

## Epilogue

*“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.  
And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world  
as a witness to all the nations,  
and then the end will come”*  
(Matthew 24:13, 14, NKJV).

If you have read this far, you probably feel like exclaiming with me, *“What hath God wrought!”* It has, indeed, been an incredible twenty-year journey. Twenty years may have passed, but the journey is not over. Every year that the Lord tarries, 3ABN will continue to grow, stretching to reach more population groups, stretching to minister to people with different needs with more effective programming, and stretching to add many more languages to the visual satellite signal in order to reach all of God’s lost sheep on the thousands of hillsides of the earth.

It’s difficult to end a book that has no ending. For as we go to press, late-breaking news begs me tell you one more story—a story about how God uses whoever is willing to be used. In this case, the person is a successful businessman who for many years has not been active in the church. But God never rejected him. Instead, God placed this man in a key position to work out a contract with two major cable companies—Comcast and Cable One—making it possible for 3ABN to saturate the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland, areas, as well as twenty-six other cities throughout the United States. All this for half the asking price! 3ABN had been working on this contract for years with no success. This man “just happened” to be part owner of a full-power station that was on a frequency that Comcast wanted. Therefore, they were willing to negotiate. And once more we celebrate a miracle.

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You might ask, why did I write this book? That's a good question, because my ministry has been for families. If you watch 3ABN, you'll see me giving an occasional presentation or a parenting spot. My handle has always been the love cup and how love creates love. Perhaps that's why I reacted so strongly when I saw Danny, who has suffered incredible physical pain throughout the years, being hit by criticism that I considered to be emotionally painful.

Danny's optimistic response was, "We have had many ups and downs with different leadership over the years. God has shown me, however, that if He puts something on your heart, if it's in compliance with Isaiah 8:20 ('To the law and to the testimony . . .'), don't let anyone discourage you. Go forward. Know that if you go forward, God will supply your every need. He will pave the way before you. No matter what the odds, God does as He says. He finishes what He starts, that good work in you. Always keep your eye on His calling and the vision. Don't be deterred. And I promise that you and God will always be the majority."

Danny's faith has never wavered. He knew that his calling was sure. But I thought, *If only those who criticized could walk the 3ABN hallways, see the miracles that were happening in the employees' lives, and hear the testimonies from viewers whose lives have been changed. If those who are tempted to criticize could hear about all the miracles, certainly they would see that 3ABN is God's work, not Danny's. Thousands and thousands of people are now taking Bible studies, attending Seventh-day Adventist churches, and serving God because of the influence of 3ABN.*

And so I began to write. I wrote off and on for six years. As I began to see "the end of the road," my husband, Jan, and I literally moved to 3ABN for a number of weeks so that I could pull together all the loose ends. It was then that my family got caught in the great controversy between good and evil. I don't think the devil wanted this book to be finished! At 3ABN, the evidence for a lovingly powerful God who is actively involved in the daily lives of His children is overwhelming!

What would be the best way to keep this book from being completed? Attempt to destroy the one person on earth I love the most. On December 2, 2003, at 4:00 A.M., my husband had a stroke. Danny rushed us to the hospital in Herrin. Although Jan was weak on his

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left side, he had some movement. My children said they would come immediately so that I could continue writing.

I don't think the devil was happy with that decision! Thirteen hours later, Jan suffered a massive hit that paralyzed him completely on his left side. For the next two and a half weeks, I lived in the hospital with him. When he was strong enough to make the trip to Tennessee, Hal Steenson took him home to be nursed by our physical therapist daughter and her family. I stayed on a few more days, hoping to finish the first draft by Christmas.

But alas, the task was too big. I put my writing aside and traveled home for the holidays, home to my family and the wounded man I love. Was I discouraged? How could I be when we have a most awesome and powerful God who can move mountains *and* paralyzed limbs?

Over the next few months, Jan needed me to do for him what he couldn't do for himself. But by May, as my husband's strength and function began to return, I went back to the task of putting the finishing touches on the last few chapters of this incredible story. It was not until then that I realized that Danny was also going through a very difficult time.

As both Danny and I have traveled through the "valley of the shadow" these last few months, we have become even more convinced that we are living very, very close to the end of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Just at the exact time God has put into place the technology, satellites, and programming to carry the gospel message to all the world, Satan has unleashed his forces with demonic fury to try *anything* to stop God from completing His plan for redemption.

Never forget that in 1984, 3ABN was God's dream—not Danny's. Danny caught the vision and became an instrument God used to fulfill His purpose. 3ABN was, and continues to be, God's ministry, not man's. It is going to go forward regardless of satanic attack!

Never forget that although God called one person to jump-start this ministry, He has called an ever expanding staff of highly committed and talented workers, many serving without pay, to carry the gospel forward. These workers are not just at 3ABN's headquarters in southern Illinois; they are located throughout the world, actively promoting God's media ministry. Plus, God has created an ever growing family of dedicated supporters and prayer

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partners who provide the resources and inspiration that empowers 3ABN's signal to reach the ends of the earth. This ministry is a result of God's united family of believers working together, believers who have claimed the promise that "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, *and then the end will come.*"

The 3ABN story—the story of God mending broken hearts through this worldwide ministry—is a powerful one. We should never be discouraged if we just remember how God has worked miracles for us in the past. Now is not the time to give up. Our salvation draws near. Let's look up, step out in faith, and expect God to continue working miracles for us as He has so faithfully done for twenty years for 3ABN!

Because God is in control, you have nothing to fear. Just as God has provided for 3ABN, He will provide for you. Take time out of your schedule to let His love warm you, comfort you, and sustain you through whatever challenges you may face in the future. He will be with you through whatever "valley of the shadow" you may be asked to travel. God is good, and as Danny would say, "May God bless you and do for you exceeding abundantly above all that you may ask or think" (see Ephesians 3:20).

Since there is no end to God's grace and miracles, I will end this book with these words:

*To be continued. . .*