

# **The First Millimeter: HEALING THE EARTH**

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES** Chris Schueler

From the first day of filming in Australia to wrapping in the Valle Vidal in northern New Mexico, this project was a truly inspiring and magical journey. If there was any doubt that we had a magnificent and important story, it was removed when Bruce Ward told us on the first day that we needed to think about the first few millimeters of earth, that “interface between the earth and the air”, as our own skin; and, if we strip that away, how painful that would be. Even though we were only about an hour off the long plane ride from LA to Australia, he got our attention.

We were blessed to meet and film some extraordinary people in Zimbabwe, Sonora Mexico, New South Wales Australia, Salinas Valley California, Gillette Wyoming, Albany New York and, of course, our home – New Mexico. We had café con leche with the leche only a few moments removed from an udder. We saw and filmed incredible time lapses of vistas that were unending. We listened to medicine man Mpisis talk to us about the “puzzle pieces of the earth” and were amazed to see the almost complete connection to what he was saying and what Dr. James Hansen told us at the NASA Columbia University offices in New York City. And everywhere, we heard children talking, imploring us all to pay attention to what is happening to our Earth.

Our experts answer is amazingly simple, and we're honored to play a small role in helping folks understand how animals, man and nature can, together, truly heal the earth.

## **PRODUCTION COMPANY PROFILES**

### **CHRISTOPHER PRODUCTIONS LLC** [www.ChristopherProductions.org](http://www.ChristopherProductions.org)

Christopher Productions, LLC has created over 100 television programs that have been broadcast throughout the country and around the world. Focusing on educational and social issues, the company has over two decades of experience in cultural and social documentaries, children's programming, and family series television all geared to create “Television to Touch the Heart”.

Projects have explored issues ranging from domestic violence to substance abuse to regional water issues and HIV/AIDS. They have included a wide variety of media tools including broadcast documentaries, news stories, town hall meetings, integrated youth video elements including text messaging and cell phone interviews as well as other cutting edge uses of current technology.

### **SANTA FE PRODUCTIONS INC** [www.SantaFeProductions.com](http://www.SantaFeProductions.com)

Santa Fe Productions Inc. has produced a number of programs for PBS, largely with the aim of raising money for their annual pledge drives. Cumulatively, Santa Fe programs have raised nearly \$30 million. Constantly developing new and exciting programming, they also support other independent producers in distribution through their various distribution channels. With diverse program content including Health & Wellness, Documentary, Cooking and Finance and Self-help; Santa Fe Productions has worked with numerous national and international experts. Their latest releases feature Dr. Andrew Weil, Brenda Wilson, Dr. Nicholas Perricone and other individuals who help Santa Fe Productions craft effective and top quality programs.