

Local Terrorist Bomb Survivor Appeared on Global Television Show

Longtime Tualatin resident Jeanette Chaffee appeared on the popular telecast *100 Huntley Street* television show. It aired Thursday, October 13 on GEB America Network. It can be seen on demand at tinyurl.com/zcjsx2kk.

Jeanette is the author of *Extravagant Graces: 23 Inspiring Stories of Facing Impossible Odds*, which showcases real people challenged by situations including the deaths of family members by murder and cancer, drug addiction, and the loss of home and possessions. She also includes her own harrowing story of survival of a terrorist bomb explosion on TWA Flight 840 to Athens in 1986. Her book has been well received and became an instant classic, garnering dozens of five-star reviews on www.Amazon.com.

Chaffee got to travel to Toronto, Canada, where Crossroads Christian Communications produces the broadcast, for the taping. "I was so excited because this was my first international trip to share my book with millions of global viewers," she said.

Jeanette was shown around the Crossroads facilities including a warehouse-sized room used for television productions. Lining the corridor walls hung framed photos of guests who had appeared on the show over the years. These included Billy Graham and Colonel Sanders (of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame).

A highlight for her was meeting with Crossroads CEO, Lorna Dueck. Jeanette remarked, "I couldn't believe she took the time to pray with me."

Host Moira Brown opened the broadcast by sharing with the audience how she was on an airplane reading Jeanette's dramatic flight about a bomb exploding just two rows away. Moira said she couldn't put the book down and encouraged the television viewers to read it.

Moira asked Jeanette lots of questions. Chaffee told how what began as an ordinary travel day turned into sheer terror at seventeen thousand feet. "We were falling out of the

sky. Then I saw a large hole in the side of the plane and thought, *This is our coffin.*"

Jeanette prayed for a miracle and got one. It is the only time in history that passengers have survived a midair bomb explosion aboard a commercial plane.

She says, "I believe I survived so that I can emphasize that now's the time for each of us to make peace with God. There are no guarantees in life."

During her televised interview Jeanette also shared other stories from her book, including thrilling tales of world-renowned people such as Steve Arterburn, Don Richardson, and Jim Elliot – a native Portlander.

100 Huntley Street Producer Jennifer Taylor was impressed with the many photos in Jeanette's book. "They are always so great to enhance the story."

Jeanette is thrilled to have been a guest on *100 Huntley Street* and encourages everyone to watch the interview at tinyurl.com/zcjsx2kk.

About Crossroads Christian Communications

100 Huntley Street, the flagship television program of Crossroads Christian Communications, was founded by Rev. David Mainse. It is the longest running daily Christian television program in Canada and the sixth longest running daily talk show in the world. It showcases amazing stories of people – leaders, celebrities, sports figures, or everyday people – who have had life-changing encounters with God. The average weekly airing has the potential to reach over 28 million viewers.

About *Extravagant Graces*

With her book *Extravagant Graces: 23 Inspiring Stories of Facing Impossible Odds*, in which Jeanette shares her traumatic experience on TWA Flight 840, she inspires readers to trust in God during tough times by sharing the true stories of famed musicians, missionaries, athletes, and speakers who survived the most distressing personal trials – and sometimes tragedies – in their lives with help from the Lord.



The aftermath of the midair explosion on TWA Flight 840 after landing safely in Athens.

About the author

Jeanette Chaffee was sitting fourteen feet away from a terrorist bomb that exploded on TWA Flight 840. She appeared on *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather*, *20/20*, *The 700 Club*, and other television and radio shows. Jeanette has been quoted in *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*. She also hosted and produced *Reflections*, a fifteen-minute weekly radio show that aired in cities from South Carolina to the Arctic Circle. Recognized as a gifted communicator, Jeanette changes lives by offering God's hope to audiences going through their most difficult personal challenges. She regularly speaks at community and church events, retreats, schools, women's groups and clubs. She has written diverse national magazine articles and has been a published author for over fifty years.

She has had the great joy of being able to meet with her hero pilot, Captain Richard Petersen, captain of TWA Flight 840 when the bomb exploded. They met May 20, 2015, near Tampa, Florida, some 29 years after the bombing, and talked together for five hours.

A re-enactment of Jeanette's own story, "Terror in the Sky" has been aired this year on the international TV program *Turning Point*, produced by Christian Broadcasting Network. View it at: turningpointzone.com/jeanette-chaffee-terror-in-the-sky.

Follow her on social media for her speaking schedule, special discounts on her book, and find out more about her story at JeanetteChaffee.com, [Twitter.com/JeanetteChaffee](https://twitter.com/JeanetteChaffee) or [Facebook.com/Chaffee.Jeanette](https://facebook.com/Chaffee.Jeanette).



Host Moira Brown interviewed Jeanette.



Jeanette with Crossroads CEO, Lorna Dueck.

