



Dear Ministry Partner,

Last week was Shark Week on the Discovery Channel. One story in particular caught our attention. A man who says he was BLESSED by a bite from a 12 foot tiger shark. Todd Murashige, Hawaii Surfing State Champion, lived 15 minutes away from a popular surfing beach in Hawaii. Todd admits he was addicted to surfing. Every evening he sacrificed time with his family to be out on the ocean riding waves. One evening his surfing routine and the tiger shark feeding schedule collided. As he sat waiting for a wave, a tiger shark sunk its teeth into his leg and would not let go. After struggling a few moments, Todd was able to free his leg from the sharks mouth. He quickly paddled to shore only to realize a large part of his thigh muscle was missing and he was bleeding severely. Thankfully there was another surfer nearby who ran to help Todd and called 911. Todd gathered enough strength to make a phone call to his wife. He told her, "I love you!" His wife realized quickly that he was hurt and he was calling to say "Goodbye".

Doctors who treated Todd said he was lucky to be alive, but said he would never walk or surf again. In the 2 months that followed the shark bite, Todd did a lot of thinking and praying. He realized how much he had neglected his family and how he was putting surfing as the first priority in his life. Todd decided to make a real life change by spending more time with his family and also going back to church to strengthen his relationship with God. Todd believes that God used the shark bite as a wake up call and His wife and children enjoy the change!



Praises and Prayers

- **Praise** that Jennifer has finished her ministry position at St. Paul's on a high note with a very successful Vacation Bible School, 120 children participated and over 50 volunteers helped. Praise God!!
- **Pray** for FamilyLife staff working on LifeReady and The Art of Marriage, the 2 new ministries getting ready to roll out to equip churches to do better marriage and family ministry.
- **Pray** that our family will settle in well at Jennifer's mom's house, and that God will send the right buyer to our house quickly.
- **Pray** that Lucas and Allison will have a great start to the new school year. Lucas is starting Kindergarten and Allison is starting her first year of preschool.
- **Pray** that marriages and families will continue to be transformed through the ministry of FamilyLife.

Today Todd has proved the doctors wrong. He is surfing again, but he only goes to the beach WITH his family.

Although God used a traumatic experience in Todd's life to help him re-organize his priorities and to grow in his faith, many people just need a little reminder to help them check their priorities.



Go to www.familylife.com and click on Newsletters, sign up for the FREE Family Room eNewsletter. Find out how to make the most of your family time and make sure it stays a top priority by providing encouragement delivered to your inbox twice each month. Or check out some of the other eNewsletters available through FamilyLife.

Nathan & Jennifer



Community Events
Heritage Days Parade



Mission Project - 30 Hour Famine



Using Drama to
Teach Biblical Lessons

This month we closed out our ministry with the children and youth of St. Paul's UCC. Jennifer has worked part-time as the Youth Director for the past 6 1/2 years. I (Nathan) have also had the privilege to minister with her through the years.



Mentoring



Summer Mission Trips

We have many great memories and are so thankful to God for calling us to serve St. Paul's and our community!

We pray God will bless our new ministry with FamilyLife as much as He has blessed our ministry at St. Paul's!



Grilling Hot Dogs
For Outreach Event



Fear Factor Games
To Teach Biblical Lessons



The children's reward for reaching a fund raising goal - Slime Jennifer!

