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NEW ENGLAND-BASED FAMILY-ORIENTED INDIE FILM "FOOTPRINTS" PICKED UP FOR INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

SOMERSET, MA – When film festivals announce their "Official Selections", distribution deal announcements are not far behind. Today, industry newcomer New Shepherd Films, a Massachusetts-based independent film company, announced that their critically-acclaimed film, "FOOTPRINTS – Angels are real. Some even have fur." has been picked up for international distribution. Humble Pie Entertainment in association with Innovative Film Investments acquired the distribution rights which include theatrical, community screening, broadcast, DVD rental and retail, and airline rights for the South African territory.

"This is a major milestone for us," Jim Huggins, the film's Director, said. "Not only did the distributor (Humble Pie Entertainment) present us with an excellent marketing strategy, they brought investors to the deal willing to fund the distribution. Innovative Film Investments clearly sees the tremendous business opportunity a family-oriented film like this has in today's global marketplace." Along with FOOTPRINTS, Humble Pie Entertainment will also distribute COURAGEOUS and SOUL SURFER.

Filmed in 15 cities and towns across the Southcoast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, FOOTPRINTS was one of only 15 out of 181 films from 19 countries that made it as a semi-finalist in the Transforming Stories International Christian Film Festival. Other films selected with FOOTPRINTS include "What If?", "Saving God", "Johnny", and "Billy – The Early Years of Billy Graham".

"It's all about the story and FOOTPRINTS has a powerful story to tell," said Russ Dougherty who worked as the Director of Photography on the project and co-wrote and co-produced the film with Huggins.

The story centers around the life of a young boy abandoned to an orphanage after life has dealt him one too many blows. Little does the boy realize it at the time, but this becomes the turning point for his life and puts him on a path of faith towards God. And towards a very special German Shepherd named Cadie.

Called "A wonderful story" by the Dove Foundation, FOOTPRINTS is a family film based on a true story about the power of love to change lives. Touted as a film "well worth watching" by Dr. Ted Baehr, Movieguide.org in Hollywood awarded it their highest rating for storytelling – a 4+. The Times-Record also praised the story and, in reference to the German Shepherds in the movie, added "even a cat lover will love this movie!"

New Shepherd Films is an independent, Christian film company with its offices and studios located in Somerset, MA. New Shepherd Films is dedicated to telling true stories that highlight God at work in everyday lives. Everyday. Visit www.facebook.com/footprintsmovie, become a fan, and join the journey!