



DUKE NGUYEN BROWNING'S BIO

Duke originally came from Vietnam. He grew up in a small town south of Saigon and later moved to the capital city. He enlisted in South Vietnamese marines and served for three years. On the last day of the war, April 30, 1975, Duke left Viet Nam and eventually ended up in the United States. Not knowing a word of English when he arrived, he began working and attending school. With the help of a wonderful Christian woman, who became like a mother to him, he was able to complete his college education from Hope College in Holland, Michigan in just four years and later received his J.D. degree from Washburn University in Kansas. Duke and his wife, Kerrin, moved to Texas in 1984 have lived in the Katy area for more than 20 years. He, his wife, and their three daughters are members of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church.

Recently, Duke became Vice President and one of the principals in a new electric company, called Epcot Electric, providing electricity to commercial and residential customers throughout Texas. Duke's passion is singing and writing music. He has written more than 60 songs of different genres, Christian as well as secular. He has secured several commercial recording contracts. Two of Duke's Christmas songs will be on a Christmas CD produced by Hilltop Records in Hollywood, California, released this 2008 Christmas season.

Professionally, Duke has been a practicing attorney since 1986. Although earning his living mostly from his business and real estate law practice, Duke is proud to recall a few cases he voluntarily took and represented either free of charge or for a reduced fee in cases involved young and minor clients.

One of the most satisfying cases was that of a young boy who had been in trouble during most of his teen years. At the end of their rope, his Christian parents convinced him to enlist in the Navy, hoping the military discipline would help to turn his life around.

Unfortunately, one week before he was to report for basic training, he was arrested by the Montgomery Sheriff Department for possession of crack cocaine. All of his and his family's hopes and dreams seemed to disappear. Duke was asked by the young man's parents to represent their son. They told Duke that the future of this young man was in God's hand and asked Duke to pray for them as he did whatever he could for the young man. Duke dropped everything and devoted 110% of his time to this case. Upon contacting the Navy recruiters, the answer was loud and clear that any legal obligation under the Texas Penal Code meant the Navy would not take the young man. With God's help, however, and several days of driving back and forth from Houston to the Montgomery County DA's office, Duke was able to have the charges dropped so his client could report for naval duty in San Diego. After a successful four year tour of duty and an honorable discharge, the young man returned home, got married, and then decided to re-enlist to Navy. He, his wife and their children continue to do well and are proud of his service to our country. This is a true witness of how much God can do for us as Christians who believe and put our total trust in Him to guide and lead our lives.

Another case Duke was proud to work on involved three school-age children whose mother was mentally unstable. The children's father came to Duke asking him to help because the mother had locked the children inside the house for several weeks and refused to let them go school. Duke took the matter seriously and began working on the case even though he understood that the father would be unable to pay the full fee. After several weeks and after many motions and legal documents were filed and many court orders were obtained favorably from a Judge in Fort Bend County, the mother still refused to release the children when the authority came to the house. Finally, Duke and the children's father got a tip from one of the children via email that the next day his mom planned to move some of the business property out of her business. Immediately, Duke coordinated a plan with the constables and the next day the children were retrieved and protected. All the three children lived with the father after that and were very successful in school.