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AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

We highly recommend watching the movie "The Forge." It shares values with "Walking Tall," focusing on mentoring young men and equipping them with essential life skills. Meeting Matthew and Marcela, who contributed significantly to the film, was inspiring. We encourage them to keep sharing their wisdom, skills, and faith as their impact can shape the future generation!



I'm Matthew Shaw and this is my wife, Marcela Shaw. I was the art director on the movie "The Forge" and Marcela was the production designer, so that makes her my boss. We actually work really well together because I know what I'm strong at, and she knows what she's strong at. So, she designed all the sets for the movie The Forge, and we, along with our team, built and decorated it. For instance, the salon is a real hair salon, and we just completed a total renovation of it, saying 'Enjoy' when we were done. The forge room, that's actually at a church. And others, like the coffee shop, were all real places. Then the interiors of the family home, and the hotel are sets that we built.

Marcelas share what it's like to work for Steven and Alex Kendrick. They've created an incredible team that truly values prayer. Every day starts with a devotional, and they frequently check in with the crew, asking how things are going and encouraging prayer even when everything is fine. Their commitment to prayer is inspiring, and they have a chaplain on staff. For every person they recruit to film a movie, they also recruit the same amount of individuals to pray for the crew daily. This creates a supportive environment where you feel covered in prayer, making stressful long hours more manageable. Their focus on God is the key to their success. I also want to recognize the intercessors, who are often unseen but play a vital role in this success through their powerful prayers.

They met on Marcela's first movie and Matthew's second, *Alone Yet Not Alone*. Together, they took on various Christian projects, including the Ark Encounter. Now back in church ministry, they remain open to God's guidance in both filmmaking and ministry, prioritizing spiritual direction in their work.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Thank you for your Prayers and Support.

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