



## Withworker Form – June 2010

*The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.*

PROVERBS 21:1 (KJV)

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Hello friend,

6/4/10

I've put off writing this letter as long as I can, and now that I'm in the car traveling south on Interstate 5 through central California, there's just no more excusing the delay. I've found that when I let worry keep me from doing something it is best to just get it done. The thing I've worried about getting done isn't nearly as bad as the worrying about it. Yet, I procrastinate. The Lord patiently waits for me, gently nudging my heart along, prodding me to do what He's asked me to.

Michael and I packed up the Visionwriters office in the summer of 2008, when we moved to Newberg, Oregon. We were so blessed by the Lord to have been given the privilege and responsibility of taking the office with us, where Michael would serve as president of the board and I would continue to serve as office manager. What a wonderful and faith-testing time this has been! What an awesome show of God's plans; marriage renewal, new marriage, moving and moving again, promotion, retirement, and more has happened just within the Visionwriters board in the last two years. We have seen the Lord moving amongst us individually, and corporately. As you know, the Lord has moved Sara McDaniel in as our very humble and capable president, and has also recently began moving Michael and Susan Mucklow back into the scene, for which we are *very* grateful.

While all this moving has been going on, the Lord has been moving my heart as well. I've been very content to work for Visionwriters out my home office for the last two years, up until about 4 months ago. Every time I sat down to do the work, I was pulled away physically and mentally by family responsibilities. I have attempted to balance the work with my family, but have found it increasingly difficult, especially as my two younger children are now school age. As I sought Him within this discontent, He caused me to desire greatly to serve my family wholeheartedly; specifically by homeschooling my children, ages 5, 6, & 14. Naturally, I immediately questioned what would happen to VI, as if it depended on my abilities. God quietly reassured me that VI is His, and He is the Sustainer.

In April, when I presented to the board what the Lord was stirring in my heart, they could not have received it with more grace than they did. Sara was the first to respond and said, "Well, if the Lord is moving you out, He's moving someone else in." What she didn't know at that time was that not only was He moving someone else in, He was moving someone else *back* in. Within a few days, it was brought up to ask Susan if she would be interested in taking the office again, and within a couple of weeks after that it was settled that she would. With her and Michael already again a regular part of VI, as our website designers and administrators, He had been stirring in her the desire to become even more involved. The Lord had paved the way before I or Susan had even felt the stirrings!

So, back to I-5. The office is packed up and in a trailer ahead of us, and we will be meeting Michael and Susan in Yucca Valley to hand it over. What an exciting time! Through all this transition over the last few years, the hearts of all of us on your board have grown more and more for Visionwriters, and as the Lord does His moving, we are excited to have our familiar Susan back at the helm of the office. We cannot thank you enough for your faithful support throughout these last few years, and ask you to continue as we settle into what we think will be the next long chapter in the His-story of Visionwriters.

Lovingly,  
Fawn Stephens

*P.S. Michael and I will continue to serve as board members, and participate in classes. We hope to someday soon also become Visionkeepers and lead classes in our area.*

Hello friend,

For those who may not know me, I am Susan Mucklow. I have been with Visionwriters since 1981 and have served in a variety of capacities. I have been a coach, office manager, board member, bookkeeper, brainstormer, vision-seer, VK trainer, contributor, and overall comrade-in-arms and co-laborer with Jaque (Banas) Shank for most of my life!

I resigned my position with VI in December of 2007 to take a necessary reprieve. God was arranging a radical make-over in my marriage which required full attention. Over the last 2 ½ years Michael and I have experienced a bonding of love and devotion beyond our imagination. In response to the Lord, we left our jobs, sold our home, traveled, relocated to another state, started our own home-based web design business, and watched our love grow deeper with each passing day. We became each other's best friend, lover, partner, spouse, and favorite person to spend time with. We are witnesses of Christ in one another, and of His exclusive ability to change hearts.

In December of 2009, the Lord worked a desire in Michael to transform Visionwriter's website. A programmer for 20 years and web developer for 15, Michael experienced indignation toward the high cost of obtaining an effective web presence. He knew he could do better for far less.

The Lord used Mike's foundational love for Visionwriters as a point of contact. Through the building of the new site we began to experience a resurgence of vision and found ourselves eager to offer input, guidance, and the wisdom of our rich history with Visionwriters.

After a season of respite, healing, unification, and personal growth, the Lord took our heart in His hand and turned it in the direction of His choosing. Our exit from Visionwriters was always matched with willingness for the departure to be permanent or temporary. Ours has been a journey of naked trust in God and in His ability to navigate His own vessels.

God rekindled our desire to assist in the betterment, further development, and continued advancement of Visionwriters. It is fascinating how He gave birth to our willingness at the same time that He was birthing new direction within Fawn. Only God can engineer intricacies of this nature and execute His plan with such flawless timing.

Here we are again, ready to manage the office flow, maintain the web presence, and assist in the evolutionary process in any way the Lord desires. We will also continue our home-based efforts to help small businesses and ministries obtain affordable, quality websites.

We are new people ready to take on new roles. We look forward to working with the Board as part of a team-working collective to help navigate the ministry of Visionwriters International.

You are also a part of this team. As a monthly supporter, your work with us is tangible. Your money, mixed with faith and prayer, is the most hands-on, practical means of advancing this mission. In the past, you have undoubtedly known the frustration of not knowing what to do in life, and the loneliness of thinking it's up to you to figure it out. That's why you understand the importance of helping others to realize that God wants to talk to them every day.

Your dollars are far more than money - they become manna for the masses. I pray you see the vitality of your part and that you continue to seek the Lord for ways to help us to eliminate from the world the ache of a (seemingly) silent God. VI *seems* to be experiencing the effects of this world's fear-based economy - but I believe His presence is our courage. We *do* hear Him - and His word becomes our action.

We look forward to future conversations with you and we solicit your prayers and insight.

In Love,

❖ Michael and Susan Mucklow

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