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LOCAL FILM "FOOTPRINTS" MAKES TRACKS AROUND THE WORLD

SOMERSET, MA ó When Director Jim Huggins presented his vision for a family-friendly, faith-based feature film to the congregation at New Hope Christian Church in Swansea, MA in July 2009, he asked people to join him on journey. Huggins, and his partner, Russ Dougherty, wondered just how far two men from Swansea could go with a message about the power of love to transform lives. Today, they got their answer. Around the worldí literally.

Transforming Stories International Christian Film Festival (TSICFF) headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa announced their 2011 OFFICIAL SELECTION Semi-Finalists. Of the 181 films submitted from 19 countries, only 15 made it into this prestigious category. New Shepherd Films' production of FOOTPRINTS was one of them. Other films selected include "What If?", "Saving God", "Johnny", and "Billy ó The Early Years of Billy Graham".

"We're honored to have been selected and be considered with these exceptional films," Huggins said. "For a small team like ours to be in the same league as major films like these is a true testament to what God can do!"

While FOOTPRINTS may have a small core production team and an even smaller production budget (under \$30,000), the production involved a cast and crew of over 500 people and was filmed in 15 cities and towns throughout southern Massachusetts and parts of Rhode Island.

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

Called "A wonderful story" by the Dove Foundation, FOOTPRINTS, a family film about the power of love to change lives and is based on a true story. Dr. Ted Baehr of Movieguide.org in

Hollywood has touted FOOTPRINTS as a film well worth watching and awarded it a 4+ rating for storytelling the highest rating available.

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 towards God.

New Shepherd Films is a New England-based 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.

Like New Shepherd Films, Transforming Stories International Christian Film Festival has a vision to transform cultures through storytelling. The festival showcases powerful, inspiring, faith affirming, evangelistic, transforming stories in the form of film to the world and the Body of Christ.

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