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## GET on the BUS!

Mother sighed with relief as the last of the children left for school. But her peace was short-lived when Johnny walked into the kitchen.

“Why aren’t you waiting for the bus?” she asked.

“I’m not going to school today,” Johnny replied.

“Why not?”

“The trip is too long, and school is boring!”

“You’ve just described life,” she said.

“Now, get on the bus.”

Life is daily, and our greatest example, Jesus (John 13:15, 1 Peter 2:21), knew this truth. He came to earth to save us, but it took Him 33½ years to get it done. He didn’t rush; He lived, worked, and walked among us to fulfill His purpose.

The same was true for Noah. God gave him a daunting, time-consuming assignment: “I’m going to destroy the earth. I want you to build an ark to

save lives” (Genesis 6:13-14).

It is suggested that Noah spent approximately 50 years cutting down 30,000 rock hard trees and turning them into lumber, and likely another



20 years building the ark’s basic structure, plus 50 more constructing the decks, pens, and living spaces. By the time he finished, 120 years had passed. Talk about endurance and commitment!

Now, think about the mission Jesus gave His followers nearly 2,000 years ago: “Go and preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Speak in the light what I tell you in darkness, and what ye hear in the ear, that preach upon the housetops.

Preach the gospel to every creature.” (Matthew 28:18, 10:7, 27; Mark 16:15)

Then, 180 years ago, God set apart a remnant church to carry forward His message. Sincere Christians from many denominations—Brethren, Baptists, Lutherans, and others—set aside their differences to embrace the Word of God. Today, Adventists continue that mission.

God often gives His people tasks that seem impossible, like feeding over 5,000 people with just a boy’s donation of five loaves and two fish. And it’s still true today, when we give our time, money, and resources, miracles happen. That’s why we give! Because we long to go home—and take as many as we can with us.

The *I MET GOD* project may be taking time, seemingly too much time, but, like Noah, we’re “on the bus”, working hard to fulfill the Great Commission.

We invite you to join us in this inspired endeavor?

Let’s get on the Bus!

~ Charles Byrd  
*QLP President*



For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. - Habakkuk 2:3 ESV

# A DONOR VISITS QLP

In February of 2023, I was privileged to watch as a giant crane placed the rafters atop the walls of the studio



under construction at QuestLine Productions in Cleveland, Tennessee.

This November, we visited and marveled at what God has done in less than 21 months. The studio is finished and it is lovely. A carefully designed, welcoming entry, furnished offices, cozy kitchenette and eating area, bathrooms, changing rooms, and workrooms fill the front part, with the specially sound-insulated filming areas in back. Several sets and an infinity wall for green screen filming are nearly ready for use. This has been a work of faith!

As Pastor Byrd gave us a tour, he related stories of how God had provided, at greatly reduced cost,

many components and furnishings, from doors to desks and chairs.

Outside the badly eroded and rutted drive and rough gravel in front of the studio is now beautifully paved. Clear lines are now in place for landscaping.

The Byrd's home is also finished. Compared to their previous home in Williams, OR, this one is considerably smaller and very modest, although comfortable and functional. A cozy living room and kitchen, and just one bedroom, bath, and laundry comprise their living space; under the same roof is a studio apartment for workers which is currently being used by their latest volunteers.

After our tour, my husband, brother and I enjoyed their gracious hospitality as we were treated to a lovely and unexpected supper which included Karen's delicious homemade pea soup.

Pastor Byrd and his wife Karen, along with Carrie Hise, have dedicated their lives to the finishing of God's work, because, as Pastor Byrd said, "We can't wait to go home." The *I MET GOD* video Bible study series will reach the languages and cultures of the world in a way previously only

imagined. The potential is enormous, and it will be very exciting to see it in action.

The studio is also being used to insert pastors and laymen into the *Thunder in the Holy Land* series while they are ramping up for production of the *I MET GOD* project as fast as funding will allow. Needed equipment priced at 1.6 million has been sourced as low as \$600K; \$500K is still needed to acquire it. Please pray for this ministry, and consider, if you are



able, how you might help this project move forward. Time is running out, and here we have an opportunity to truly lay up treasure in heaven and reach many people for Jesus before it is forever too late.

~ Melissa Derfler  
*Newsletter Editor of the Grants Pass  
Seventh-day Adventist Church*

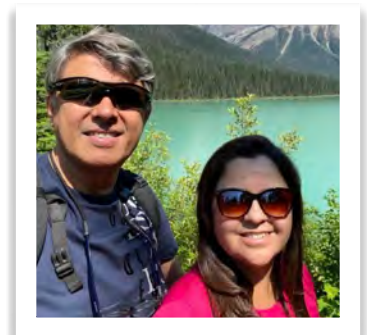
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## OUR JOURNEY TO QLP

Our journey began in 2008 when my wife Rosele, our three children, and I were living in Florida. At that time, God awakened us to the significance of the times we were living in, calling us to surrender our dreams and embrace His. Answering that call marked the beginning of our missionary journey.

God first led us to Bolivia and then to Brazil, where we established our ministry, TV Terceiro Anjo. After nine years in Brazil, He directed us to Canada, where we assisted another ministry and gained invaluable experience. During our time there, God blessed us in many ways, even granting us Canadian citizenship—a gift we never anticipated. After six years, God made it clear that our season there was coming to an end.

Seeking God's guidance for the next step, we prayed earnestly for clarity. In May, we visited Portugal, hoping He might open doors for us there, but that was not His plan. Then in August, we attended our first ASI event, trusting that God would reveal our next port of call. At ASI, we made some meaningful connections, including one with QuestLine Productions (QLP). *continued on page 3*



# GIFTS FIT FOR A KING

Imagine, for a moment, the weight of responsibility Joseph must have felt when the angel appeared, telling him he and Mary would be the earthly parents of the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah. As the earthly provider, Joseph might have wondered how to give the King of Israel the finest education—something only the wealthy could afford. From our perspective, we also recognize challenges he couldn't foresee, like the extensive travel required to protect Jesus and fulfill prophecy.

But God knew it all and provided for the little family every step of the way. The shepherds' humble gifts may have supported Joseph while he sought work in Bethlehem, perhaps among relatives during their short stay. Then, in a remarkable act of divine provision, the wise men arrived with gifts fit for a King—gold, frankincense, and myrrh (the latter two being medicinal, in high demand and more valuable than gold at that time). These valuable resources came at just the right time, funding the family's emergency escape to Egypt, where they lived during Jesus' early years.



Later, God led Joseph and Mary *not* to send Jesus to the rabbinical schools, but how could they afford private access to a copy of the scriptures? Hmm ... remember those costly gifts of the wise men? Jesus was so familiar with scripture by age 12 that He held the Rabbinical scholars in Jerusalem spellbound for days with His knowledge.

This story is a beautiful reminder of God's faithful provision—then and now. It brings to mind the journey of the *I MET GOD* project. When we sought studio space experts said we would need our own studio for a project of that magnitude—a daunting challenge from a human perspective. Yet, like Joseph and Mary, we stepped forward in faith, trusting God to guide and provide. And look at what He has done through your gifts!

Since the studio was built, we've never been at a standstill. When the

next step of installation seemed out of reach, God provided each step of the way. The lighting grid and ProCyc green screen wall were installed thanks to generous contributions and volunteers like Dave Rohde, Eric Schooner, and Bern LaLone, who showed up at just the right times.

Your generosity has helped us fund the lighting and some of the specialized equipment. Thanks to substantial discounts and recent Matching Challenge Grants, we are now just \$500,000 away from completing the purchase and installation of the remaining technical filming equipment.

God is guiding many ministries like QLP and stirs hearts to support them all. To those of you who have answered His call—just as the shepherds and wise men once did—thank you for helping us further His worldwide mission. Together, we are witnessing His faithfulness in action.

Together we are gifting Jesus with the only gift He really wants—souls for His kingdom.

~ Karen Byrd  
*QLP Vice President*

**“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ~ Isaiah 6:8 ESV**

## OUR JOURNEY TO QLP - CONTINUED

Through a mutual friend, Pastor Charles Byrd learned about our work and invited us to connect. After a brief conversation, he asked us to visit the QLP campus and explore the possibility of working together. In October we toured several ministries. Each of them expressed a desire to employ our services.

Amongst our travels we also visited QuestLine Productions. Upon arrival we were struck by their newly constructed facility and inspired by their dedication and passion for ministry. When we spoke with Pastor Charles about our desire to continue supporting our Brazilian ministry while serving with QLP, he was understanding and assured us it would not be an issue. After visiting other ministries, we prayed for God's direction and felt a clear calling to QuestLine Productions as the place where we could best serve.

We are profoundly grateful for God's guidance in leading us here. Joining QLP aligns perfectly with our hearts for ministry, and like Pastor Charles, his wife Karen, and volunteer Carrie, we are fully committed to God's work. Having been part of the QLP team for over a month, we are blessed to work alongside such a dedicated group. There is no greater joy than knowing we are exactly where God wants us to be. ~ Sergio Oliveira with Rosele



# IN LOVING MEMORY



You may recall **Enoch Hurd** from our 2022 newsletter, where we expressed appreciation for

his help in clearing land for the QuestLine Productions studio. It is with heavy hearts that we share his recent passing. Enoch is the son and brother of our dear friends and supporters, the Hurd family. He will be greatly missed. *His works follow. Revelation 14:13*



**Bill Pirelli** and his dear wife Diana have been wonderful supporters and encouragers of QLP and the *IMET GOD* project. He loved to run and loved to think of creative ways to forward the Lord's work. He was in the midst of publishing a book that he hoped would create revenue for this outreach to the world. *Looking forward to running with you in heaven. Isaiah 40:31*



**Frances Byrd's** most significant contribution to QLP has been her son, Charles Byrd. She had an intense interest in the spreading of truth and made sure Charles grew up with an Adventist education as well as feeding his mind with the Your Story Hour records which put a serious ministry stamp on his character. *Until the morning. Psalm 30:5*

Any memorial gifts in honor of Enoch, Bill, or Frances can be made at [QLP.tv/Donate](https://www.qlp.tv/Donate) or can be mailed to QuestLine Productions • 3626 Lead Mine Valley Rd SW • Cleveland TN 37311

## POST-ITS

### AVAILABLE!

Did you know Charles and Karen Byrd can come to your Church, Campmeeting, or Event for a Sabbath service or even a Revival?

Contact Carrie at [CarrieH@QLP.tv](mailto:CarrieH@QLP.tv) or call her at (423) 279-8103 to book today.

### ANOTHER WAY OF GIVING

You can now donate stock to support the *IMET GOD* project. Check it out at [QLP.tv/donate](https://www.qlp.tv/donate)

### LEAVING A LEGACY

Wondering how best to finalize your estate plans? QLP, working with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, can draft your will at no charge. This is a great way to support QuestLine Productions and its world impact, leaving a legacy to propel God's work forward.

Call us at (423) 279-8100 to make arrangements.

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