## **KURT MUSE**

An extraordinary inspirational family story about courage, faith and overcoming adversity.



## **PROGRAM THEMES**

- ★ Standing up for your convictions means taking risks
- ★ Embracing change to survive
- ★ Taking yourself too seriously-lighten up!
- ★ Achieving goals through vision and teamwork
- ★ Overcoming adversity with simple faith

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Kurt Muse was born in the United States but grew up in Panama City where his family had begun a printing and graphic arts business. After graduation from college in the US, he was commissioned into the Army Reserve. After fulfilling his active duty requirements, Kurt returned to Panama to help grow his family's business.

As an American citizen, Kurt studiously avoided politics...until 1987. Noriega burned down one of his printshops and killed one of his good friends. Panama was the only home Kurt knew, and it was being threatened by a ruthless dictator. Vowing to restore free speech, Kurt and his Panamanian friends built an underground radio station, The Voice of Liberty. Their maiden transmission electronically interrupted General Noriega during his State of the Union Address. They remained on the air for nearly a year broadcasting messages of hope to the people of Panama.

Kurt was eventually captured, but his 15 year old daughter managed to elude the secret police and alerted the group, saving them all. Kurt subsequently endured days of sleepless interrogation and eventually spent nine months in solitary confinement in Noriega's infamous Modelo Prison. Relations between Noriega and the United States continued to deteriorate as confrontations escalated dangerously close to war. A soldier was posted at Kurt's cell door with orders to execute him if anyone tried to rescue him.

At 12:15 am on December 20th, 1989, elite Delta Force commandos stormed his prison.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

"Courage, duty, loyalty, heroism seem to appear infrequently on our social landscape. Kurt's message is a powerful one, truly inspirational, and it reflects just these virtues. It needs to be heard by all generations..."



The History Channel
Sworn To Secrecy:
The Invasion of Panama

The Discovery Channel
On the inside: The CIA

- KURT MUSE is the only US hostage ever rescued.
- ✓ President George Bush called KURT "A great American."

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