



**Recognition for Rich Tatum's contribution to the Christianity Today Library website and CMS, presented at the project launch dinner, January 6, 2004:**

Rich, the renaissance man and problem-solver extraordinaire!

Rich is a unique blend of talents and skills, all wrapped up under the moniker of "Technologist" (For those of you who don't know Rich as well, he gets downright upset if you call him a techie!!!!) Rich's overall web experience, his experience in a previous job with another content management system installation, and his significant understanding of the best way for web sites to be structured for optimal functionality and speed have made a significant contribution to the development and launch of this application.

You can always count on Rich to ask the penetrating question. During the many hours that we spent planning this site and deciding how it should work, Rich was the mind that would drill down through a plan and find the "blind spot", the place where our suggested course of action was not compatible with plans we had made in other parts of the site. His unique ability to see the big picture and the relationships of the parts within the whole, and his willingness to persist for answers to sometimes annoying questions has both saved us hours of frustration! I can't fail to mention his lightning speed ability to take notes, replete with drawings, on the fly as we talked! A truly amazing Word machine!

Rich is very good at both research and at data analysis, and has deployed both sets of skills during this project! Our choice of Thunderstone as a search appliance is directly attributable to Rich's thorough research and analytical comparison. We started out thinking MondoSearch was the best decision, but He led us to Thunderstone search appliance, a great product at an affordable price that provided everything we needed. Thanks, Rich, for being the multifaceted technologist that you are. You make a significant contribution to this team on a daily basis, and it is deeply appreciated!

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