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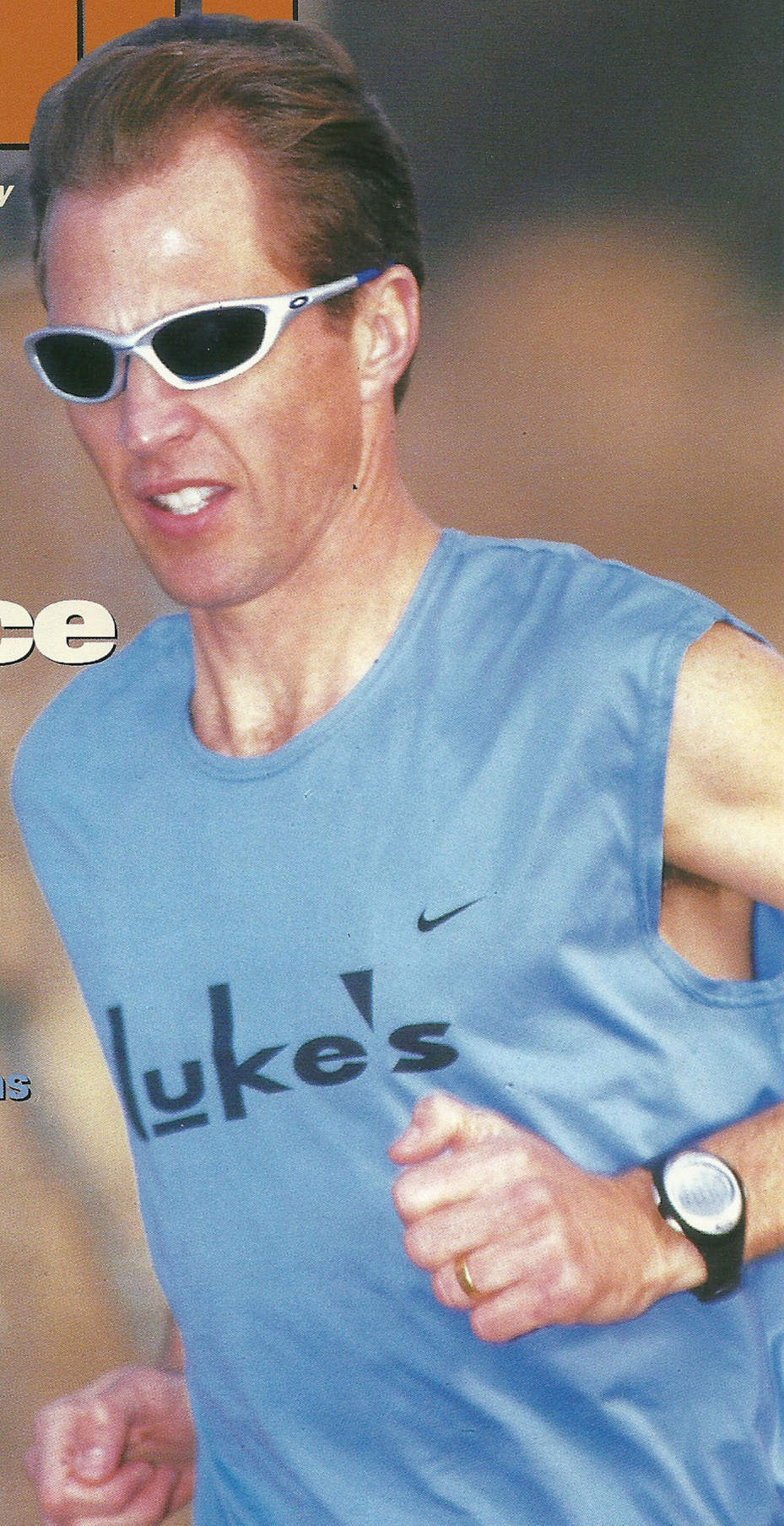
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# Miraculous Metals

**W**here will you be in 1000 years? In Kerrville, Texas, they will tell you to ask Max Greiner, Jr. if you have any doubt at all. "You have a choice, Heaven or Hell," says the master artist and architect, "for those wishing to experience the miracle working power of God in their lives, I am here to help." Chances are you won't have to travel all the way to Kerrville to come across a piece of Max's artwork or bronzes, though, as his creations may be found in all 50 United States and more than two dozen countries worldwide. In fact, in one month I happened across his work at Weir's Furniture Village, Dallas Theological Seminary and the Biblical Arts Center before thinking there must be more to this guy than just art. His work captivates and draws you in like God's magnet. Upon seeing Greiner's art up close, even on the open trailer he pulls to art shows and speaking engagements, it is quite easy to understand why it is included in prestigious corporate, institutional and private collections including the collections of Billy Graham, Pope John Paul III, James Dobson, Charles Swindoll, John Maxwell, Bill Bright, Paul Crouch, Benny Hinn, Jesse Duplantis, singer Johnny Cash and golfing legend Jack Nicklaus. Greiner is compelled to share his testimony with others since joining "God's Secret Service," and has appeared on television shows around the world on CBN, TBN, CTN, TCT, and the DayStar Networks. The bottom line to any story about Max Greiner is Jesus Christ and living life to His glory.

Greiner, 50, says, "I knew God made me an artist before the age of seven, but I didn't know until the age of 34 that He called me to be one of His artists, like Bezalel (*Exodus 31*)." Greiner's story unfolds like a fine novel. Raised a fourth generation Southern Baptist in Beaumont, Texas, his parents created a loving environment helping him and his brothers and sister draw closer to Christ and avoid most of the pitfalls of youth. His lifelong passion for archery arose from involvement in the Boy Scouts of America where he achieved the level of Eagle Scout. Nothing distracted him from bowhunting, backpacking, and canoeing until he met his (then future) wife Sherry at age seventeen. Sherry definitely kept pace with the outdoorsman; they even spent their honeymoon backpacking and bowhunting elk in the Colorado wilderness!

Greiner earned a design degree from Texas A&M University in 1974 and began a career as an architect. He and Sherry were married the next year, and are parents of an academically and athletically gifted seventeen-year-old daughter named Diana Shay who has recently discovered that boys aren't quite as 'yucky' as she once thought. A couple more years in architecture left Max still feeling drawn to his artistic gifts.

BY BRAD HAGSTROM

So, he combined two lifelong passions and joined an archery firm in California as an art director. Through prayer in 1977, Greiner asked God if he could be a full-time artist and received an affirmative reply. His works have included jewelry, drawings, paintings, illustrations and sculpture.

Max Greiner will be the first to tell you about the struggles and disobedience that led to setbacks in his life. "We caught the first wave of the Texas oil boom. Everything was great until 1983 when the bottom fell out of the economy. During that summer, Sherry was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, our income stopped as 95% of our bronze collectors went bankrupt, and our marriage began to fail," he

**Meticulous detail is translated from God's inspiration and biblical truth through various media including wax, plaster and bronze casting. Insets show *The Coming King*™. Below, Max with *The Great Commission*™.**



says. Greiner faced losing his home and everything important to him, so he cried out to God for help. When things did not improve, he read the Bible cover to cover for the first time.

"In the spring of 1986," he says, "God spoke into my mind and told me to make a small sculpture of Jesus washing Peter's feet; a lesson for me in humility, I thought. After three years of disobedience, and the situation worsening, I yielded to God, and created the 1/2 life-size bronze sculpture, "Divine Servant®." Immediately things improved and God began to restore what had been lost; He began giving

Greiner *His* art commissions. God also provided the funding to create the work He ordained.

Firmly rooted in the Word of God, Greiner believes miracles do happen on a daily basis and has produced twenty-six 90 minute cassette tape



recordings from some of his speaking engagements to share with those wishing to know more about Jesus and modern day miracles. In July of 1989, Greiner and his wife prayed for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, as outlined in *1 Corinthians 12*. "To our amazement, most of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit began to manifest in our lives, as we prayed for other people," he says. "Since that prayer, we have had the privilege of leading hundreds to Christ, and witnessed hundreds of authentic, documented miracles of all kinds." Since March 1999, Greiner a self-proclaimed "honest skeptic" insists, "God's glory has been visibly appearing, in the form of golden dust (*Isaiah 60: 1-5*) every day on us and thousands of others, as we lift up Jesus Christ." Wait a second. Come on, golden dust appearing? I, too, was skeptical at first until I saw it manifested as we prayed. Here is a guy who is highly intelligent and schooled at a prestigious university in calculus, engineering structures, and sciences that depend upon absolutes stating that a supernatural metal just appears from the Holy Spirit. Well, he sent samples to his well-respected alma mater for testing. The report could not specifically identify the material other than to say it was not any naturally occurring element, but an unknown 'plastic with extremely thin metallized coating similar to glitter.' The interpretation of the particles' interior is that of chlorinated plastic, organic oil. The Holy Spirit is represented throughout the Bible as oil. Since 1998, this "glory dust" phenomenon has been occurring to tens of thousands of Christians, all over the world. The artist believes this is a "last days" sign and wonder, as predicted by the Bible.

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**The triumphant return of our Lord takes shape in *The Coming King™* at top, inset. Bottom: Max with tools in the studio.**





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**Max and Sherry Greiner, above, express their love for God in everything they do. Their home/studio is one-of-a-kind. Below, *Divine Servant*®, Max's first God-commissioned work.**

and sliding doors through which 'pet' deer faithfully step each day atop a rock foundation, the Greiner's studio/home soars on a 134-acre ranch in the heart of the picturesque Texas Hill Country. "This home is *very Max*, like the raccoon tracks on the floor leading from the door to the refrigerator," Sherry says about her husband's wild artistic imagination having been unleashed. "Ever since Max designed this studio/home in 1991 we have been waiting for this fulfillment of God's blessing. Years living in a mobile home, sacrificing to pay off the debt for our land was well worth the wait."

Inside their home, thickly bound, well-worn prayer journals in six volumes grace his studio alongside small-scale wax models of his *Divine Servant*®. Greiner has turned down "at least \$1 million" in commission work to accept God's calling. In addition to this first "God-commissioned" piece, Greiner has completed copyright and trademark-protected pieces titled, "Fisher of Men™," "Christian Butterfly®," "The Great Commission™" and his latest, "The Coming King™."

Greiner imparts his wisdom upon most any

one willing to listen or hold his gaze, whether at the gas station, lunch counter or in five-star restaurants, "You must choose to obey God and turn from sin. Pray, read the Bible, find a church, become baptized, tithe, witness and obey." Jesus doesn't force Himself upon people, and neither does Max Greiner, Jr. He obeys God and lets Jesus sculpt him into the creation He desires. Praise the Lord! ✠

*For more information about the Christian artwork of Max Greiner, Jr., visit [www.maxgreinerart.com](http://www.maxgreinerart.com), write P.O. Box 290552, Kerrville, TX, 78029-0552, or call 830-896-7919.*

