

# HAAS STORYBOARD

## Still Looking Forward After 25 Years

The summer of 1997, AOL launched AIM instant messaging, Netflix was founded and Hanson's MMMBop played on every Top 40 radio station. Meanwhile, Holly interned on Guam with TWR before her senior year at Moody Bible Institute. And in Africa Andrew paused raising support (to join The Jesus Film Project at Campus Crusade) to visit Cameroon.

Rather than just reminisce about the old days, here's what's new. In December we shared *Share the Story* had grown to six languages. After returning from Africa in June, Andrew put the final touches on three new productions: Bosnian, Egyptian Arabic and Urdu. People in Eastern Europe, North Africa and South Asia are being touched by contextualized non-print Bible stories in their own tongue.



*Holly's 1997 internship at KTWG*

A new set of voice recordings in a Kurdish dialect just arrived from northern Iraq. The intended audience is an oppressed religious minority and many live in refugee camps. Our field partners translated and upgraded the stories based on testing. Andrew is now editing their recorded narration so local workers can engage on social media with this 10<sup>th</sup> language in the fall.

## Second Animated Series Complete

After two years of development, MOTION finished a set of 12 animated testimonies for the relaunch of *Progressing Together*. This curriculum prepares Arabs for ministry in places with no historic church. The series equips people to live out their faith despite persecution and rejection from family and friends. These real life struggles demonstrate to thousands of future leaders who they are in God's eyes and how to love, forgive and live despite hardship. See the finished series and learn more by visiting [twrmotion.org/discipleship](http://twrmotion.org/discipleship).



*Layers of digital art are animated as the Youssif character walks through a scene from Episode 11*

## Preproduction for Series Three

Now that the *Progressing Together* series is finished, MOTION's illustrators and animators can take on a new series. Work has already begun to reach people in Buddhist cultures.

A team of believers in Thailand requested our help animating a series of Bible stories to engage people with the truth of the good news. The team will initially use the series online with the goal of moving to in-person discipleship. The initial plan to adapt it into at least five languages has been shared with many people in the past nine months. We're excited to announce that the initial Thai Buddhist project is now fully funded.



Early Thai series art concepts



### From the Field

Sometimes ministry that we didn't plan 'happens by accident.' Testing *Share the Story* in Egypt last year spawned a discipleship group that's still meeting. These young believers barely had any discipleship before helping our partners test. They continue to grow in how to walk out their faith weekly and other

new believers looking for community have joined. The initial purpose was testing the script. Today they recognize their calling and purpose as they learn from God's Word. So *whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.* (1 Corinthians 10:31) Something we're doing may bless others in ways we didn't expect but was part of God's plan all along.

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