

the Phil & Pam Update

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TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

We are about a month away from the release of our new CD and the launch of our new tour! Excitement is building around the Phil & Pam Morgan World Headquarters (OK, it's just our office, but that sounds much cooler!) There is a special section on the next page to give you a sneak peek at what is coming.

The opening song on our new "YOU MOVE ME" CD has the line *"Jesus calls for action and living faith has feet. We hear it in the pew, now let's take it to the street."* This sums up our focus with this CD and tour, going

beyond our comfort zone and living our Christianity daily in the world. We can't do this alone, so we are asking you to help us spread

www.PhilandPamMorgan.com/poster.pdf. Print it out and post it at your church, local stores (if you live in the area), and hand out to friends. Bring a bunch and let's kick things off big!

2. BRING THE TOUR TO YOU!
Save \$50 in our online store when you purchase 10 copies of our new CD. Give these to pastors, music ministers and friends at



the word as our STREET TEAM! There are two ways you can help.

1. TELL EVERYBODY YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NEW CD AND RELEASE CONCERT! We have a poster included as the last page of this newsletter or at

churches in your area to encourage them to host a concert. We're scheduling through 2009 so there are plenty of dates left.

We can't keep God's Good News to ourselves. Together, let's TAKE IT TO THE STREETS!

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P&P IN JUNE METRO VOICE

Phil & Pam will be featured in the upcoming June issue of the Metro Voice Christian newspaper. This publication reaches over 70,000 people around the Greater Kansas City and surrounding areas.

Metro Voice will be promoting our new CD and concert with an

article on our ministry and full color ad in their entertainment/concert section.

This same issue will feature a column Phil wrote concerning music in the church today. We may include that in a future edition of our newsletter. Keep reading!

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SPECIAL SECTION

It's been over three years since we've had a new Phil & Pam CD, but the wait is almost over!! To celebrate, here are some interesting facts to whet your musical appetite!

The CD features 11 brand new songs by Phil and some very talented co-writers. The titles are **TAKE A STAND**, **YOU MOVE ME**, **HE IS OUR PRAISE**, **KEEP ON KEEPING ON** and **BEAUTIFUL** - all written with Leslie Asher; **SHE CRIES** with Kevin Stokes; **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD** with Marty Funderburk; **GIVE OUT THE BLESSING** with Helga Kaefer; and **HALLELUJAH IN THE HERE AND NOW** with Nick Lapointe. To round out the list, Phil wrote **THE LONG HAUL** and **LIVE TODAY ALONE** all by himself!

Don't want to be left behind? A bit impatient? Don't worry, you can be the very first to get our new CD. Just **Pre-Order** yours at www.PhilandPamMorgan.com/Store. The cost is only \$15 and includes FREE SHIPPING. As soon as boxes arrive at our door, yours will be on the way!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - MAKE PLANS to attend our CD release concert extravaganza!

SAT. JUNE 21 - 7:00 PM
Summit Woods Baptist Church
 2501 SE Shenandoah Drive
 Lee's Summit, MO 64063
 816.525.8215



This CD holds many firsts for us. Our oldest daughter, Kayla, makes her official singing "debut" on **BEAUTIFUL** (grab your hankie for this one!) Next, we brought in a black gospel choir to "get down" with us on **HALLELUJAH**. Then to help us "get back up," we added a live horn section to kick off **TAKE A STAND**. Good times, great music!

The Christian Bookshelf in Lee's Summit has joined us to make this release very special. They will be providing prizes for a special drawing at the concert, along with discount coupons for all in attendance. On Sat, June 14, we will be at their Hwy 291 location in Lee's Summit from 11-2 for an advance CD signing party!

All the photos for this project were taken by **Dan Laurine** at The Loft Photography. Dan did an excellent job of capturing the theme of our CD with this very cool picture for the front cover. The shot was taken at 8th and Central in downtown Kansas City. We made several trips to the sidewalk each time a car came down the street. While Dan was setting up his camera, a man came by on his way home. He was quite a character, talking and joking with us. When

he found out we are Christian singers, he even sang some favorite hymns right out in the middle of the street. We can't help but think God sent this man to set the mood and focus for our day.

For the latest updates and info, drop by Phil's blog:

creActivephil.com

Life At HOME...

Life around the Morgan ranch lately can be described in one word - BUSY! Pam and Phil have been working full time to get the new CD ready. Since Phil is doing all the graphic layout, he has been putting in long hours. Not to mention all the extra time needed by both for planning and promotion.

For the kids, school is winding down. Alisha is having a blast with all the end of year fun activities. She has also become good friends with other neighborhood kids. Between bike riding, scootering, sidewalk coloring and assorted play time activities, we hardly see her anymore.

Kayla has reached a new level in her educational experience. This is her first year for FINALS. Yuck. Her time is filled with studying. We're looking forward to school being out so we can see her again without her head stuck in a book.

Both kids have done very well with grades this year. Alisha continues to excel in anything artistic. Kayla's musical talent has blossomed in both choir and orchestra. She is taking private lessons on the violin and entered a city-wide music contest a few weeks ago. She practiced hard and played beautifully and came home with a "1" rating!!! Way to go!



Kayla, just fiddling around!

and On The ROAD

Our concert schedule has been very light the past month, but Pam is sharing a really cool concert experience in this month's INSPIRATION STATION. Check it out on the next page.

We mentioned earlier how God likes to take us out of our comfort zone. Well, last Sunday that is exactly what he did. Some close pastor friends of ours, Alan and Brenda Black have taken a new church in Lowry City and are moving into the area. They will be renting a house in the huge town of Deepwater, MO. (If you don't know where Deepwater is, just turn off the highway near the lake and drive until the roads all turn to gravel.) There is a lot of fix up work before they can move in, so our family and our friends, the

Jones, put on our working clothes and headed down to the country.

If you've followed our adventures for long, you know that fixing things is not our area of expertise. There was plenty to do, so everybody found something they were good at. Kayla and Phil tore up carpet, pad and even some old flooring. Pam cleaned cabinets and added shelf paper. Alisha and the Jones boys found a long fence outside in need of paint. It was a true "Tom Sawyer" moment. (We're not sure if more paint ended up on the fence or Alisha.)

It was a long day and everyone left tired and dirty, but feeling good to help out a brother and sister in a time of need.

Ministry can take many forms, but we think we'll stick to singing!



the INSPIRATION Station

SING FOR ME

A couple of weeks ago, Phil and I sang at a mother/daughter banquet at Friendly Assembly of God in Kansas City. These precious people have welcomed our ministry almost since the beginning, inviting us to be a part of most of their major events and celebrations, and standing strong for us through the difficult months after our wreck. We are not members there, nor have we ever belonged to their denomination, but we stand together in purpose, promoting our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, to whoever will listen, praying for each other and sharing each other's burdens along the way. Just what the church is called to do.

That leads me to what happened that night at the banquet. In our concerts, Phil and I usually open with my testimony song, "I Stand," after a short video describing our accident, my injury, and miraculous recovery. But tonight we went a different direction. Phil decided to close the concert with "I Stand" after I shared a brief message with the ladies. The concert went wonderfully, and I became so impassioned as I spoke that when it came time to sing, I couldn't. God's goodness, his faithfulness... His specific plan for my life shone in the eyes of these women and enveloped me in God's love. I realized – again – that my Lord had chosen me. He had chosen ME to speak Truth and wisdom to His cherished children. As the music

swelled into the first verse, my heart nearly burst, and I wept. Phil's encouraging "you can do this" gaze usually helps me focus and gain composure. But as he started the music over, hoping to lighten the moment with a humorous quip, my tears

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other's burdens,
and in this way
you will fulfill
the law of
Christ.*

- Gal. 6:2

continued. A part of me started to panic. How would anyone who had never heard us before understand the message if I couldn't sing it? Still crying as the chorus came around, I looked apologetically at the faces in front of me. Then every person in the room who could graciously rise to their feet, and began to sing, "I stand by the strength of Jesus. I walk just holding His hand. With Him by my side, every need is

supplied. By the power of God I stand."

Wow! What a powerful moment! When I lacked the voice, the church filled the air with God's Spirit and message of hope, ministering to all who could hear, especially me. Galatians 6:2 says: "*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*" My Christian sisters (and a few brothers in the back) sang for me, carried my burden, proclaimed the awesome message, and strengthened me in the process. Just what the church is called to do.

This isn't the first time others have carried me. And I'm sorry to say that many of those times in the past I didn't welcome the help. I got frustrated as we all do when, for whatever reason, we can't do what needs to be done. We fret and fester, afraid to let our weakness show. We allow pride to rule, wanting desperately to "do it ourselves" when we were never designed to handle life that way. The church is called to be a unit – supporting and edifying each other, helping when one is weak, singing when one has no voice. We don't have to travel this road alone. So when you can't carry the tune like you have before, don't worry. Don't get frustrated. And don't shut out help from those who want to carry your burden. We all need each other, and being there to meet those needs is what the church is called to do. Sing for me, and I'll sing for you.

upcoming Personal Appearances

DATE	TIME	CITY	ADDRESS
Fri, June 6	3:00 PM	Henderson, NE	Henderson Christian Music Festival Henderson High School
Sat, June 7	5:00 PM	Henderson, NE	Henderson Christian Music Festival Henderson City Park
Sun, June 8	9:00 & 11:15 AM	Clarinda, IA	Frst United Methodist 223 W. Washington St. • 712-542-3719
SAT, JUNE 21	7:00 PM	Lee's Summit, MO	NEW ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT Summit Woods Baptist Church 2501 SE Shenandoah Dr. • 816.525.8215
Fri, June 27	7:00 PM	Newton, IA	St. Luke United Methodist 501 E. 19th St. N. • 641-792-5736
Sat, June 28	10:00 AM	Boone, IA	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE First Baptist Church 612 8th St • 515-432-5981
Sat, June 28	PM	Boone, IA	Herman Park Gospel Sing City Pavilion
Sun, June 29	9:30 AM	Perry, IA	Perry First United Methodist 1103 Third St • 515-465-4178
Mon-Thurs Jun 30-Jul 3	All Day	Polo, MO	Midland Ministries Youth Camp
Sun, July 6	10:30 AM	Independence, MO	Christ United Methodist 14506 E. 39th St • 816-461-1101
Sun, July 13	9:00 AM	Morrison, IL	Emmanuel Reformed Church 202 E. Morris St • 815-722-3890 www.emmanuelreformedchurch.com
Sun, July 13	7:00 PM	Fulton, IL	Spring Valley Reformed Church 10960 Spring Valley Rd • 815-772-3554
Tues-Sat July 15-19	9:00 AM	Cedar Falls, IA	DAILY CHAPEL SERVICE Riverview Conference Center 439 N. Division St • 319-268-0787
Thurs, July 17	2:00 PM	Cedar Falls, IA	WOMEN'S CONFERENCE Riverview Conference Center 439 N. Division St • 319-268-0787
Fri-Sat July 18-19	All Day	Cedar Falls, IA	CEDAR VALLEY SING Riverview Conference 439 N. Division St • 319-268-0787
Sun, July 20	10:00 AM	Conrad, IA	First Presbyterian Church 100 S. Church St • 641-366-2342
Sun, July 20	7:00 PM	Ackley, IA	Washington Reformed Church 28182 Birch Ave • 641-847-2817



This week in Bible Study a friend of mine shared a recent opportunity she had to share the

gospel with her son's teacher. She bought the compelling Christian fiction, Left Behind, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, and asked, "Do you like to read?" Her question led to a natural discussion

about the book and my friend's faith in Jesus. Wow! How simple!

Just think, with our new Street Team offer, you could be armed and ready to share your faith by giving someone who doesn't know Jesus one of our new CD's. All you'd have to ask is, "Hey, do you like music?"

WE'RE MOVING...

and you're invited!

NEW CD - NEW TOUR

Kick-off Concert: SAT, JUNE 21 - 7:00PM



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CHRIS FILER



KAYLA MORGAN

and Introducing

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