

Birth of the Fast Horses Project

In the early part of May 2008, I heard a reputable Christian minister say that we can ask God to give us dreams. His comment reminded me of the verses in the Bible found in Acts 2:17-21 saying, “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Those scriptures announced the beginning of what is recognized as “the age of the church”, and also the beginning of the “Last Days”. Several thousands years later, we are still in the “age of the church” and still in the “Last Days”. We even find in 2 Peter 3:8, “With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day”.

Taking all that into consideration, it was obvious to me that the preacher’s suggestion that we can ask God to give us dreams was accurate, and Biblically sound - so I did.

Now, I had dreams before - and I believe some of those were significant - but this was a first for me to ask God to specifically give me one. The night after praying for God to give me a dream - I had one.

The setting was in a field along the highway, a mile from where I grew up as a kid, that we called “The Old Martin Place”. I’m just east of the building site and have entered the field through a gate that I left partially open. A horse in the field slips through the gate and races wildly down the highway - going east faster than any other horse has ever run. There was more to the dream that I choose not to share, because it has to do with how I was to personally manage the revelation of this dream. However, I can share that I believe the horse represented a specific ministry that God would release through a gate I opened. What was revealed to me, was that I would have to be willing to let it go as far and as fast as it could, without my hand of control, or the hand of any other man’s control on it. There is more that I deciphered from the dream, but it is not necessarily relevant to share at this time.

This dream was significant to me, because it bore witness to the concept, and the type of outreach ministry, that I had been praying about. The date of the dream was May 22, 2008.

As a side note, I had been, for some time, doing pedigree research, and searching for one Quarter Horse broodmare to purchase. In June 2008, Cindy and I found a mare named She Loves To Talk (aka Gabby). It was the first horse that I had purchased in more than 25 years, and the first for Cindy, ever. She had been very fast on the track - competing and winning in Quarter Horse Racing in New Mexico. At the time of our purchase, she had just been checked in foal to a barrel racing horse named Ima Firefighter.

Since we lived in town at the time, we had to farm-out Gabby to my sister, to care for her. When it came time for her to foal, we delivered her to the Equine Hospital at Colorado Springs University, and then returned home.

On the morning of April 28, 2009 at about 1:30 a.m. we received a call from the attending veterinary at CSU, announcing that Gabby had given birth to a healthy palomino stud colt. After hanging up the phone, Cindy and I, still in bed, laughed about the news.

Still pondering the information received - that he was palomino in color - I was reminded of one my first mounts - a palomino that we named Thunder. As I'm thinking about all of this, I hear in the distant west, (we were located several hundred miles east of Colorado) three distinct and successive sounds of thunder. The dreams, the sign of the thunder, and a renewed sense of God's interest and involvement in every area of our lives, ultimately inspired us to name the palomino colt, Prophetic Thunder, (aka Tru).

In 2009, I was working in the Central Receiving Office at the Walmart Distribution Center, at North Platte Nebraska. Part of my job was to process the paperwork for the over-the-road truck drivers that would deliver product to the center. At our desk, we were allowed to post pictures of our spouses, children, and grandchildren, plus items of interest. One of the pictures I posted was the foal picture of Prophetic Thunder.

The picture of the palomino colt consistently drew more comments from the truck drivers than any other. I even had comments from other shift employees, almost disgusted, because they had photos of all their beautiful grandchildren, and drivers would ask about the picture of the palomino colt instead. The interest that I saw sparked by the drivers, would later be the seed that would prompt us to use pictures of Prophetic Thunder to promote the Fast Horses Project.

Cindy and I continued to pray, and work on our idea of a Christian Outreach ministry, to the fatherless and the disconnected individual. In January 2011 we birthed Open Sky Unlimited, Inc. Later that year, we received our letter of designation as a 501 c3 non profit corporation.

Our primary mission focus is to reach out to the disconnected individual, by dialing up an awareness of the negative impact being experienced by the fatherless, and to show that the fatherless void can only be effectively filled by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The vision of our primary mission is focused on the millions of travelers, and truck drivers passing through Nebraska, each year.

Our secondary mission focus is to preach, teach, and practice living out 'the hope of life – Jesus Christ within us', in local churches, cowboy churches, to equine and horse racing enthusiasts, and anyone else we might come in contact with daily.

June 2012, Open Sky Unlimited, Inc. registered the trade name, the Fast Horses Project, with the state of Nebraska, and leased its first Fast Horses Project billboard. At the same time an additional website was added, www.fasthorsesproject.com, to be the connection point for the people whose interest is sparked by the billboard.

We are still in the early stages of development of the project, and ask for your prayers, and financial support, to enable us to manage the ministry, and to grow it. What we are called to do can only be done through a cooperative effort of like-minded individuals.

We especially depend on the goodness and the favor of God resting upon us to successfully minister to those that need it the most. Without His leading and His power we can do nothing.

Thank you for your interest, your participation, and your support.

God Bless!!!

Edward (Doug) Hobelman - President-Senior Minister of Open Sky Unlimited

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