

Coffee House Teaches Biblical Lesson

Owners of a Michigan-based gourmet coffee shop have been able to minister to secular patrons as a result of their name, Shadrach, Meshach & ABeanToGo.



[] Kirk Walker has had a passion for coffee since he drank his first cup at age

14. His love for the brew has since led him to launch a business that is not

only satisfying palates, but also creating ministry opportunities.

“The name always gets people’s attention,” Walker says of Shadrach, Meshach

& ABeanToGo Inc., the gourmet coffee company he founded in Goodrich, Mich.

“Mostly the secular world has reflected back to their childhood and remembered

those things” they learned in Sunday school.

Walker says God gave him the name several years ago, but brought it back to

mind in 2003 when he was praying about the next step he should take after his

concierge business failed. He launched ABeanToGo () the following

year, and today its coffee is sold in grocery stores, restaurants, theaters and

coffee shops in 13 states, as well as in Christian stores and church bookstores

nationwide. Last spring, Walker and his wife, Amy, opened a café of their own in

Goodrich, which he says has created opportunities for the couple to pray with

customers. **—Adrienne S. Gaines**

