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## Stones, Bones & Claws

Paul Veit, of Bridgton, uses man’s fascination with dinosaurs and fossils to present the Gospel to the unsaved and equip Christians with evidence of Creation.



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“Stones and Bones, Claws and Jaws” – almost sounds like a kid’s taunt, a Flintstones’ episode, or a bad title to a horror movie right?

On the contrary, it’s the name of one of Paul Veit’s and his ministry’s most popular presentations on Creation and the Flood. Paul travels throughout the country, fossils in tow, in an effort to reach the lost. “When we do an outreach, you get every dinosaur-crazed kid connected with the church, you get adults

who are struggling through the topic,” Paul says.

“You have everybody’s interest, because the whole fossil thing and dinosaur thing cover such a broad span of ages. The biggest plus for our ministry is that unsaved people actually come, and they hear the Gospel. It’s a big draw.”

### Unique Way To Reach Unsaved

Evangelism has been a passion of Veit’s since college, when he was a student at Nyack College in New York. His wife, Judy, points out it was one of the things that attracted her to him when they served on the Brooklyn Gospel Team together. “He didn’t even like my friends’ plastic dinosaurs,” she laughingly recalls of that time, “and now we’ve got whole dinosaurs lying in our yard!”

It wasn’t until Paul was a youth pastor at a church in Haverhill, Mass., that he found a unique way to reach out to the unchurched and the unsaved. Says Judy, “What happened was, the kids had questions. They were getting bombarded with evolution, so he bought one little fossil fish in North Conway, and it snowballed from there.”

“Kids are getting pounded,” Paul indicates. “When (groups) come, their kids leave feeling like they can deal with this topic from a Christian perspective.”

“We started doing outreaches (for youth retreats),” Paul remembers, “and they were very popular and were getting bigger. It got a little bit out of control.” Then, Paul fell ill with a thyroid tumor. He sensed the Lord was telling him, “Do everything you can to make a difference for eternity” and directing him to go full-time. Next thing he knew, he was announcing to his church that he and Judy would be following the Lord, and Declare God’s Wonders, Inc. was born.

Paul calls himself a “young earth creationist” with a passion for reaching the lost. “I believe in a literal six-day supernatural creation, and I believe the flood of Genesis was an actual historical event, worldwide in its extent and effect.”

### Called to Maine

He and Judy run the ministry out of their home and headquarters in Bridgton and have been for two and a half years. They met a bit of resistance at the beginning. Their Haverhill church was very supportive, but individuals in their lives said “What are you doing? Your kids are going to college! Why would you

do this now? How are you going to live off the love offerings?” They met still more resistance relocating to the Bridgton area with the goal of opening a Creation museum. Well-meaning friends questioned why they weren’t more central.

The Veits were unfazed. They and their four children had vacationed in the Bridgton area for ten years. The move was a no-brainer. “We felt like New England is a place that needs Jesus so desperately,” says Judy. “We didn’t want to locate in Pennsylvania, where there are so many ministries, and it’s the Bible Belt. We just are passionate about New England, and we want to come alongside ministries here and bring people into the Kingdom.”

Paul disagrees with the perception Christians “from away” have that New England is known as the “Frozen Chosen.” “That is absolutely not the case,” he points out. “I think there are a lot of exciting ministries going on here, and people have a passion to reach the

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