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**M**y word this year is thanksgiving—giving a thank offering to God. There are many scriptures about thankfulness, gratefulness, giving praise, etc. When I studied the word, I found myself going deeper and deeper. It's not just the idea of keeping a gratitude journal, although there's nothing wrong with that. It's a posture we must take to move forward with our Lord. It paves the way for faithfulness and righteousness (life as it should be). It sets our eyes on Jesus and takes lies captive. It stretches our faith and helps us to see that God's hand is at work, even when we don't see it with our own two eyes.

Thanksgiving in Hebrew includes yada, praising God for what He's done, and toda, praising God not for what He does, but for who He is. So, either way, whether He's answered our prayers the way we hoped or not, He is worthy of our thank offering.

I thank God for our KWA family. I'm grateful for the leaders, members, visitors, and supporters who believe God will effect change through the written word. I am thankful for the many opportunities to gather in community and to encourage one another in the battle to write for the Lord. And I am over the moon grateful for the testimonies that have come out of this organization.

KWA is God's idea, and I thank Him daily for it. For this reason, I set the theme of this issue as *Why KWA? - Testimonies of God's impact through Kingdom Writers Association*. I invited some of our leaders and members to share what God has done through our community. I pray you will be encouraged by these testimonies, and they will prophesy your breakthroughs as you continue to write with God. (Rev 19:10)

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LETTER  
FROM THE EDITOR

*Jill Wyckoff*

Thankful

*They shall give thanks to the Lord  
for His mercy, and for His [a]wonders  
to the sons of mankind! They shall  
also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of His works with joyful  
singing." - Psalm 107:21-22*





**M**y husband and I decided to attend the first annual Festival of Books in Point Loma in 2017. As we walked by the many book vendor tables, we ran into Jen Matthes, an old friend from church. She introduced us to Brae at his vendor table and told us about KWA and how amazing it was. At the time, we lived in North County, and I thought KWA was somewhere downtown, which would have made the commute inconvenient. But to my surprise, when I inquired about joining, they were meeting only one mile from our home in Vista! I knew this was a sign.

I promptly joined and showed up at the next meeting. I had tried writers' groups in the past, and they were all very strange and not my type of people, to be honest. I felt like a lone wolf in my writing journey. Not many people thought the way I thought or had the same ambitions I did.

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At the first meeting, I sat in the back row and mainly observed how everything operated. I was surprised at how funny Brae and Jill were, and even though they took writing seriously, they didn't take themselves too seriously. There was a freedom and an ease in the air. No one was trying to be anything more than themselves. The authenticity was refreshing! As Brae moved into his message for the group, I began to cry. It was like he was speaking to my soul. I had never felt so understood as a writer. I realized how emotional it was to be a writer and how that was okay. So many people around me were feeling emotional too. The power in the room was palpable. I knew I had found my people and that I would grow there.

Fast forward five years later as a member and four years as a Vision Lead, I am so grateful for that divine appointment at the Festival of Books. I've been challenged, supported, and SEEN in so many ways. I had opportunities to lead, encourage and intercede. I joined other KWA writers in the mountains of Idyllwild in 2021. Brae helped me cast out the spirit of mundane in my writing, and I reconnected with my Creator through the ministry of nature.

Now, I am stretching myself to lead a KWA chapter in North Idaho in 2023, and I'm determined to finish the many books God has put on my heart. I know with support, it will come to pass. Just like Brae and Jill always tell us, "Keep saying YES to God!" All we have to do is keep saying yes, and doing the next right thing. God will take us on amazing adventures, but He will also beckon us to return to the homes of our hearts, where our true passions have been dormant for too long. This happened for me, and I know it will happen for you too.

*Like a lone  
writer  
Not many  
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I thought  
the same  
things I did.*



# KWA IS THAT PLACE!

*by Dr. Lawrence Wood  
KCI/KWA Board Secretary  
& San Diego Vision Lead*



**V**anessa and I recently attended a movie. We love movies, but we didn't enjoy this one. We discussed the film on the drive home. She said she kept asking herself, "Why am I here?" She spent her money and her time to be entertained or, at least, be engaged.

Her question struck me. Not that everyone will appreciate what you or I have to write, but I should ask myself, "Why am I writing this?" More importantly, I don't want the reader or viewer to feel they wasted their time.

It took me a while to confidently announce to the world that I am a writer, and I don't want anyone to suggest I keep my "day job" which someone once did. So now, at this point in my career, I ask, "Why KWA? Why am I here"?

When I need to commune with God, I need a quiet time and place. I need to remove the distractions of the world. It is work. It takes practice. I know when I'm there because it's just God and me. I recognize his voice. A character in one of my scripts says it so well. "It's that place where God speaks from."

As a writer, I need to find that same place. Where it's just me and writers, who know me, are interested in me, and I in them—a place of acceptance. We are all writers! I am encouraged to hone my skills, and I'm given the tools to do so through monthly meetings, workshops, and personal relationships. It's family.

Are you looking for a place to relax and meditate with other believers who are writers? Do you want to be heard and understood? I found that place with KWA. It's that place where God speaks from.

All of us have talents given to us by our Creator. But each of us has a need that cannot be met on our own. We have a need for interaction and support from others. It is what makes us who we are.

Outside influence is our greatest strength but also our strongest weakness, affecting the human mind and heart. We start off completely dependent on the careful nurturing of our parents. As we eat and grow, then learn to crawl and walk on our own, we are celebrated and encouraged to learn more. We learn to climb and to run faster, to read and write, to draw and create! We soon gain a self-consciousness where we become extra sensitive to how we are viewed by others, and we desperately find ourselves wanting to fit in, find friends and be popular.

We were created to respond to outside influences. Because of that, learning to protect ourselves from the bad influences around us is just as important for our survival as drawing close to the good influences that draw out our personality, and magnify the gifts we have locked up inside. The truth is the wrong influence can bring destruction, discouragement, sorrow, and even death. It can cause us to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, believe a lie about who we are or what God's word says about us, and paralyze us from expressing our deepest dreams or creative ideas to the world.

For those who know God and love to write, Kingdom Writers Association is a family of creative, God-fearing professional writers and loving friends that will draw out your gifts and celebrate them. They will encourage you from a Kingdom perspective, give you the push you need to start writing more and share what you were given from your Creator to the world.



Bad outside influence can cripple you and cause you to act or behave in destructive ways simply because you need to belong or feel accepted by a group or family. The world is full of influences that contradict God and draw you away from His love and goodness. They can cause you to fear life instead of embracing it. And to second guess yourself or even sabotage any positive thoughts of asserting yourself creatively.



The scripture tells us, “ Do not be deceived. Bad company corrupts good morals.” But what can good company do?

The cool thing is, even though we all have some fears or intimidations from the outside world, we can snap out of them with some loving, positive, celebrative encouragement from those who love us and have been where we are. We can be pushed to try, take a chance, begin to express and write what we can only imagine and develop our writing skills through inspirational help and guidance from God-fearing leadership and demonstration.

This is what KWA did for me! They started out loving who I was and encouraged me to step out and write what was on my heart. They taught me how to write more freely, with care and purpose, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, engaging my heart to write more than ever before. I know I will publish my first book soon, and they will even help me do that. From writing prompts to illustrative demonstrations, this is a family of teachers, screenwriters, published authors, pastors, and friends; all rooting together for my success, fulfillment, and for the Kingdom of God.

Grab a pen or typewriter, and come join the fun! Your life will be changed forever! Mine sure has!

Our Father in Heaven, how great You are, Sovereign Lord. There is no one like You, and there is no God but You. We stand in awe of You. We praise Your greatness and highly honor your name with a song of thanksgiving. All day we praise our Lord. We give thanks to You forever. We bow down in worship; we kneel before You, the Lord God our Maker. You are our Rock; what You do is perfect. All Your ways are fair. You are faithful and do no wrong. You are honorable and reliable. We give thanks to You because You are good, and Your mercy endures forever. Greatness, power, splendor, glory, and majesty are Yours, because everything in heaven and on earth is yours. The kingdom is yours, Lord. Thank you, Lord, for being merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of You God! How unsearchable are Your judgments and how inscrutable Your ways. You are worthy of great praise, and there are no limits to the extent of Your greatness. We exalt You, for in perfect faithfulness, You have done miraculous things. Praise be to You, our Father of compassion and our God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles. Now to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen.

2 Samuel 7:22, Psalm 22:23, Psalm 34:3, 69:30, Psalm 44:8, Psalm 95:6, Deuteronomy 32:4, 1 Chronicles 16:34, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Exodus 34:6, Romans 11:33, Psalm 145:3, Isaiah 25:1, 2 Chronicles 1:3-4, Jude 25



# WORTHY IS OUR GOD

A prayer by Claudene Adam,  
KCI/KWA Director of Intercession Teams



**M**y name is Glenna Adams. My highest form of education was at a Vocational School and doing business classes. I do not have a degree which has always been an area of disappointment when I have worked as a secretary, as a children's pastor's wife, a receptionist in a financial shop, a caregiver, and a babysitter. I was a member of the Homemakers Club, but none of these titles give me a sense of notoriety. I took this up to push his agenda, "You have no degree and remain uneducated." I have published three books for the Kingdom of God.

by  
**Glenna Adam,  
Somerset KY Victory  
Chapter Leader**

When our former KWA Chapter leader stepped down for health reasons, I was given the opportunity to take the position, not being in the limelight. I always lived in the shadows. It was with fear and trembling I gave Brae and Jill Wyckoff the keys. I had what it took to run a business, but I had nothing of value to offer a church. I was faced with more accomplishments than I could count. I felt like I was still absorbing information at meetings and didn't know if I was understanding deeper things. However, after much prayer, I was not going alone. All of my fears were laid to rest as I step into this role, exclaiming, "This is what God made for me--it fit me like a glove." I was by the Lord to do this and I had the strength to do so. It is a journey that is magnificent and glorious step by step forward.

So, I shook off that uneducated label, and we had our first meeting. I was confident, like Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*. Everyone was excited. The Lord led me to speak on a Sound Mind, which became our writer's platform. We went home blessed from individuals participating in our group. One person had the words flowing forth to write. If we are anxious, fearful, or in any fashion, the words will simply not flow like a mighty river. If we cannot focus as we should.

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was greatly encouraged. The  
prompt for the day. Everyone  
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annoyed, stressed, or upset  
While in that state of mind,

So, if you are lingering  
about taking this position,  
please consider allowing  
God to shine the light on  
your path. He will not give  
you the whole plan at once  
but one step at a time. If  
God is nudging you to do  
the impossible, watch as He  
performs, not you. If He is  
calling you out to become a  
leader, allow Him to guide  
you forward in writing and  
leading. He will affirm and  
order your steps.

When I set foot in the room,  
I was not nervous but had  
tremendous peace. I felt  
I had plenty to present to  
the table for a good meal.  
I did not need to compare  
myself to anyone else. I just  
had to be me and celebrate  
all who came! We are in  
this together, and it is for  
His glory that we gather to  
write! God will give us more  
tools as we endeavor to use  
what we have.

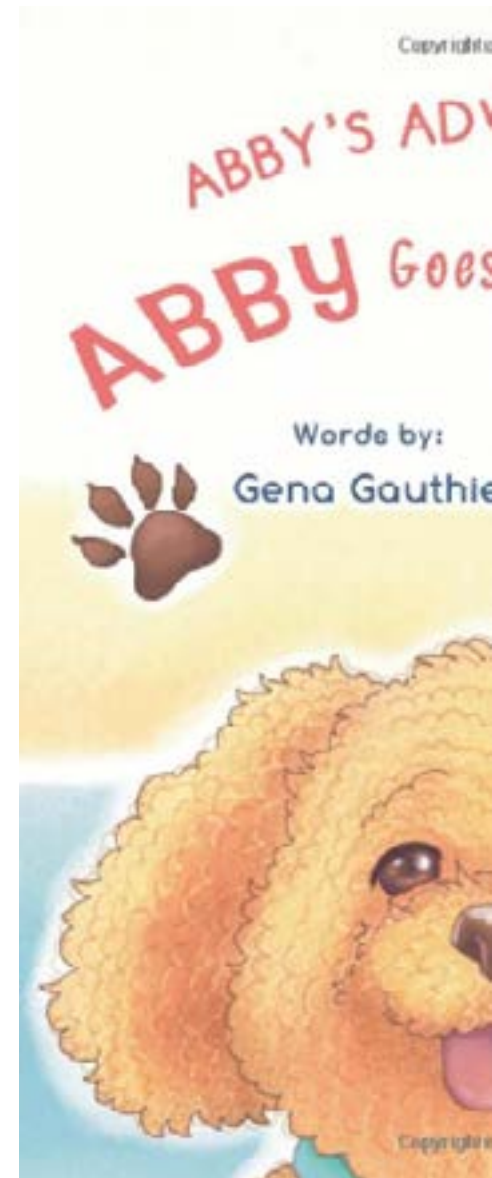
Thank you, Lord, for trusting  
me to be your Leader!

"What an imaginative story," it said. There it was written across the top of the widely lined paper. My first-grade teacher thought the barely legible two-paragraph adventure was terrific. So did six-year-old me, who knew herself destined to be a published children's author, mesmerizing readers everywhere with masterfully crafted word pictures. Though, as many dreams often do, this one floated to the back of my subconscious. From there, it lived to haunt and nag me for years to come.

As a teenager, I joined the high school newspaper, scoring a front-page article or two. Companies I've worked for have welcomed my emails and newsletter offerings. But always lurking, never quite coming into full light, was desire begging me to publish at least one children's book.

Far past the age when the first inkling of authorship danced around in my head, Kingdom Writer's Association (KWA) entered the scene. Should I join such a literary company? How could I be worthy to even sit amongst published screenwriters, storytellers, poets, bloggers, editors—actual authors—when I have no discernible consistency in my body of work? Pushing doubts aside, I decided to make the leap and have been an active member for over four years.

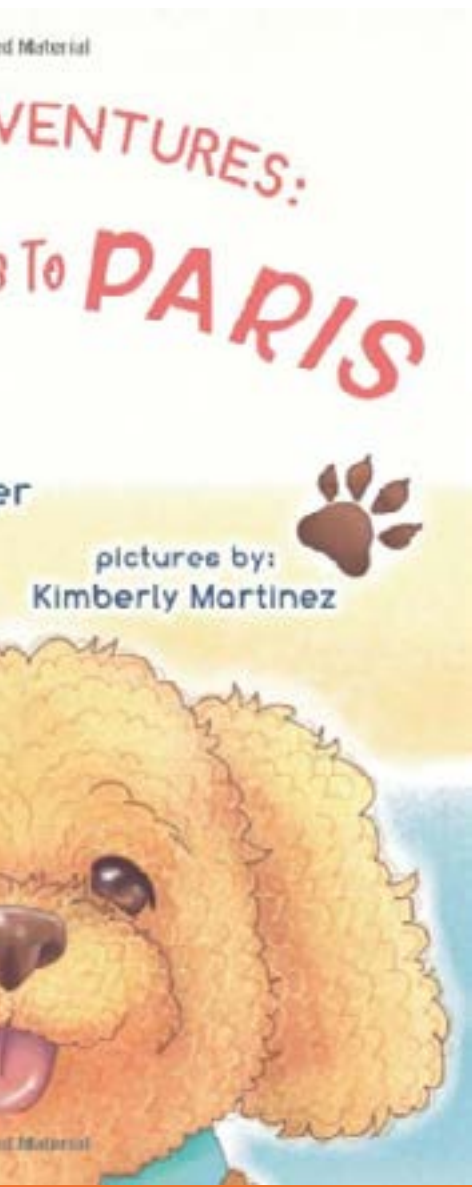
At monthly meetings, we writing enthusiasts of all shapes and sizes are invited to embrace our identity in the kingdom as authors and scribes. It does not matter where I may think I am in my writing journey. No. I, and all others, are simply invited to sit and try on for size "writing, not as a hobby but as a calling." Somewhere in the process, I felt compelled to employ, yes, pay for, the lauded coaching services of Brae Wyckoff, who,





along with his wife Jill Wyckoff, co-founded KWA. Brae set me on a well-planned and prayed-up course toward finally publishing my children's book. Abby's Adventures: Abby Goes to Paris, book 1 of a series, materialized within a month!

Coaching included a plan I could follow with checkpoints to guide me toward the finish line. Because I so wanted this experience to be successful, I chose, even when uninspired or downright depressed, to meet the deadlines for completing activities. Among those were to write a certain number of words daily, outline my desired illustrations in word form, find an illustrator, and invite friends and family to beta read and provide feedback. Today my book is on Amazon, available for purchase. And I have an author page—a piece my coach introduced me to and encouraged me through. This, and my published work, would not have come to be without Brae's guidance, expertise, and encouragement.



Though my project is technically finished, like any good coach Brae offered his thoughts on my next steps. He kindly suggested that all I need now is what anyone needs, connection. I have had that in KWA. It is within this very group, my scribal tribe, where I am asked to identify a powerful concept—the why. Why do I write?

A few readers of my short children's book have already told me how the simple message reminded them of God's faithfulness and gave them an opening to speak to others who needed the same reminder. I love the challenge of taking what I know of Jesus and putting it on paper in a way only I can because of my unique voice, style, and experiences. And then to see it bear fruit is beautiful.

We have an enemy who wants to silence anything that has to do with that. He hates God and loathes anything God loves. He is up to old tricks to stop new endeavors. Therefore, it's imperative to define and awaken the reason behind the desire, to understand what it is to be armed. Learning to wield this invaluable weapon can only prepare us for the battle ahead and empower the ever-so-important "Yes, God."

Have you ever heard someone speak and put the perfect words together to describe a feeling? Has a poem or work of literature resonated within your soul as you read, causing synapses to fire and thoughts to percolate? I have experienced both of these as tingling running through my body, calling me to partner with God to create something extraordinary. This is the same feeling I have now sitting amongst these KWA "greats" who would once have scared me away due to my malformed perceptions.

It is with hopeful expectation that I look toward finishing Abby's Adventure series. One of my main takeaways or epiphanies is that doing what we can with what we have opens doors. Sitting fearfully in a corner is a posture of always waiting to be rescued by someone or something. But taking a small, even underdeveloped gift and putting it on the table before our heavenly Father—perhaps by way of critique groups, beta readers, or coaches—lets Him do what He does best. Remember, this same God fed thousands with just five loaves and two fish offered up by a boy. Imagine what He can do with our writing if we let Him.

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# Thank

**A**s the plane took off, I gazed over the wing to the San Diego coastline. When I made this trek to Texas, the feeling was very different.

God had moved so mightily in the short months since I had met them. A little bit at the irony, having met these San Diegans in the middle of my journey from my home in San Diego.

This time, I would not have the opportunity to spend as much time in the spirit. I had already launched the KWA songwriters chapter, and I wanted to serve God's anointed songwriting scribes better. I prayed His Holy Spirit would show me ways He had uniquely equipped me to bring. I had been healing, and I had begun to see a miracle breakthrough. The dreams God was bringing to life were manifesting themselves in the natural.

The roar of the plane overtook me as I closed my eyes with a





# You!

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# DON'T G

Brae Wyckoff,

*“So let us not grow  
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and especially for tho*

**G**iving up, what is that? It's ceasing to make an effort. It's resigning ourselves to failure. It's allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by emotion or addiction. Do you know how many times I have heard someone say, “I was about to give up?” Way too many to count.

This verse speaks of not growing weary in doing what is right. Many of us have grown weary by going it alone. God didn't design us to do everything alone. He created us for community; to build together, grow together, and even fail together.

2 Chronicles 15:7

*“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”*

This scripture is a promise. Let us be strong and not give up. I fought for over twenty years to get my first book published. I was wrestling with my spirit and flesh

# LIVE UP!

KWA Director

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work for the good of all,  
se of the family of faith.”*

- Galatians 6:9-10 (NRSV)

over releasing this story buried within me. I first wrote as an atheist. That was my mindset. The story never worked. There was no meaning. It was lifeless. Then I became “saved” and tried to write the story from this new mindset. Religion crept in like weeds choking the story to death. It was lifeless. Then I received the Holy Spirit and was awakened. God spoke to me so clearly, and my writing adventure began anew. The story was given life! The Holy Spirit was writing with me and through me. I had purpose and direction. I had community with God.

Perhaps you are feeling like your story is lifeless, it doesn't make sense, it feels blah and pointless. I pray that the Holy Spirit invades you right now and compels you to find community. To find community first with Him. Let that first love feeling envelope you. Then I pray He leads you to our community of writers, or perhaps He wants you to start a gathering of writers in your area. All you need is one other person to join you. (Mt 28:20)

# KWA - MY STORY

*by Jill Wyckoff*



Many of you know that in 2015, my husband and I were told by the voice of God say, "Give Me room to spread." In January 2016, he and I went to another city for other Christians for a gathering. This included the two of us and a name. It wasn't until after we knew what it was exactly following God's request and grew bit by bit until we launched a Kingdom conference; the rest was the name and ran with the Association (KWA) thing.

That's the story that you know but what you don't know is that Brae heard the story on Facebook. Brae ended up and led a session. I was his wife and I was his wing woman administrating behind the scenes. I was a writer, but I was talking to anyone and everyone even sure how this was. I remember asking him to talk about writing and you run out of things.

Looking back, it was a clue what God intended for the organization or with me. I only knew that God and we were to follow. I did so half-heartedly. My wise pastor said, "Your part in this thing is a division between you

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She was right. I needed to find my part,  
something that fit me. I eventually found  
it, but it took a little time for me to be  
confident in it.

Each of us comes to the table with our own  
"stuff." Mine was a feeling of inadequacy  
and lack of confidence. But the wonderful  
thing about God is that when you push  
past the fear and doubt to walk in what  
He's calling you to, He shows up, and we  
grow up. We grow in our understanding of  
who He is and who He is through us. We  
understand that the Holy Spirit will teach  
us what we need to know (John 14:26).  
We believe God's word that says we are  
God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus  
to do good works, which God prepared in  
advance for us to do (Eph 2:10). We might  
know these things as head knowledge, but  
they will not transform us until we move.  
Move forward. Do the hard stuff. Take the  
next step, the baby step, a teensy-weensy  
step forward. And that's what I did, and I  
am so grateful to God for leading me.

I can't imagine my life without our KWA  
family. I couldn't have known the immense  
blessing God had in store for our leaders,  
our members, and us. I could not have  
imagined the number of lives impacted. I  
couldn't have dreamed that people would  
be saved, healed, and delivered. I am in  
awe of the Lord and of the testimonies of  
lives changed, both the lives of the writer  
and the reader.

What would have happened if I hadn't  
moved forward? What would have happened  
if I had talked Brae out of doing this and



if I disobeyed the Lord's leading? I shudder to think about it.

Many have heard God's call but are hesitant to step in for whatever reason. Maybe you haven't heard Him audibly, as Brae did, but you're feeling a nudge, an urgency, a stirring. I implore you to move. Will there be challenges? There will. Will it take you out of your comfort zone? Absolutely. Will it bless you in ways that you can't even imagine? Without a doubt!

Grab hold of the Lord's hand, and let's do this together in community. You + God + KWA = everything you need to fulfill God's assignment as a Kingdom writer. Let's go!



Give thanks to the LORD, for  
he is good; his love endures  
forever. - 1 Chron 16:34

And whatever you  
do, whether in word  
or deed, do it all in  
the name of the Lord  
Jesus, giving thanks  
to God the Father  
through him.  
- Col 3:17

Give thanks in all  
circumstances; for  
this is God's will  
for you in Christ  
Jesus.  
- 1 Thes 5:18

*Let them give thanks to the  
Lord for His lovingkindness,  
And for His wonders to the  
sons of men!  
- Psalm 107:21-22*

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.  
- Phil 4:6

# KWA PUBLISHING FOR CHILDREN



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Alex Wiggers is the leader and Creative Director of the publishing company, Paradigm Press. Husband and wife team, Alex and Ashley are busy raising their three children and running the family business together. Under the banner Paradigm Press, they publish the unit studies by Amanda Bennett at [UnitStudy.com](http://UnitStudy.com) along with Homeschooling Today magazine. Ashley Wiggers speaks at homeschool seminars, serves as co-executive editor of the magazine and is the author of the Profiles from History series.

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## CONNECT AND CREATE REFRESH RETREAT IN TEXAS

Join us for this DAY RETREAT on March 19th, 2023. If you love WORSHIP, CREATIVITY, and COMMUNITY, this day is for you!

Join us at the iconic Refuge Cabin in Northeast Texas for a wilderness retreat. Surrounded by forest, trails, and a peaceful atmosphere, the cabin is a quick 10-12 minutes from nice hotels in Longview, TX. We are 20 minutes from Greg County Airport or 2.5 hours from DFW airport.



We're Anthony and Kaylah Cantu, affectionately called The Cantus by our friends. We've been living and working in Hollywood for the past eight years. As screenwriters, our hearts are to tell stories that are not only entertaining but also glorify our Creator. This is a tough and lonely industry, and if there's anything we've learned, it's the importance of community. We need it in life, in work, and in the Church.

It was clear from the first time we met Brae and Jill that we were united in our passion and love for Jesus and storytelling. We'd all been seeking to build and cultivate community for writers in different ways. As we learned more about KWA and their mission, we knew it was something we wanted to be a part of. We realized that out of all the KWA chapters around the country, there wasn't one in Hollywood, the heart of the entertainment industry.

We love screenwriting, and we love Hollywood. We believe God wants to use writers to tell stories that point the world to His truth and love. We hope to support and encourage writers to strive for excellence in their calling. We believe we've been called to Hollywood as a mission field. If you believe you've been called here as well, we'd love to pray for you and support you.



# NEW RELEASE

## KINGDOM WRITERS ASSOCIATION WRITING & PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." - Proverbs 22:6

Our children are under attack through evil storytellers and a viewpoint from a fallen world. God sent us to combat that evil through Kingdom storytelling. Do you feel compelled to write children's books? Is there a stirring within you to champion our kids to walk in righteousness? Do you feel unqualified to write for children? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this book is for you.

Brae Wyckoff, award-winning, best-selling author, and Director of Kingdom Writers Association (KWA), takes us on a deep dive into the children's book writing universe. This powerful tool provides statistics, age range breakdowns, publishing costs, in-depth how-tos to acquire an illustrator, and more. Brae wraps Kingdom principles around the nuts and bolts of writing and shares testimonies from writers who've followed his lead and produced Godly fruit. **WRITING AND PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S BOOKS** provides valuable insight and information that will save readers thousands of dollars in the publication process.

Brae will inspire you, encourage you, and empower you, to go after the calling you have received to write for our King and His kingdom.

Brae is the author of several children's picture books. His first book, *The Unfriendly Dragon*, voted #1 Best Kids Book Ever on Goodreads.



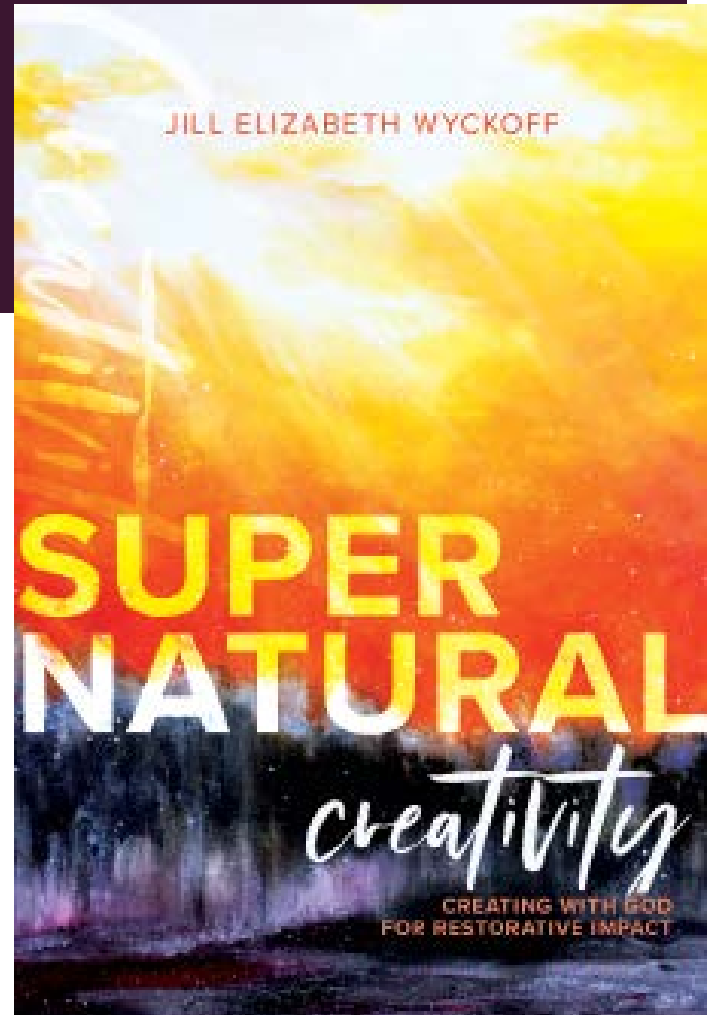
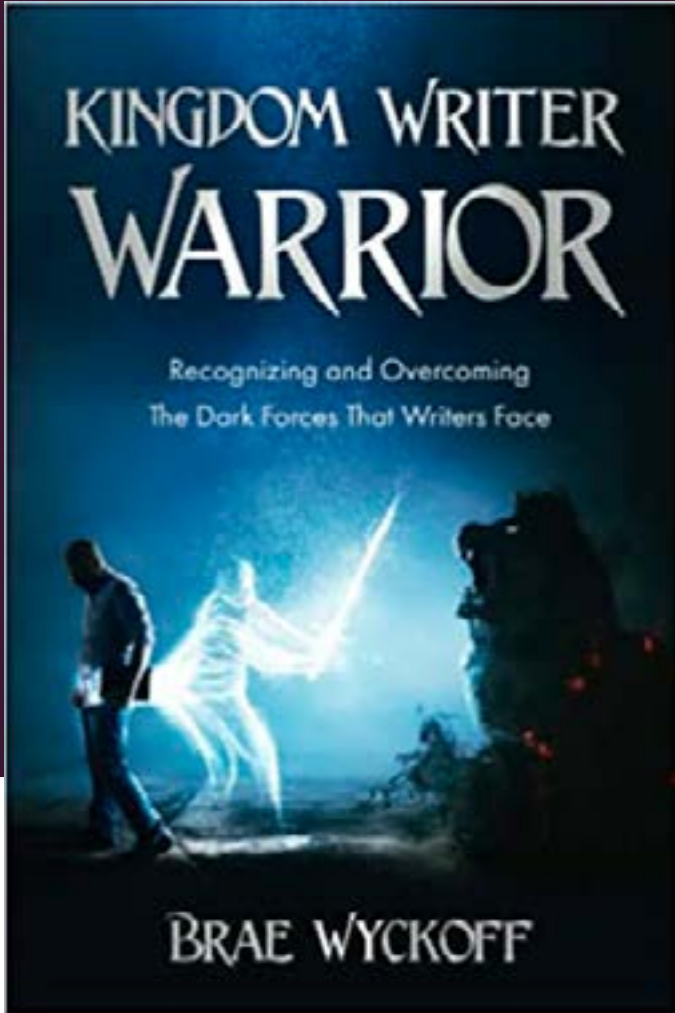
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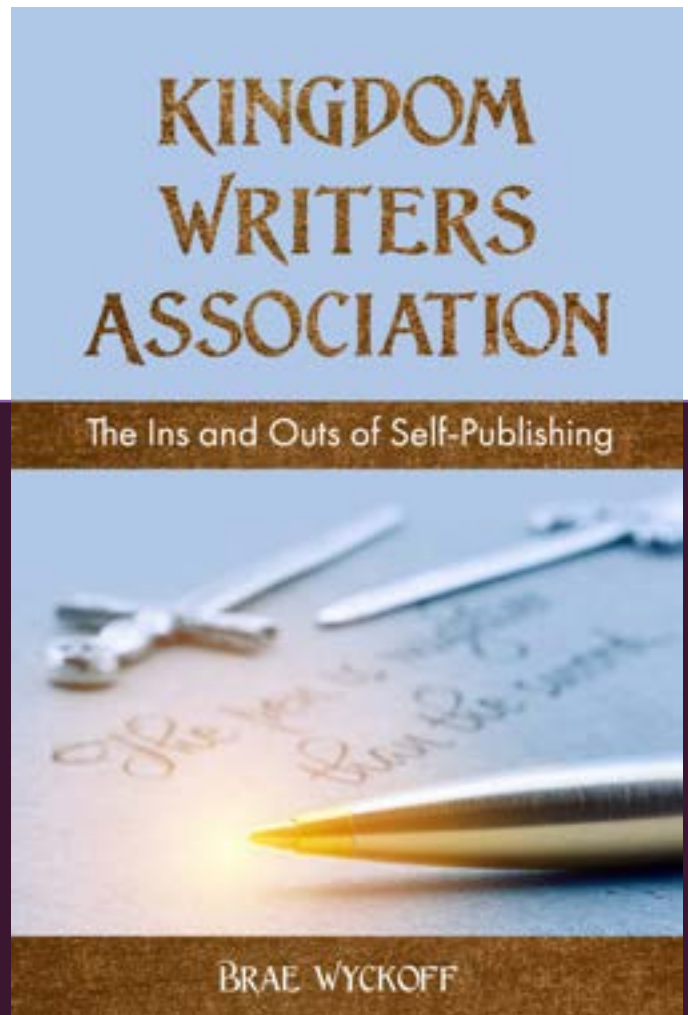
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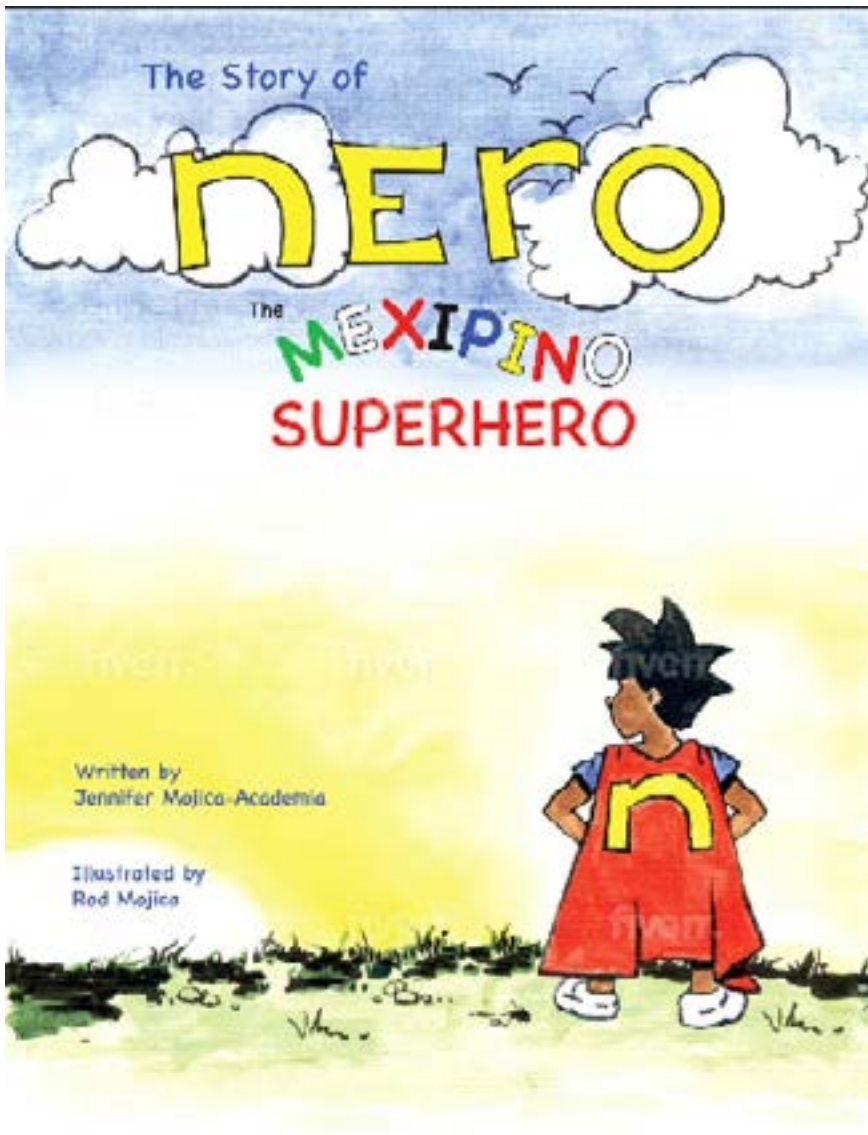


# RICE BOOKS



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I overheard my grandson, Adrian, tell his mother, "I am not Filipino. I am only Mexican." Needless to say, I, his Filipina Lola/Nana, had a loving talk with him about the beauty of Filipino culture.

As an educator for 26 years, I know how empowering it is to find genres and characters in books that the reader can identify with and, more importantly, look like you. I went on this search to find children and

biracial books that include Filipino and Mexican cultures. I was disappointed to find out that it did not exist. It was at that moment I heard the Lord, in His creative and infinite wisdom, and He downloaded the narrative of "The Story of Nero, the Mexipino Superhero" in 90 minutes while I sat inside a Barnes and Noble bookstore in Chula Vista, CA.

One of my friends found out that I had published the book. She told me that she would help market my book at the elementary school district, which is her place of employment. Her superintendent loved the book and told my friend that he would have my book inside every classroom in his district if I removed the last page and reprinted the book. The last page of the book included the scripture, Psalm 139:14-15. I respectfully declined and refused to participate in any "cancel culture" and cancel the source, Jesus Christ, that gave me the narrative and the vision of each illustration

included in the book. As a result of honoring God and the living power of His word, I received a notification from Barnes and Noble that they were going to sell my book in the children's section inside their store at the Otay Ranch Mall in Chula Vista, which is the same bookstore that God downloaded the narrative and illustrations to me for this children's book! When you honor God with what He gave you, His favor will make room for your gift.

While I was vacationing with my family in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, I received an email from a woman that wanted me to sign a copy of my book and meet her at her house. She knew a mutual friend, and I felt peace about driving to her house. It turned out she only lived twenty minutes away. When I arrived, I met her husband and her three friends. They welcomed me with open arms. The woman shared with me that she was battling many physical infirmities and made a comment, "I am not sure why I am still even here." I asked her if I could pray for her, and the Holy Spirit took over and grabbed hold of their hearts. Their souls were saved, and their names were now written in the Book of Life. Writing a children's book that honored God led to this.

It all started with my desire to have my first grandson embrace his Mexican and Filipino Cultures. I've learned that if you say "yes" to what God wants you to write, He will open supernatural doors for you that no one can shut.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."  
-1 Cor 2:9

**The Story of Nero, The Mexipino Superhero**  
**By Jennifer Mojica Academia**  
**Published April 6th, 2021**  
**Available on Amazon**

# KWA CHAPTERS

## IN-PERSON CHAPTERS

Accra, Ghana

Bakersfield, California

Boise, Idaho, "Sacred Scribes"

Cali, Colombia

Encinitas, California, "The Writers' Well"

Hollywood Screenwriters, Hollywood California

Houston, Texas, "So You Want To Write"

Northern Idaho

Oceanside, California

Oakland, California, "Shiloh Scribes"

Phoenix, Arizona

Southern Oregon

Somerset Victory Church, Somerset, Kentucky

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, "Ready Writers of PA"

## ONLINE CHAPTERS

Members-Only (all KWA members)

International "Diligent Writers"

NextGEN (ages 8-15)

Powerhouse Children's Writers

Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Songwriters

*More chapters are getting ready to launch soon. Check our website and Facebook group page to stay current on new online and local chapters.*







**A**s a self-published author, I was happy with my little children's book with a big message for everybody. I had sold a couple of hundred copies, primarily to friends and family. I sent copies to an orphanage in Uganda. I took copies to an orphanage in Ethiopia, where I presented it as a mini-VBS. I turned it into a drama class for a kid's camp, with the children adding characters and creating skits based on the story. But I did not feel successful.

Then, during an online writer's conference, I heard Brea teach about the Kingdom mindset. As he spoke, I recalled the moms who told me they read the story to put their little ones to bed and were in tears at the end. I remembered the Ethiopian interpreter who grabbed me in a big hug and said, "You thought you were preaching to the kids, but you were preaching to me. You don't know how you just changed my life."

And for the first time, I knew that I was a successful Kingdom Author. And I joined KWA before Brae had finished his presentation.

Prior to the 2020 quarantine, I led a writer's LifeGroup called "Shiloh Scribes." As I learned more about KWA and attended online KWA meetings, I felt the yearning to relaunch the group as a KWA chapter.

I was feeling a holy discontent. I felt like a jack

**Jan Renee Turnbull, Oakland Shiloh**

of many spiritual trades: intercession, prophetic, administration, teaching, and writing. But I didn't truly excel at any one of them. When Theresa Harvard Johnson spoke at the KWA meeting, I realized that those things that I walked in but didn't excel at added up to something different. Individually, each was a powerful calling; together, they described the office of a scribe.

KWA Oakland Shiloh Scribes launched in August 2022. I will never forget Brae handing me a sword and exhorting me to feel the weight of the call.

To learn and grow as a leader worthy of that call, I attended the Idyllwild Advance. As we drove up the mountain, I was unsure what to expect. The weekend was full of prophetic confirmations that now is my time to be creative, to paint, to write, to lead others. And to reach the nations.

November was the last 2022 meeting of KWA Shiloh Scribes. I led the group through the guided meditation that Jill presented at Idyllwild. It was a sacred holy moment sharing the life-changing words of Jesus and seeing their art. I looked around the room and saw that together, we are embracing the idea that writing is not just a cute little hobby. It truly is a Scribal anointing, a holy call. And with the help of KWA, we are learning - little by little - to treat it as such.

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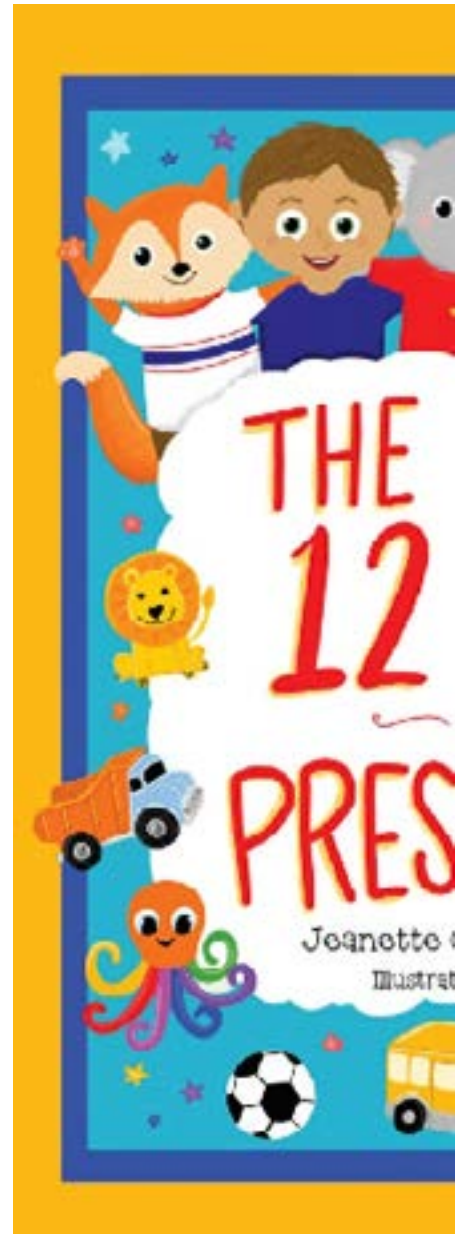
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We all have dreams. From the time that we are young, and even now into adulthood, we all have dreams. Some of those dreams are realized, but many of them we don't believe can come true. Oftentimes, we just don't pursue our dreams because we are too afraid. Sometimes, we don't even imagine how big our dreams should be because it's way outside of us. You've probably heard the saying, "just do it afraid," but I choose to say, choose the best partner, and prepare for the adventures of a lifetime.

I didn't even realize that my dream, or my calling, was to write children's books. I was randomly told this by a young lady during a gathering. This lady is beautiful, wise, and much younger than me. But, I have learned from much experience that God does things in funny ways, and who am I to question how He prepares me? He knows that I need much preparation, but then after that, I'm all in. I believe that makes all the difference. I take God at His Word. So many times when I asked for an inch, He gave me a mile. This has literally happened over and over again, so I wouldn't expect that this time was going to be any different.

A year after I received the word that I was going to write children's books, I was sitting in my preschool classroom practicing songs for our Christmas performance. I began to get a download for a song, which is called "The First 12 Days of Preschool." We sang the song that year at our show, and the children and parents loved it. Then I heard the Lord say, "Now let's put it into a book." I said, "Well, I don't know how to do that." Of course, I knew God



did. We began this journey of faith and the adventures of a lifetime.

This is when I met Brae and Jill Wyckoff, co-founders of the Kingdom Writers Association. They held my hand and walked me through the process of writing, finding an illustrator, and publishing. They prayed with me, encouraged me, and showed me that community is part of God's plan for us. I learned that, although I am very independent, God wants us to work together, help each other, and accomplish great things.



After the book came together, God told me that He wanted me to record the music to “The First 12 Days of Preschool.” I could only laugh. See, I have been taking voice lessons for years, and while it’s a dream to be in commercials and record music, I still can’t even find harmonies. I am\ definitely the last person someone would call to record music. Then I remembered one of my random conversations with God when I said, “God, if it’s your will for me to record music or be in a commercial, then so be it.” He had answered my prayer. It’s funny that He does it this way because everyone who knows me

knows that this is not something I’m qualified to do.

Once I got over the shock of realizing that we would be recording the song, I once again contacted Brae Wyckoff, who connected me with the beautiful recording artist Lady Dang. We went into the studio and recorded the song, along with my grandson and best friend’s daughter. I would say

this is a dream come true, but it's beyond anything I ever dreamed of.

After the song was recorded, God said, "Let's make a music video." All I could say was, "HUH?!" This was another stretching moment for me. I am very happy when I'm just sitting inside my quiet bubble, without bringing any attention to myself. Now we were going to make a music video.

Once again, I was connected with an amazing team out of Los Angeles that agreed to come to San Diego and film the video. This would be quite an unbelievable event. It was also justifiably costly. When I learned how much it would cost to produce the video, I sat down and took a deep breath. I said, "God, that's a lot of money." I felt disappointed because throughout the process, I had invested my very best to ensure it was all done with excellence, but now, what would I do? Just like a good Father, I heard Him say, "I own the cattle on a thousand hills, and everything is Mine. This is a Daddy-daughter project." I said, "Ok, Dad. I trust You. Let's do it!"

The team came down from Los Angeles, and we recorded a music video with the children, a teacher information video, and a commercial. Did you hear that? We filmed a commercial. I don't know why God allows me to do amazing things that I randomly ask for, but He does. I never even dreamed that I could be part of something like this.

We immediately became a best-selling author on Amazon upon the release of the book. We also won Creative Child Magazine's 2022 Book of the Year, Mom's Choice Award, and a Reader's Favorite Five Stars. Additionally, we won 7 Telly Awards for our music Video! Yes, 7! I asked for one, and He gave me 7.

As a preschool owner and teacher, we have used the book and music video to help children prepare for and be less anxious about going to preschool. As a result, we have been asked to appear on ABC7 Los Angeles, FOX5 San Diego, KGUN Phoenix, and next month we will be going to New York to be interviewed on KidLit TV. We have also had the privilege of doing many book signings, including one at the third largest Barnes & Noble, at The Grove in Los Angeles. We partnered with the Olivia Hudson Foundation, which supports research for pediatric brain cancer, and were able to donate several books to Children's Hospitals in San Diego and Los Angeles.

Not one day goes by that I don't thank God for the opportunity to partner with Him on this incredible adventure, and I never for a second believe that I did this on my own. I am careful to steward what I have been blessed with, including all of these special relationships, and I will never take any of it for granted.

I remember one day in my quiet time, I asked God what He loved most about me. He said that whenever He wants to partner with me on adventures, I will always say yes. And that takes faith. We must invest in ourselves and step out even when it's uncomfortable. He has ALWAYS shown me that He doesn't take me places to just leave me there alone. He goes with me and stays for the whole ride. Won't you step out today? Your next adventure awaits you. Be brave!

**The First 12 Days of Preschool**  
**By Jeanette Crystal Bradley**  
**Published August 5th, 2021**  
**Available on Amazon**





by Dr. Cindy Holman,  
KCI/KWA Prophetic  
Director


The writer's journey, I did not know, and I knew not of the Kingdom Writer.

Stepping into ministry, I was plagued by self-doubt to write, but I had a world. As the team of Prophetic Director, read a message with a burning within, the Director of the team had asked him to write. I talked about practical things they spoke, I realized what I was trying to do, that, as someone who was as a representative of the church all in, and I have been there several years.

There is a real need for a gathering to a national level internationally. It is about titles. It is about culture. It's about each other towards one, even if others are seeking God's kingdom is why so many are with KWA.

My life has significant moments of KWA – and the





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I stepped into 2022, praising the Lord that I had survived some severe health issues and believing that God was going to do something new this year.

I have never wanted to write, but I loved telling stories! I felt God calling me to write my stories down. So I began praying for God's help if this was really what I was supposed to do. I also prayed hard for Him to bring me a group of like-minded friends and believers. At times, I felt like I was all alone in my beliefs in this crazy world. I have pretty much been social distancing way before COVID due to illness. I guess you could say I had been hiding for years in the safety of my room, but I knew I had to start having relationships with the outside world. I was unable to drive, which left me alone most of the time. I guess this was better than being in the hospital recovering from surgery or 6 ft under. God blessed me with another year. Another year of me questioning, "Why? Why am I still here? What is my purpose? How can I be worth doing anything for you, God? But whatever it is, I am ready, God! I need help keeping me on the right track, so send like-minded friends!"

On January 15, 2022, I joined a book challenge hosted on FaceBook by Square Tree Publishing and ended up winning a scholarship for a VIP. I met Brae Wyckoff in that VIP group and was introduced to the Kingdom Writers Association. God let me know I wasn't ready for the whole book thing yet, so I sought his help. Amazingly,





I was given a year's scholarship to KWA. Wow! God answered my prayers! I knew then that I had something to say and to write, and God wanted me to shout it from the mountaintops and around the world!

Within a week, I had new friends from England, Canada, and all over the U.S., and even "down under." God answered my prayers in a big way. Not only did He give me a group of wonderful kingdom-minded people, but they were creatives, too. Now, in this second year of being part of KWA, I finished my first children's book, *The Tree of Three*, and I believe I will start the publishing process next month.

I had started writing my memoir, but God wanted me to write my children's book first. He wanted to heal the inner child in me so that I could begin to help others heal. So I put my memoir on hold and began writing *The Tree of Three*. Through writing this children's book, I have started the process of being healed inside and out. I discovered that "I do have a purpose and a reason to exist!" (This is a line from my book). When I started this writing journey, the author Randy Kilgore told me, "Continue to turn your pain into joy and your sorrow into remembrance to help change God's children." That statement made me say yes to writing. Do I still question this? The answer is yes, but all I have to do is stop long enough to recall a testimony to remind me that God has called me and I have work to do!



*KCI, founded by  
KWA Directors  
Brae and Jill  
Wyckoff, is  
the nonprofit  
organization that  
houses KWA.*

**KCI** exists to equip, encourage, and empower creatives to reach more people for Christ.

We envision a world-wide community of creatives walking in the authority of their unique identity in Christ, advancing His Kingdom through their creative expression and the power of the Holy Spirit to see lives transformed by the Truth, Power, and Love of Jesus Christ.

Just before Covid hit in 2020, God called Brae and Jill to start KCI. Since then, God has moved through KCI/KWA to reach across the United States and the nations beyond. Local communities were launched, creatives ignited, creative works manifested, and lives changed. Best of all, individuals have been saved, healed, and delivered as a result!

There is much more on the horizon. Will you consider making a one-time or ongoing tax-free donation to KCI to see this work continued and the Kingdom of God advanced through creative expression?





**C**ommunity. The disciples, Peter, Andrew, James, and John, were in the community of fishermen. Matthew, the tax collector, was despised by the Jews, alone, until Jesus brought him into community, a place of belonging. Hearts bonded for one purpose, His will done. Jesus always moved in relationships. Community.

Writing can be a lonely calling: you, your keyboard, and time. But I desired to know others that are called to write. To link arms with, to sharpen, and be sharpened in the challenges that come with writing for Him. I desired help with the process of editing and publishing and encouragement when I wanted to give up. And I wanted those that I could encourage and help as well.

I met Brae and Jill at a writer's advance in a log cabin in Hallsville, Texas. They introduced me to kingdom writing, and I knew my prayer had been answered to join those with the same calling. I also wanted to be a part of the mandate that Brae received from God to gather His scribes and provide a space for them to hear from Him. I wanted this in my local community. Another prayer answered--KWA Ready Writers of PA was launched. Last month, we shared testimonies of the goodness and faithfulness of God. The group ministered to one another with loving compassion, and healing tears flowed. Breakthrough. Hope. Encouragement.

KWA has shown us that writing is not a hobby but a calling. It is holy.

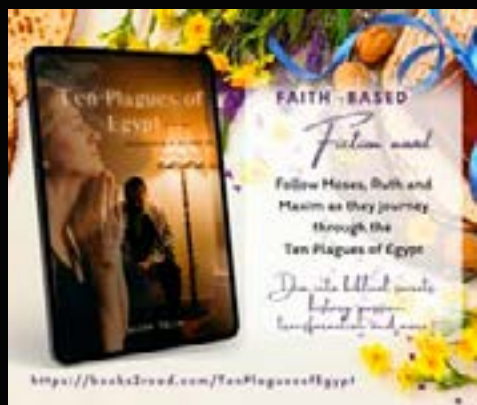
KWA is a beautiful umbrella that covers His scribes with support and resources to help us walk out our call. No lone rangers in KWA! Jesus didn't call one disciple but a community of believers. We are His present-day disciples with one purpose--Jesus and His kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you, Brae and Jill, for saying yes to the call!



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# Idyllwild, CA WRITERS ADVANCE November 2-4, 2023

There's nothing like gathering in the fresh mountain air, surrounded by God's glorious nature and like-minded writers and creatives!

Join us in the beautiful mountain city of Idyllwild where we'll celebrate what God is doing in and through each of us. This small community setting lends itself beautifully for activities, ministry, prophetic creative expression, coaching, activation, free time, and filling up on the goodness of God.

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!** Please note that this is a lodge setting with dorm-style sleeping arrangements. Special arrangements can be made for those with disabilities.

Price for members is \$375, and non-members is \$425. This includes lodging in Emerson Lodge and food. Due to limited space there is a non-refundable deposit of \$100.



KWA Boise, ID

# WRITERS ADVANCE

Sept 28-30 2023



It's time to meet God on the mountain!

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## Come EXPECTING

Join us for a weekend of inspiration and powerful teaching in the beautiful mountains above Boise, ID. We are honored to have KWA founders, Brae and Jill Wyckoff as our guest speakers. Space is limited so don't delay!

Full details, address and carpool/ride share info will be sent following registration confirmation.

KWA Members:

- \$100 deposit due by May 13\*
- Balance of \$200 due by Aug 31, 2023

Non KWA Members:

- \$135 deposit due by May 13\*
- Balance of \$200 due by Aug 31, 2023

\* Deposit and fee are non refundable but can be transferred to someone else if you are unable to attend.

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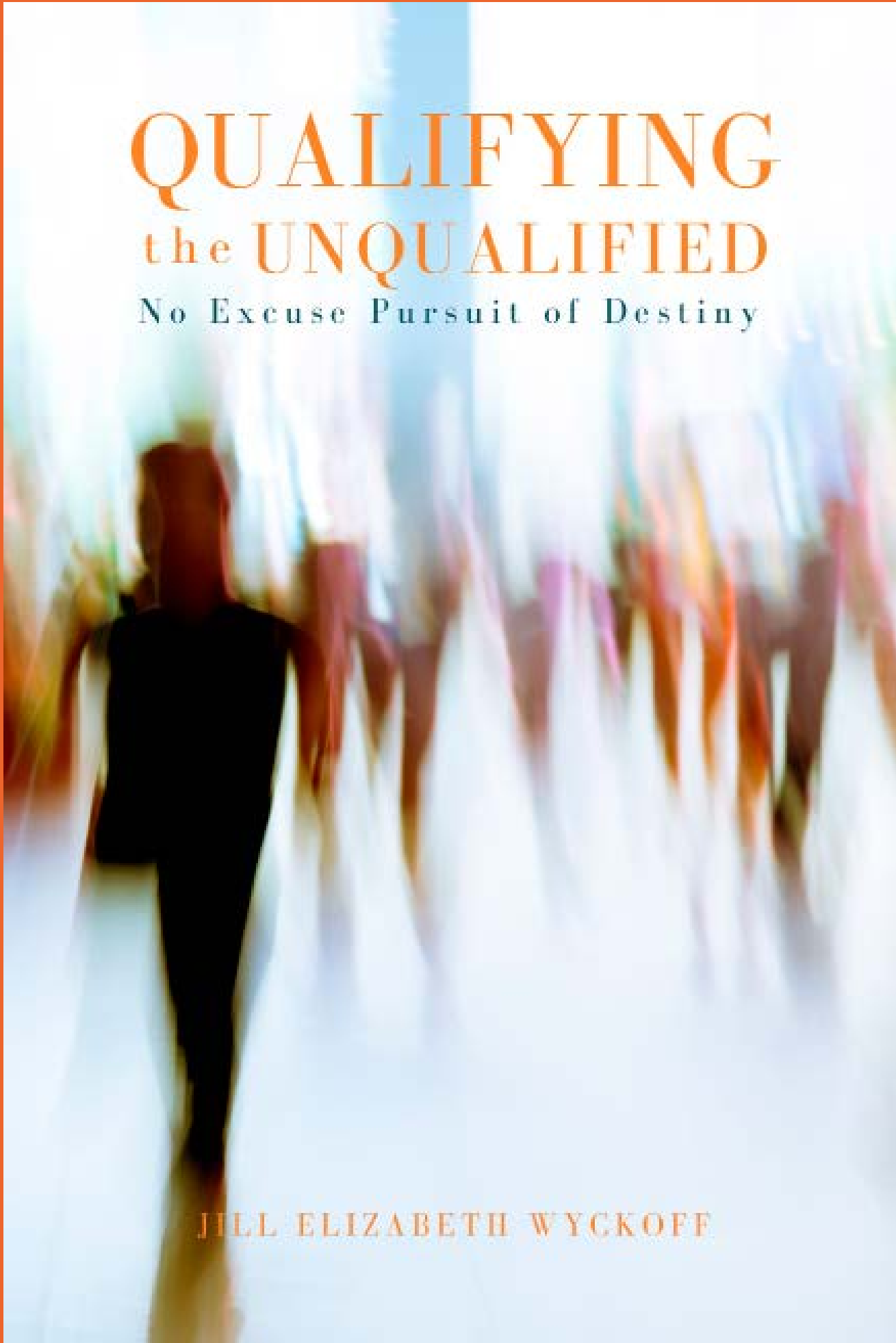
**I**n November 2022, we started the Writers' Well Chapter in Encinitas, California. Our small, intrepid band of scribes has begun an adventure together into our true identity as Sons and Daughters. We are learning what it means to be the Beloved of the Father, to see ourselves as He sees us, and to write from that place of acceptance and freedom! The Writers' Well is a safe place where we share our lives and dreams, encourage and build each other up and grow in community together. Our time together includes sharing by all, teaching, discussions, a time of soaking in His perspective of us as the Beloved, and writing. We look forward with joyful expectancy of our amazing journey together!

**Bob & Robby Little**

**Chapter Leaders**

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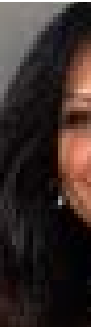
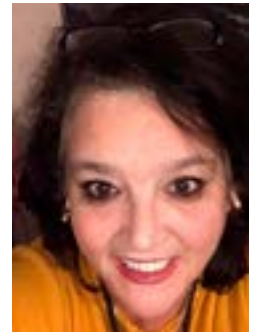
Many of us believe that God has a plan and a purpose for our life, but we doubt our ability to carry it out.

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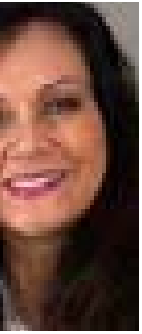
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