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# Advancing the Kingdom

2022 NEWSLETTER

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them."

(MATTHEW 11:4-5 ESV)

January 20, 2022

## A word from our founder, Brad Pauquette



Happy New Year!

It's a wonderful time to be a Christian.

Heaven is advancing on the earth. The darkness recoils, evil is being exposed, God is working powerfully. We are living in an era when there is no longer any value to being a fake Christian.

Despite the ongoing global hardships, this has been an amazing year for the School of Kingdom Writers. Our full-time students have arrived and the gospel is reaching farther than ever before.

Our students are connecting powerfully with the Holy Spirit, and more and more Kingdom content is flooding the media. I reflect on the words of Jesus to the disciples of John the Baptist when they asked Jesus if he was the Christ. He said, "Go and tell John what you hear and see..." We haven't raised any dead or healed the blind (yet), but the fruits of the Spirit are on display, we regularly see the sick and injured recover, demons recoil, and the Kingdom of God is being proclaimed in the darkness.

For three years we labored on faith and theory, trusting that this ministry would work. As our full-time students are now in house, let me tell you how relieving it is to see that we did not labor in vain!

A big question we received, even before COVID, was "Why not just do it online?" In an age of digital learning, that's a valid question. But when we received this plan from the Lord, we felt strongly that in-person experience was a really critical component.

Now we're seeing why. The spiritual transformation that's happening among our full-time students is absolutely stunning. God is changing their lives, their expectations, and even their health. The Holy Spirit moves however He pleases, but there are just some things that happen best in person.

Our students are learning and growing, and they're also thriving in full-time, life-on-life community with one another.

To the credit of those who urged us to focus online, we have digitized our part-time program, and we now offer the full *Arche Year* curriculum on-demand at [KingdomWritersGuild.org](http://KingdomWritersGuild.org) along with other classes and resources. We've seen really cool results through this community of believers from around the globe.

I'm amazed by the way God continues to move. But we do have some challenges. Fundraising is chief among them.

Here's what I know: God has always cared for us. We always have what we need exactly when we need it. We're going to need more space and support staff for our larger student body next year, so I know that God will provide what we need, one way or another.

We'll continue to be patient and faithful, and press forward.

God is on the move. The darkness is falling. The Kingdom is advancing. It's an amazing time in history to be a Christian!

Thank you for sharing in this ministry with us. It's an honor and a privilege to labor alongside of you in the Kingdom.



# MEET OUR FULL-TIME STUDENTS



These students said yes. And that's just as important as Melissa and me saying yes.

These four students are just the beginning! You would not believe the amazing transformations we've seen in just the first 18 weeks! God is at work in their lives, they are committed to taking the gospel to America, and God has more! There is an army rising up and saying "No more!" to the American media. These four brave women are leading the charge.

If you've been following us for a while, you've seen some of the spiritual warfare that we've faced. These students are not immune to that. They need your prayer support and encouragement just as much as Melissa and I do.



## Anya Israel

Anya joins us from Wichita, Kansas. Growing up in an Air Force family and the oldest of eight children has given Anya a unique perspective on the world.

She completed some traditional college before changing directions to attend the School of Kingdom Writers. God is moving in her life to expand her understanding of His real-time redemptive power.

Follow her journey at [AnyaIsrael.com](http://AnyaIsrael.com).

## Leanna Hampton

Leanna Hampton began our program by commuting about an hour from New Albany, Ohio, but has since moved to Zanesville to be a part of our community full time!

Leanna left a hard-earned and successful career as a librarian with the Columbus Metropolitan Library to pursue the gifts the Lord has given her. Along the way, God has been restoring her, guiding her, and teaching her so much about His infinite goodness!

Follow her journey at [LeannaHampton.com](http://LeannaHampton.com).



## Michaylah Malone

Michaylah moved to Zanesville from Paris, Texas, to attend our program.

With a degree and career in graphic design, Michaylah has placed it all on the line to follow the Lord's leading and pursue a new career in writing.

She is a talented writer with an amazing emotional depth to share with her readers.

Follow her journey at [MichaylahMalone.com](http://MichaylahMalone.com).

## Thirzah Griffioen

Thirzah is fresh out of high school. She left her home and family behind in Bryans Road, Maryland, to attend the School of Kingdom Writers full time.

Thirzah loves story and the craft of writing more than anyone we've ever met. She's passionate about telling amazing stories.

It's incredible to watch her connect with Jesus in new ways and to watch as she explores her new life as an adult in a new city.

Follow her journey at [ThirzahWrites.com](http://ThirzahWrites.com).





# VICTORIES & CHALLENGES

One of our students prayed for me recently and reminded me of a prophetic dream I had about a year ago.

In the dream, I was running across a bridge, seemingly alone. The view of the dream shifted, and behind me there was a great crowd of people running. It was like that scene in *Forrest Gump* where he's running through the mountains and there's a huge crowd behind him. (*"I just felt like running."*)

God was reminding me that we're surrounded by so many amazing people. The body of believers who support this mission are just like a church, except that you're scattered around the country and I don't get to see you every Sunday morning.

This crowd of believers is responsible for everything we accomplished in 2021. The Lord has also placed in this crowd every skill, connection, and resource that we need to accomplish what He has planned for us in 2022.

## GREATEST VICTORIES OF 2021:

**First Class of Full-Time Students** – Our full-time students have moved to Zanesville from all over the country to attend this school. They're working hard and God is moving!

**Second Arche Year Cohort Graduated** – We've now graduated two classes from our one-year part-time program. These students are now using the media for Jesus, and many of them are already earning income with their writing.

**Arche Year Digitized** – Our Arche Year program is now completely online and on demand. The program is available 24/7, and a community of believing writers is building from around the world!

**30-Day Media Prayer Campaign** – 3,000+ households took part in our 30-day prayer challenge. These folks joined us in daily prayer to stand up to the darkness in the American media and call forth a new wave of Kingdom media.

## GREATEST CHALLENGES FOR 2022:

**Funding** – While the school grows, we rely on donations in order to make ends meet financially. Presently, we face about a \$2,500 shortfall each month. God always provides, but we need additional regular donors.

**Space** – We have enough space for this year, but this fall we simply won't have enough room. Whether it's the building we're rehabbing or another space, we need somewhere to go.

**Connections** – As my friend Jeff Lucas described it, we're "a parachurch ministry without a lot of church." We'd like to fix that. We're exploring ways to make better connections with other churches and ministries, locally and globally.

**Recruiting** – Our student body will expand this year. We're working hard to connect with the right aspiring writers that the Holy Spirit is calling to this program.

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The Kingdom is advancing and you have an opportunity to play! Which of these challenges will you help us solve in 2022? This ministry is the product of lots of people each doing a little bit!

Supporting the work of the School of Kingdom Writers is a real opportunity to bring the gospel to your neighbors and advance the Kingdom. We use your support to send more digital missionaries into the field.

The easiest way to get in on this is to become a monthly donor. Scan this QR code for a direct link or visit us at [SOKW.org/give](https://SOKW.org/give).



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(IF WE FILL ALL OF THE BOXES, WE'LL BE FULLY FUNDED.)

