

HAAS STORYBOARD

Holly spent a week in November overseas at an Antioch missions gathering and came home glowing while I (Andrew) have been editing video and coordinating translations in between driving back and forth to Baltimore as detailed at the end of this letter. Holly continues to equip and prepare workers for the field. A young family has raised their hand to serve Latin America in the coming months. Meanwhile, a college graduate who served in Mozambique two years ago was gearing up for a one-year internship in South Asia when situations suddenly changed, and she's now launching to Uganda. Holly is also coordinating teams from Raleigh to respond to the recent damage from Hurricane Helene. Several 2025 summer missions trips from our local church will most likely focus on helping the Asheville and Boone areas, as we have sister congregations in both cities able to provide the best information on who and how to help.

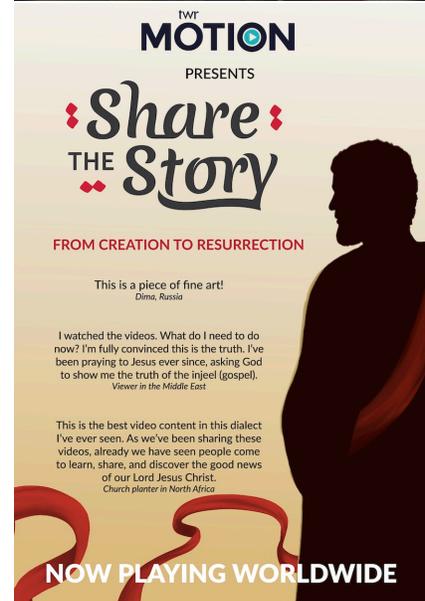
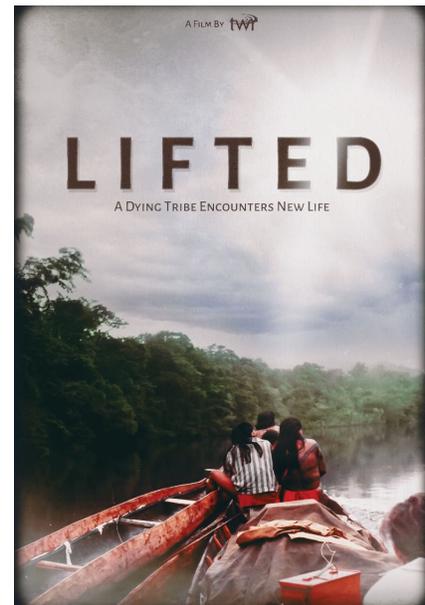
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Lifted — January 8, 1956, five missionaries, including Jim Elliot, were martyred in Ecuador, an example of being willing to die to share the good news of Jesus. Among those inspired to action were Ivan and Doris Schoen in Florida. Ivan, a carpenter, read the tragic news in the St. Petersburg Times and felt an irresistible call in his heart. Moved by the Holy Spirit, he put in his notice at work that day. They both decided to venture to the ends of the earth. After years of preparation, including biblical, medical and dental training, Ivan and Doris, along with their three young children, embarked to Suriname, then known as Dutch Guiana, in 1961. Their mission: to bring the gospel and reach the hearts of indigenous, unreached stone-age tribes.

Today, the next generation of Christian workers are making disciples. November 8, TWR premiered a 75-minute documentary telling this powerful story. Visit twr.org/lifted to see how God saved the lives of the missionaries in the jungle as well as thousands of tribespeople on the verge of extinction.

Share the Story (English) — I began work in 2019 on an English script to serve international students, refugees and immigrants to North America with an “ESL-friendly” version of our 20-episode animated series. After five years of delays and setbacks, the project is finally finished. The voice was recorded in Beirut by a Lebanese man, giving the series a distinct non-American feel.

We encourage you to check out the playlist and promote it. Visit twrmotion.org/sts-english to be taken directly to this YouTube playlist. For our other languages and film series, see youtube.com/@twrmotion.



Caring for Family

On September 25, my father was exercising at home with Mom when he began having slurred speech. An ambulance took him to a local hospital to diagnose and treat several mini-strokes, which reoccurred over the next few weeks. I drove the six hours from Raleigh to Baltimore the next day. After four days, he seemed to be doing well and I drove back south. We're grateful for their church providing meals and lawn care as well as some visits from extended family. Six weeks later, I visited for another week. As I write this, Holly and I are preparing to drive up for a Thanksgiving visit to Maryland the last week of November.



Standing physically and metaphorically with my parents

The past two months have involved recovery, tests, transfers to rehab, and setbacks that sent Dad back to the hospital several times. We have leaned into prayer, and witnessed some encouraging progress in memory and physical abilities. This serves as a reminder to take better advantage of time in our own lives and to treasure what we have left to spend with loved ones.

We appreciate prayers for Louis and Linda Haas to be strengthened in body, mind and spirit as well as continuing to be molded by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Jesus, the visible image of our Heavenly Father.

South Carolina. We appreciate your prayers for strength, wisdom and humility in our relationships with everyone.

At Christmas, we plan to spend time with Holly's family in Charleston,

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:14-18

Merry Christmas,

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