

Interview with the Webmaster

Hi Michael, can you introduce yourself briefly?

Certainly. My name is Michael Graber, designer of the E-Water flash presentations (flashes). I live in Basel (Switzerland). When I am not concentrating on new features for E-Water, I work as a chemist in a vitamin production facility.

What hobbies do you have?

I am intrigued by photography and love to capture images with my Canon DSLR camera. As a passionate „water rat“, I love windsurfing, sailing and scuba diving. Of course, time spent with my wonderful wife, is first and foremost, my favorite time.

Can you tell us, how it all began with E-Water?

That is a long story. It started in the spring of 2002 while I was browsing the Internet. I came upon the

„flash“ presentation of the „Interview with God“ (www.interviewwithgod.com). I was very moved by the beautiful animation. I quickly came to the realization, that one can present a message clearly and easily with this technique. What message is more suitable than the gospel? That same week, I started to design animations I felt were compatible with Psalm 121.

And when was E-Water born?

After a few months I had stored several „flashes“ on my hard disk. Most projects were still in the construction phase and were never completed. Meanwhile, my younger sister encouraged me to publish my work. It was not an easy decision for me, and I did not know what domain name

I should have. Two years later, in the spring of 2004, I took the first step and published the



first five flash presentations. Every year since, one or two new flashes were added.

How do you develop new flashes? What software do you use?

A new flash starts with an idea, regarding a text or story I want to present. A bible verse? A quote? Something of my own? As soon as I have the idea formulated, I start searching for pictures that suit the topic. This step takes many hours browsing through several thousand

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pictures. With the software SwishMax I change all suitable sources to animation and complete the finished product with a song. All in all, it takes me several dozen hours to complete a flash presentation. Most of the projects never reach the finish line, because my quality standards are high.

Why do you spend so much time doing this?

On one hand, I strongly desire to tell all 7 billion people on this lovely planet that God loves them. He is only waiting for a decision, a choice, a life sign from you. It makes me sad, that there are people who worry more about a two-week-holiday than what can happen after their death, for eternity. „Hey guys, switch on your brains! You are missing out!“ On the other hand, it is fun to

in a Christian family so I was familiar with the Christian faith in a very natural way.

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My faith was of course quite childlike then. As a teenager, I asked very uncomfortable questions. Then, I did not always receive a satisfying answer. However, more and more, I discovered, that in this life, to spend your time with this man called Jesus, is the best decision you can make in your life. So it is today. I do not understand many things in this world, but one thing I am rock-certain of: A fulfilled, meaning-full life is only possible with Jesus!

Do you go to a church?

Yes, I regularly visit the Gellertgemeinde church in Basel. It is part of the evangelical church in Switzerland.

How can one support you?

I am always looking for suitable texts and stories for new flashes. When you have a good idea, please post the material in our forum for consideration. Thank you, in advance!

Last question: which one is your most favorite flash?

That question is easy! „The Love Letter“!

About E-Water:

The very first flash presentation: Psalm 121 • Rate of publication: Approximately 1-2 flashes per year • Website statistics: about 15,000 visitors, 570 E-Cards and 47 gigabyte traffic per day (December 2009) • Volume of the website: about 3.4 gigabyte • Average data composition of a flash: 50% music, 30% pictures, 19% program code and 1% text • Digital compression of the music: mp3 with 64 kbps (stereo) • Software for creation of the flash presentations: SWiSH Max 2 (www.swishzone.com) • Price of the domain e-water.net: 1700 Hong Kong-Dollars (about 140 US Dollars) • Hosting company: HostMonster • Server system: Linux, Apache, PHP and MySQL • Running costs: about 90 US Dollars per year • Translation team: Charles Mitchell, Pat Fasterling, Alexander Loewen, Astrid Erler, Valeria Raabe, Simon Chan, Angelika Moster and David Lichti



design flashes and program a new feature for the website.

How did you come to Christ yourself?

I was very fortunate, I grew up