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Dear Friends:

We are like most churches, operating on a shoe-string budget. Our sound system had components that were at least 15 years old and some were older. We got the money together to have a consultation and training seminar with Mike Sokol of "How-to Sound." We had worked in years past with Mike and Hector La Torre of "How-to Sound" in hosting some of their workshops. We knew them as having a good product and a great presentation.

Little did we know how much we would need them! Two weeks before our consultation our aging mixing board gave up the ghost. We were frantically looking around for something within our price range that would meet our needs. Up stepped Hector and Mike!

Our worship leader spent hours talking with Hector as he guided us through the various options that are out in the marketplace. He educated us as well as encouraged us. Then, when Mike came for the consultation ... that was just icing on the cake.

Mike spent over seven hours with us tweaking our system from top to bottom. He helped us install our new soundboard and monitors, and got us up-to-speed in a hurry on how to run it. Our own sound techs were in heaven as they conversed with Mike about the technical aspects of our system. At the same time, Mike could explain things so that even a pastor could understand.

We were able to run new cables and wires under Mike's direction and learned how to do simple repairs. He then took us through how to set-up our worship team for a sound that we only dreamed about. Although we were tired when we finished, we could hardly wait until Sunday arrived to show off what God had provided for us.

Would we ask Hector and Mike, along with "How-to Sound" back to First Free? You bet! They have a complete understanding of the needs and unique challenges that face churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Thanks Hector and Mike ... and anytime you're out on the west coast ... stop on in!

Blessings!

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