**Game Plan Endorsements**

“It gives me great pleasure to endorse this edition of Dr. Tim Roehl’s Book. Having served with Tim in denominational settings and now as fellow missionaries with One Mission Society, I can say unequivocally that what Tim says he lives. Both our denomination and the mission have experienced significant growth as a result of Dr. Tim’s leadership and guidance. You will find the Game Plan to be a virtual gold mine of material presented in a clear and very readable manner. The small size and the engaging story/case study method of presentation allows the reader to be ushered into this coaching setting and soon swept into wanting to have your own “Bill” coach and make the discoveries and enjoy the experiences that “Tom” is having. And if the reader will thoughtfully and prayerful enter into the exercises on “Coaching Yourself Forward”, he/she will be involved in missional ministry. While this book is written out of Dr. Roehl’s experience and expertise, he shares materials from many other pathfinders and provides a brief selective bibliography of very helpful works at the end of each major section. As good as these are the appendices make the book a resource that you will return to frequently. Dr. Roehl’s desire is to equip and release the reader for missional ministry. I highly commend the book to you regardless of the stage of ministry in which you are involved. Come enjoy the journey to being all God wants you to be.”

--The Rev. Dr. William H Vermillion, PhD

Vice President of Theological Education, One Mission Society (OMS)

Former General Superintendent of the Evangelical Church, 2002-2006

“As a district superintendent, I highly recommend Dr. Tim Roehl’s revised version of “Game Plan: Developing Intentional Missional Ministry”. Dr. Roehl is not only an outstanding coach, he combines effective pastoral and church planting experience with extremely insightful and practical helps for helping pastors lead their congregations in missional ministry. He is a must read for any pastor serious about transforming lives and communities.”

Dr. Aron P. Willis, Wesleyan District Superintendent, IN North

"Reading Tim's updated version of "Game Plan" took me back to my early days of ministry. I was big on vision and small on strategy. Tim came alongside of me then as he does today. He coached me to turn my vision into strategy into reality. He writes as a player/coach having experience on both the field and the sideline."

--D. Keith Dickerson, Pastor of Hope Community Church of Lake Oswego, CEO of the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce

“In *Game Plan*, Tim Roehl, has masterfully outlined a path for missional church practitioners to not only craft a ministry vision, but develop a plan that supports the leader’s desired cultural ethos. In a unique way, Roehl begins and ends with Jesus’ vision for the church. Leaders will discover relevant ministry ideas and many time-tested resources. *Game Plan* is not only worth the read—it is the type of resource leaders will want to pass on to their teammates!”

--Dr. Ed Love, Pastor, Coach, and Professor of Church Multiplication at Wesley Seminary.

“This book you hold in your hand is a very practical and biblical approach to helping local church leaders move their congregations from missional miss to biblical obedience and fruitfulness.  Tim is a good friend who practices what he preaches and writes.  This material is not borne out of a laboratory absent of real congregational life.  This book is borne from real life with real life application.  It has the potential of radically changing you and your congregation with a strategic plan that will honor God, reach the broken, hurting, and lost, and grow up believers into to Christ like followers.  You will not be disappointed!”

--Dr. Dan A. Berry – District Superintendent, South Coastal District, The Wesleyan Church, Author of “No More Cloudy Days; *The Bend in the Road is not the End of the Road*”

"Tim Roehl and I share similar values, especially empowering leaders to lead through coaching, and finding creative ways to bring Jesus to our world. In "Game Plan", Tim equips us to coach others through the story of two leaders on a coaching journey. He also equips ministry leaders with a pathway to develop their own unique, practical and Biblical game plan for missional ministry. As you read the principles and practices of Game Plan, you'll find the keys to discern and develop your own game plan for ministry...and learn how to coach others to do the same. I'm glad to recommend Game Plan!"

* Dan Reiland, Executive Pastor, 12Stone Church

“Tim Roehl masterfully accomplishes his goal to create a ‘coach yourself forward’ resource manual!  His questions for personal self-reflection or team discussion stimulate vision and discernment, and the appendices provide biblically-based missional strategies rich with application…all this in a book that is highly engaging and adaptable to the reader’s own pace.”

--Dr. Wayne Schmidt, VP Wesley Seminary, Indiana Wesleyan University

"Game Plan is not for cowardly leaders who wish to play it safe. It is for those brave souls who are willing to get out of the bubble of "doing church as usual" in order to make a difference in their community and beyond. You will find this self-coaching guide practical and relevant for creating a missional culture in your church."

* Mark O Wilson, Pastor, Author of “Purple Fish” & “Filled Up, Poured Out”

I love the story Tim uses to get across his message.  It captures your attention and makes the development of missional ministry come alive through the characters Tim has developed.  He makes it a very practical, step by step process without it feeling like it.  For me what makes his message even more tangible, is having had him for a coach myself.  Tim isn't just writing a book - he is sharing his heart for developing people and changing lives.  This is the real thing, and so is he.

* Rev. Ray Van Gilst, District Superintendent with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Central Pacific District

“Warning!  If you don't care about lost people, don't read this book!  Tim Roehl's passion is convicting and contagious.  Based on biblical principles that are adaptable to any setting, "Game Plan:  Developing Intentional Missional Ministry" will change you, your church, and your community.  If you live it, they will come!”

* Pastor David Dignal, Director of Church Health, Indiana North District, The Wesleyan Church

"As a young pastor in the 1950's I was always looking for resources to improve my ministry. When I saw Tim Roehl's Game Plan, I instantly knew this was something that would have made a world of difference to a young pastor. I can only hope that both beginning and maturing pastors will see in this book, the very thing that will add tremendous value to their life and ministry. By all means buy and use this Game Plan. - Daniel E. Finch, retired Wesleyan Church pastor, denominational leader and author, *"Transfusion"*

*“*Tim and I lived this book together when he coached me as a church planter! As a seasoned “player-coach,” Dr. Tim Roehl combines decades of personal experience and cutting-edge research to bring us this practical handbook on becoming Christ-empowered missional Christians who will lead God’s Church to reach the hearts and lives of people everywhere. Tim taps into the very heartbeat of God, as he brings tangible insight on how to become disciples who make up disciple-making, missional churches. A MUST READ for all growing Christ followers and church leaders!”

* Dr. Tom Heins, Director of Church Planting, Pacific Conference, Evangelical Church

"This book is a significant resource. With its intentionality, strategic thinking, along with its action plans and combined with its narrative style, this book is “must have” for all those involved in ministry and who wish to see the Great Commission fulfilled in this generation."

* Rev. Stephen Williamson, One Mission Society Field Director, Ireland

“I greatly appreciate “Game Plan” for us in working with missionary development in the Caribbean. I was looking for a practical guide for ministry development for any context and I found it in “Game Plan”. Since it is practical and biblically based, it is well received and useful across cultures. Since it has a story line, it is easy to follow in a practical way.”

* Richard Yoder, One Mission Society Caribbean Field Director

“What a joy to find a road map with "Next Steps" to encourage building Great Commission Churches through Great Commandment living.  Game Plan achieves this well.”  
 - Gary E. Wright President, World Renewal Int'l; Evangelist, Evangelical Friends Church; Community Church Missions

“Practical! Practical! Practical! The narrative approach and breadth of resources make Game Plan a must have, practical resource for engaging the Great Commission in meaningful, missional ways. Every lay person, pastor, missionary and church planter who is serious about making disciples will find this to be a useful resource. This is a book to order by the case to share with others in your personal efforts to make and multiply disciples.”

* Rev. Bob Ransom, US Ministries Director, The Missionary Church

“Game Plan is a game changer. The coach approach in every chapter allows readers to immediately develop a community impacting Game Plan. If you desire to reach a community for Christ this book will prove to be more valuable than any seminar you have ever attended.”

* Sam Farina, Assemblies of God USA Coaching Task Force Leader.

 “Game Plan is a must read for anyone struggling to make sense of church life or who longs to fit and flourish in God’s Kingdom. Tim Roehl provides a delicate balance of coaching, coach training, and clear and helpful teaching. It was easy to follow the conversation Roehl provides, replacing Tom’s name with my name. His story overlaps my story. Maybe yours as well. Having first hand exposure to Tim and his coaching and teaching ministry, Game Plan is about as close as you can get without flying him in for the weekend. It’s an easy read. But you will want to linger over each section until it becomes yours. Read it. Read it with others.”

* Rev. Les Cool, Pastor, Director of Church Planting for the Evangelical Congregational Church

“Most pastors I know are struggling just to keep their congregations happy. We all want to reach the lost but we spend most of our energy simply meeting members' expectations. Many of us grab a book or attend a conference to discover the "secret" to turning our churches around. This prepackaged approach is hopeless. Tim Roehl challenges us to do the hard work of seeking God's plan for turning our congregations into teams of missionaries sent out to reach our communities. This is spiritually and strategically strenuous but extremely rewarding. Lives are transformed. Members become ministers. Unbelievers become committed followers of Christ. By God's grace, the Spirit is rewriting my church's DNA. He will do it in you and your church too. Start seeking the Spirit's GAME PLAN today.”

* Pastor Mark Haines, Bay City Wesleyan Church

“Game Plan” is a great resource for church planters of all kinds.  Tim Roehl has put together tremendous guidelines that help pastors in all aspects of leading a church.  I have been in a church plant for almost 10 years and found this book extremely helpful in refreshing areas that I have left alone.  It also helped me do some personal evaluation of my spiritual journey which challenged me to allow Jesus to provide fresh creativity in my soul and His ministry.  Use “Game Plan” to help start your church, define your church, and refresh your church.  This also needs to be in schools and seminaries for training future Christian leaders. Thanks Tim!”

* Pastor Jon Strutz, Mountain View Community Church, Oregon City, OR

“Moving into missional ministry has practical implications for individual believers, church leaders, pastors and denominational leaders.  My friend Tim’s book provides practical insight into the meaning of missional ministry and helps people understand how they can live and serve missionally in every aspect of life.”

--Rev. Dr. Ron Hamilton, National Conference Minister, Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

“Game Plan is truly just as the title says it is. In order to engage a community with the Gospel of Jesus there must be an intentional way to do it. Tim Roehl takes you step by step in developing a strategy to become a church that is relevant to your community. This book has helped our leaders understand what it means to be on mission with God. The results have been overwhelming. As a lead pastor, I recommend this book to any church that is seeking to make a difference.”

- Edgar Rodriguez, Lead pastor of New Hope Church, Moville, IA; Chaplain, Woodbury County Sheriff’s Department

“Game plan is a must read for anyone desiring to learn the “how to’s” for developing a missional ministry. Creatively written from a coaching perspective with both the spiritual and strategic in view, Tim gleans from years of ministry experience as a pastor, church planter, ministry coach, leader of leaders and author. Whether you’re beginning or transitioning your ministry, Dr. Roehl will guide you through the process of how to be on mission for God!

* Pastor Tim Maki, North Star Church of Hibbing, MN, Head of North Star Network

“I speak from experience! We have used Game Plan in various forms of church ministry and different points of our journey. Tim’s authentic heart for all expressions of the Church and lost people is wonderfully conveyed in 'Game Plan’.  ‘Game Plan’ both challenges and equips the mindset/heartset of 100 year old established churches or church plants, thriving churches or churches in decline; individuals or small groups. Unlike many books that will stay on your bookshelf, Game Plan offers practical, hands on help as you engage your communities.” We are using these principles as we engage Marshalltown and plant a new church. Thank you for pouring into us!”

* Pastor Dylan Does, Restore Church Marshalltown, IA

“Tim Roehl has always irritated me -- like oyster is irritated by a grain of sand in the process of making a pearl.  In oft creative and thoughtful ways, he calls me and us to join him in playing our parts in reaching the world for Christ through our churches and ministries.  But **Game Plan** takes such an endeavor to a new level, necessary because of the new and ever shifting, changing world around us.  Tim's coaching approach enables leaders to understand how who they are fits into God's wider, deeper plan to reach the world...beginning right next door. It gives them practical ways and means to involve others in their church or ministry or small group to do the same -- often together.  He even provides simple ways and means to understand those whom you are trying to reach!  Let me personalize this. Tim encourages me to think creatively in the "how" and the "who" for reaching those around me in my relational connecting, in using my own gifts, and even to contextualize the message of the Gospel in fun ways. He also encourages me to strategize with those I engage or train on these issues in a more systematic and creative ways than I would have on my own.  I found myself already challenged to think outside the box in the preface! He holds us accountable to taking active, specific, and guided steps in doing so, something that really helps me.  I believe it will help you as well.  Believe Tim as he challenges you look with "cross-cultural eyes and strategies" about your very own mission field.  He and Shirley live out this book in their mission field, whether next door or halfway around the world with church planters in another culture.”

* Dr. Paul Ford, CRM Missionary; Author of “Your Leadership Grip”, “Knocking Over the Leadership Ladder” and “Moving from I to We”.

“Tim Roehl takes his role as coach seriously, and that‘s a good thing for readers of *Game Plan!* By combining story, solid coaching questions, meaningful statistics, useful tools and an accountability to action, Tim coaches his readers toward a new kind of ministry understanding and a more accountable kind of ministry activity. If you coach yourself new actions because of your *Game Plan,* you’ll make a new and meaningful contribution to God’s kingdom! I hope you do!”

* Jonathan Reitz, Director of Training/CEO CoachNet Global, [www.coachnet.org](http://www.coachnet.org).

“As someone who was coached by Tim for three years, many memories as well as challenges were brought back to me as I read through Game Plan. Dr. Roehl did not write a how-to book; he just wrote a book from his life experiences on how he has seen God use coaching to help those in the ministry to be more intentionally missional. As I read Game Plan I remembered many similar conversations and was reminded why the church I pastor has the missional DNA it does and much of that came from walking my church planting journey with Dr. Roehl. This book will challenge you to break the mold of just doing church to actually being the church in your community for the sake of the Kingdom.”

* Jeff Wolheter, Pastor Bridgeway Evangelical Church, Kendallville, IN