



## I Met God

UPDATE

Your prayers and support continue to move this project forward:

- Nearly \$382,000 donated for the studio & equipment.
- Next 4 weeks the final dirt work to be finished.
- Final proof for walls has been ordered.
- Walls to be erected by November.

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# QuestLine PRODUCTIONS

## Let's Cooperate

Peter went down to Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. (Acts 9:32-34)

Don't you find it interesting that Peter didn't pray, "If it be Thy will." He just declared it! "Jesus the Christ heals you!" Why? Because he already knew the Lord's will in this matter. I wonder how that happens? How do you get so close to God that you could be used like the people were in the book of Acts?

I found the answer in verse 31. They were 1) walking in the fear of



the Lord and 2) walking in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. As a result, the church was multiplied. And that happened when Peter healed Aeneas as well. "All who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord." (Acts 9:35)

My prayer is, "Lord, let me be so close to You, so free from the world, that I can know Your will and fully cooperate." If you and I want God to answer that prayer, then we need to cooperate by taking the steps of "walking" in the fear of God and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

When I did an exhaustive word study on the "fear of God" I discovered something amazing. God

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## The Journey Toward "I Met God"

*I Met God* is not merely a title for the all-new video Bible study series for the languages of the world. It is the living experience that undergirds the entire series.

It started with a still small voice in my heart, a call to answer the many requests that were coming in. "Can you create a video Bible study series like *Thunder in the Holy Land* for our language?"

There is a truism that says, "Life happens just outside your comfort zone." The true spiritual

version of this is, "The just shall live by faith." And for that to happen you have to be all in, just like Gideon (Jdg 6:14, 25, 7:4, 22).



Dallas Hilligoss

So Karen and I committed 100% of the profits from the sale of our home towards a studio for *I Met God*. The Lord then provided 5 acres in Tennessee to build it on, and covered our moving expenses across the US. Then God inspired Dallas, a young 83 year old, from Oregon to help cut down all the trees. This left a raft of

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"You are either making disciples or making excuses. Which one are you?" — Jonathan Hayashi



## Let's Cooperate cont.

is so full of blessings, goodness, miracles, comforts, wisdom, strength, riches, health . . . that we should fear to do *anything* that would stop His blessings from being poured out in our lives. Check out Psalms 31:19, Jeremiah 33:9, & Hosea 3:5.

And speaking of blessings. "In the gift of the Spirit, Jesus gave to man the highest good that heaven could bestow." (OHC 150) We don't use the Holy Spirit, the Spirit uses us. God wants to use you! He wants to use all of us to reveal to the world that there is something better than Facebook, movies, and other worldly distractions. "Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God." (OHC 152) If we want real "comfort", the comfort of being used by God to be a blessing, we need to be pleading daily (Luke 11:13) for the Holy Spirit, asking, "What would you have me do?" Then we

### Fear to do anything that would stop His blessings

must take the time to be still and know . . . (Psalm 46:10).

Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." (John 5:30) "To Jesus, who emptied Himself for the salvation of lost humanity, the Holy Spirit was given without measure.

So it will be given to every follower of Christ when the whole heart is surrendered for His indwelling." (OHC 151)

I invite you to take up your cross of service and obedience, embrace the Holy Spirit, and watch what God will do! Don't miss receiving the blessing. Don't miss sharing the blessing. Don't miss being a blessing. Let's cooperate!

(For your edification read Our [High Calling](#), pages 150-155 & [Desire of Ages](#) 671.2)

~ Charles Byrd, Pres.

## Bridges Back to God

We'd like you to meet our latest partner in facilitating forward momentum for the *I Met God* project.

Dean Waterman and his wife Jody live in Texas with their two young adult children. Dean worked in the Adventist Church 20 years before launching Faith Development Partners (FDP) in 2021. His time spent within denominational employment included pastoring 18+ years and a year working in higher education fundraising and development at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.



Dean & Jody Waterman

Prior to ministry Dean lived in Chattanooga where he met Jody in 1995. He worked several years as a Realtor and mortgage broker, briefly owning a mortgage company, and serving as vice president of another. Dean completed his MBA in 2019, with an emphasis on non-profits.

Ask Dean his singular passion, and you will get a simple answer, "To build

bridges back to God." That passion extends to helping churches, schools, and faith-based organizations and ministries do the same. Dean is highly value-driven, praying about partnerships such as the one that has begun with QuestLine Productions. "If the values don't match," states Dean, "the partnership cannot exist. The same overwhelming desire to reach people for God must be at the center of the working relationship for Spirit-led success."

Dean just completed his first book, *Leading a Congregation to Relevance*, due out this Fall, published by Thomas Nelson. His second book, *Full Circle: 1st Century Church in a 21st Century World*, is currently in the writing stage, with a 2023 release date.

To learn more about FDP, visit [www.faithdevelopmentpartners.com](http://www.faithdevelopmentpartners.com).

~ Carrie Hise, Admin. Coordinator

## The Power of Influence

"The days you are here walking the halls, I feel a holy presence in this place," said one of the CNAs at the nursing home where I was a part-time Chaplain. I was thrilled to realize that the promises I had claimed for the presence of the Holy Spirit had been answered and felt!

We all have the power of influence. Our actions for good can influence others to a similar action. Knowing a gift will be doubled often inspires another giver, and it has, to the tune of \$95,000! Those many small yet vital gifts were inspired, most recently, by four important philanthropists.

The amazing thing is that since last December each of those matching grants came in on the heels of a previous grant which had just been or almost met.

\$75K 12/21 - Met 05/22  
\$10K 05/22 - Met 07/22  
\$ 5K 07/22 - Met 08/22  
\$ 5K 08/22 - Met 08/22

~ Karen Byrd, VP

### Who will be our next influencer?



"God's promises are all on condition of humble obedience." – E.G. White



## Goal Together!

As Fall rapidly approaches, we are adding renewed energy and urgency to complete our fundraising goals for the year. The gracious financial support provided by you and others is allowing the relevant production of the *I Met God* series to move forward. Each day's news in this ever-darkening world indicates the vital importance and timeliness of this new series.

The goal for the new *I Met God* series is daunting, but with God entirely possible! An affirmation of God's leading comes from the land provided to build our new studio and production facility, as well the gifts already given or pledged in the amount of \$605,929. While this is impressive, the greatest need lies before us. To finish the building, furnish the studio, and secure the vital production equipment, we need to reach our remaining goal of \$1,394,071

Thanks for prayerfully considering a gift to close out the year so we may not only reach our next goal of \$500,000 raised for the *I Met God* project but exceed it, well on our way to raising the entire amount needed to continue impacting others for God.

~ Dean Waterman



## The Journey Toward "I Met God" cont.

stumps in the ground needing removal as well as an inordinate amount of brush to be gathered for burning, a feat which could never have been accomplished without Enoch providing a huge excavator at just the right time. While the excavator was a godsend we still needed hands-on attention for the burning.

God was ready. Once again He provided the help needed by encouraging Caleb to come from Washington to volunteer. He stayed on those brush piles for two full weeks!

Then Enoch had his workers rough in the entire site including the new road with his bulldozer. What a blessing!

The concrete walls for the studio will be poured in Loudon, 60 miles north of our property, and delivered on big semi trailers. Unfortunately the final lane the walls need to come up have lots of overhanging branches that would damage the walls. In God's perfect timing He had David call and asked how he could help. David came and helped me clear all the obstructing foliage and pile it up for burning.



Enoch Hurd



Caleb Carrigan



David Roberts

Then things seemed to stall. We couldn't find a dirt contractor to finish the site prep. Delay after delay brought the temptation to be discouraged. And once again the questions had to be asked and answered. Are we all in? Are we trusting God to make all the provisions necessary for His project? Is this *our* work, or *His*?

The correct answer to these questions will help us look away from self and toward God, the God we've met, the God who has provided thousands in donations as well as five acres of donated land. If we choose to remember who our God is, the all-powerful God who can and will supply all the needs of His project, if we will choose to rejoice in all God's faithful provision and wait patiently for Him, He will not only care for His commissioned work, but care for His servants as well. A quick PTL - the dirt work is back on track and heading toward completion.

So you see, the *I Met God* journey isn't just a video project for the languages of the world, it's our journey in faith and grace toward the God who has met us, touched us, blessed us, and is using each of us.

~ Charles Byrd, Pres

## Another One Steps off the Edge

Carrie was perfectly comfortable in her little mobile home that God had wonderfully provided for her in Grants Pass, OR. In about two years it would be paid off and she would be free of monthly mortgage payments. With her monthly bills covered, and developing many friends she was making a pleasant life for herself.

A new Christian (recently baptized in 2016), she was actively involved with several ministries at the Grants Pass Seventh-day Adventist Church. In time she also started volunteering with Charles and Karen Byrd at QuestLine Productions.

So, when Carrie was approached by the Byrd's to see if she was interested in continuing her volunteer work with them once they moved to Tennessee she had to stop and think. Deep in her heart she felt a desire to do more for God, even if it meant stepping off the edge and being all in. Moved by the Holy Spirit, there was absolutely no hesitation on her part.

On July 8, 2022 Carrie's mobile home sold. She parted with many of her earthly possessions, packed everything she had left into a POD and left Grants Pass to drive across America to Tennessee, sight unseen, with her two kitties KiKi and BB. Twelve



Carrie Hise



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## Who Needs Thunder?

That answer is easy! Every young person and youth group. We were recently at ASI and a young person came by our booth saying that his first introduction to the truths of Jesus (though raised an Adventist) was through *Thunder* that His parents acquired when he was just 12. Though still in his teens he has already been the speaker in three evangelistic crusades. Check out his testimony at [youtu.be/648KeE0oSXE](http://youtu.be/648KeE0oSXE).



Anthony Sandoval

Parents and Grandparents! **START THEM EARLY!**

Another testimony came from a pastor who only had 6 people attending prayer meeting. So he started using *Thunder in the Holy Land*. Attendance doubled and those new 6 attendees were mostly young people. At the conclusion of the series the young people said, "If those young people can do what they did on *Thunder* then we can do something as well."

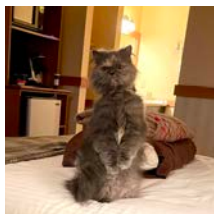
In their town was a public college campus and those young people went there and started a Bible study for the students.

Every set of *Thunder* that is purchased right now not only blesses the young people you share it with but also helps push the *I Met God* project closer to completion.

Thanks for partnering with us to hasten His return.

## Another One Steps off the Edge *cont.*

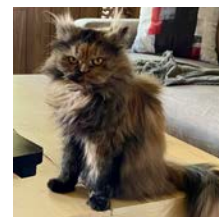
days later and with just a few mishaps, prayerfully overcome, they arrived safely, in Ooltewah, TN. There Carrie and the "girls" got into temporary housing until God opened up a permanent home. And open He did. Carrie and cats are now in a lovely apartment.



KIKI

Carrie is looking forward to getting settled in so she can continue to up

her volunteer efforts serving God and assisting the Byrd's as their Administrative Coordinator. She says, "Don't be afraid to step off the edge - Give it your all - Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and do whatever is being asked of you! You will have NO REGRETS!"



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~ Karen Byrd, VP

*"Do not make the Great Commission your Great Omission."* — Daryl Baugh

