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When Michael McDaniel was in the sixth grade he saw a picture he really liked in a book. He knew he couldn't tear or cut the picture out of the book so he drew the picture for himself.

That was the beginning of drawing, with lots of accolades for his untrained talent. Michael eagerly shares his inherited mother's artistic talent with his own children in his studio—they sit and draw with him as he works. If their signature is missing from their artwork, Michael will tell them there is just one thing missing—"It's so important to put your name on your drawings," advises Michael.

Evangelist Michael McDaniel is a chalk artist minister. It took him awhile to fit into this occupation. Saved when he was 16, "I searched for what God wanted me to do," recalls Michael. At 17, as he attended a revival, the guest preacher grabbed Michael's hand, shook it heartily and told him energetically, "Be strong and do it." At first not understanding the preacher's message and insight, Michael shared how his searching continued and how God was always on his heart.

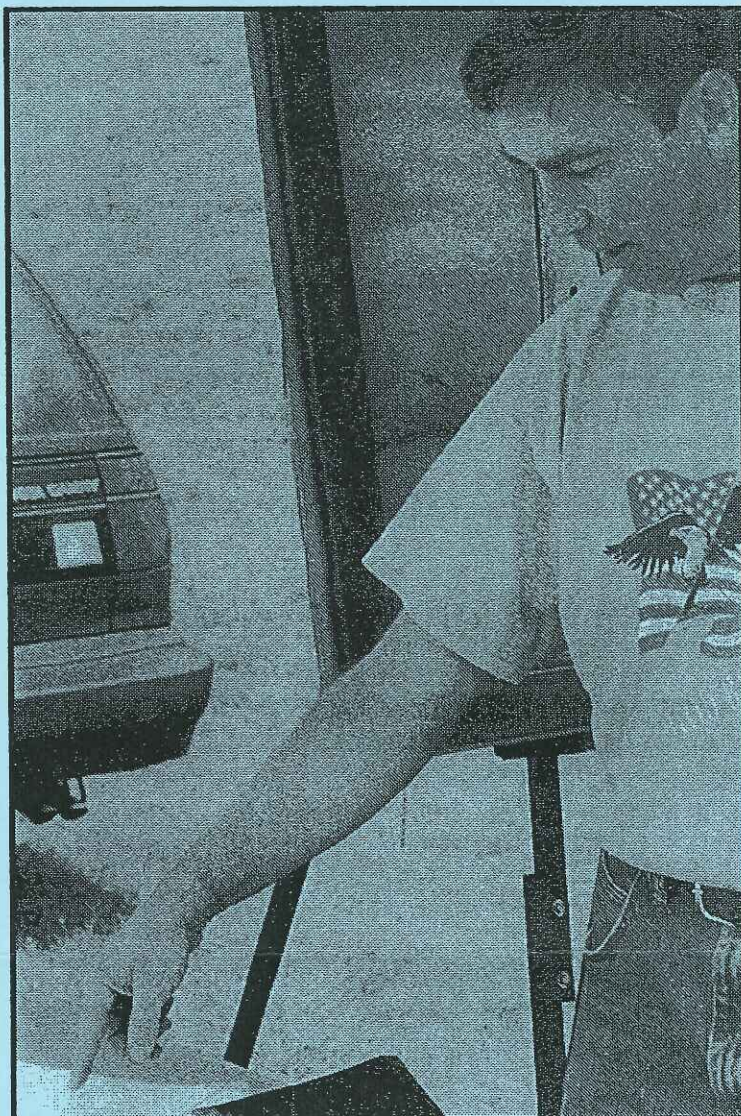
"I promised I would go anywhere He opened the door," confided Michael. His chalk art ministry has put him in contact with people through his radio broadcasts, helping in congregations in need of a temporary pastor, helping with church choirs and even helping with children's programming in addition to supporting his own church. A professional house painter, Michael is always looking for ways to spread his ministry.

With his artistic talent Michael includes both an obvious and a hidden message in his paintings.

Before his performance he draws an image with invisible chalk. During his presentation to his audience, he is drawing another picture to correspond. Then when his ministry is at the point he wants it to be, he directs a black light at his canvas and the first drawing shows through, creating a visual message that clings to the memory of the mind, often better than mere words. "Kids, especially, don't forget the images," says Michael.

Also an accomplished photographer, Michael's strongest current goal is to use his photographs to make gospel cards—his photograph on one side, a Bible verse on the reverse side—and best yet, he gives his work to people for free. His personal gift to them, as he ministers.

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