

Publisher finds new life in faith-based books

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Dirk Wierenga didn't plan on becoming a publisher.

He never foresaw his role as point person for FaithWalk Publishing, a small book publisher based in Grand Haven. But nearly three years after starting FaithWalk, Wierenga and his team are bringing in quality authors and growing a successful business.

For years Wierenga was partner in a thriving advertising and marketing firm, Wierenga Krievins, in his hometown of

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successful," Wierenga said.

He also slept too little, drank too much and worked too hard. He searched for answers to a life spinning out of control. Despite growing up in a Presbyterian church in Grand Haven, Wierenga felt far from God.

Then, in what he calls an "epiphany," Wierenga, 49, renewed his relationship with God and began to understand God's call on his life.

"I saw faith as about death. What I've

