of its most experienced communicators and teachers to write *Compel Them to Come In*. Editor and lead writer Tom Leach has had a lifetime of personal experience with physical disabilities. He was born with mild Cerebral Palsy and at the age of twenty-five a car wreck left him paralyzed from the chest down as a C-6, 7 quadriplegic. His understanding of these conditions has served him well in connecting with audiences through his speaking and writing. In addition he has had eighteen years experience in specialized ministry to those with mild intellectual disabilities. Among his writing credits is the Word Walk Bible curriculum. This is his second book. Tom's wife Gayle combines twenty-six years of caregiving experience with thirty years of ministry as a missionary, teacher, pastor's wife, and speaker. Over nearly thirty years Special Touch President, founder, and nationally appointed missionary Charlie Chivers has invested thousands of hours in ministering and teaching in front of audiences, preaching the gospel and speaking on the subjects of disability ministry, advocacy and awareness. Charlie and his wife and co-founder Debbie have committed their lives to the development and implementation of a comprehensive vision of service, support and spiritual influence among people with disabilities

and their families. Under their leadership, Special Touch Ministry has grown from concept to reality as a national organization, ministering to thousands within the disability community every year. Their passion and influence among people with disabilities has led many to discover their own calling to disability ministry, both full and part time, and has paved the way for hundreds to come to know Christ. They also personally coordinate the Wisconsin Special Touch Summer Get Away. Nationally appointed Special Touch missionary Larry Campbell is acknowledged nationwide and across