



Dear friends,

As many of you know, our friend Dieter Zander suffered a stroke on February 4th, 2008. The next night, several hundred of us gathered to pray that God would spare Dieter's life. God answered those prayers, and we are thankful.



But Dieter's life is not the same. He can no longer speak with the eloquence we once took for granted, and has lost much of the dexterity in his right hand. Our friend who has led so many of us with his message and his music has, for now, been silenced.

No one can predict what the future holds for Dieter, his wife Valerie, and their sons Kyle, Conrad, and Christopher. What we do

know for sure is that the Zanders' journey is not over. As Dieter works to reclaim the abilities the stroke has taken from him, as his family adjusts to a whole new way of living, the time has come for the body of Christ to step up.

It is our turn now to support a man who has strengthened the faith of so many, not only here in Marin, but also at Newsong in southern California, at Willow Creek in Illinois, at ReImagine in San Francisco, and at conferences in the U.S., Europe, and Brazil.

During the month of May, BayMarin Community Church is spearheading



a campaign, along with many individuals, churches and organizations Dieter has been involved with, to provide financial support for the Zander family as Dieter continues his road to recovery.

Our intent is to provide at least two years of full income with benefits, enabling the Zanders to focus on Dieter's recovery and discover the possibilities God has in store for them.

Dieter and his family are known and loved all over the world, not only for Dieter's leadership behind the pulpit and piano, but also for their friendship. Dieter is not just a member of our ministry, but a husband, father, brother, son, uncle, neighbor, and friend.

All of these relationships, these memories made throughout the years exist just as surely, just as strongly, in the good times as they do in the bad. But these connections somehow become more clear to us during the hardest times. We realize what we almost lost, and we want to reach out with all the comfort, all the hope, and all the love we can offer.



We are reaching out to all of you who have been touched by Dieter's ministry, his music, or his friendship, and to all of you who know and love the Zander family.

The enclosed FAQ sheet will provide you with essential information on how to donate.

Give as God leads, and help us make this road to recovery as smooth and swift as we can.

Blessings,

David Cobia, Lead Pastor  
BayMarin Community Church, San Rafael, CA

## FAQs

### Who will be involved in the campaign?

This campaign is for all who know and love the Zanders, whether from BayMarin, Marin County, San Francisco, or from other parts of the United States and the world. Dieter has served in numerous places with many different people, and we are inviting them all to support the Zanders at this time.

### How long will the campaign run?

The campaign will run from May 1st through June 1st and be capped off by an arts event on Sunday, June 8th from 7:00-9:00pm at Dominican University's Angelico Hall. This event will include a concert by local musicians and the "Dieter Tribute Band" playing music written by Dieter. There will also be an art showcase by the 2nd Saturday Arts Group (a ministry supported by BayMarin) around the theme of worship, with a silent auction for several art pieces.

### How much money are we trying to raise?

Our goal is to raise enough funds to keep the Zanders whole (full salary and benefits) through 2009. If you would like more specifics on this, please contact Eric Nyberg at [eric@baymarin.org](mailto:eric@baymarin.org).

### How can I give?

There are several ways you can give. If you are a part of a church or organization that is conducting an in-house effort, you may give through them. In addition, you can give online by going to [www.dieterzander.wordpress.com](http://www.dieterzander.wordpress.com). Click the "Donations" link, and follow the instructions. You can also send a check to BayMarin at P.O. Box K, San Rafael, CA 94913. Or you can come to the arts event on June 8th at Dominican University and bring your check with you. Please make all checks payable to the "Marin Ministers Crisis Fund."

### What is the Marin Ministers Crisis Fund? Where will the money go?

This is a tax deductible fund created and administered by BayMarin for the purpose of helping Dieter and others like him who are in crisis. All monies donated to the fund through this specific campaign will be given to the Zanders.

### Can I give over a period of time?

The campaign is intended to be completed by June 1st, 2008. If you need to give over a longer period of time, you can donate on-line through August 31st, 2008.

