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The first official newsletter!

A lot has been happening with Stephanie Pauline Ministries in the past few months. I am very excited about what God is doing and I am anticipating a lot of growth in this next year. My plan is to keep you informed on a quarterly basis. Since I am new to all of this please bear with me if I run into technicalities...I am still developing and perfecting efficient systems to update and serve you.

I am going to use the newsletter as a vehicle for communicating to you on going developments in the ministry. To share information and give you an opportunity to respond and obtain any CD's and such projects that are birthed through this endeavor.

Update:

For those of you who don't know, I have been dedicating my time to singing and writing songs and whatever else the Lord directs me to since October of 2000. I have made it financially, just barely, but always enough. It has been truly miraculous to see how God has provided for my son and me. God is a very creative provider I must say. He has used some of you to further His call in me through monetary gifts, to prayer and words of encouragement. You all have been a great blessing to me and I appreciate your interest and involvement thus far.

I am working towards the ministry independently right now, (in other words not signing onto a record label), mainly because I want to have the freedom to set my own schedule and make sure that my son stays first in my list of priorities, after God of course. We'll see what happens with that, I am not willing to compromise on that issue for anything, by God's leading I believe.



(Left) Stephanie leading worship.
(Below) Stephanie, on right, with the pastor of Cornerstone Community Center and friend, Barry Jass, on the left, and other worship team members of CCC.



Cornerstone Community Center in Oakdale, MN has just commissioned me to serve through their church as a full-time minister. That is the church where I attended and led worship before moving to Colorado. I am very blessed to have such an opportunity to expand the ministry and am extremely grateful for the direction and guidance they have given and the accountability they provide. As a minister/missionary under them I will be able to receive donations, (as I already do), and also give the donor a tax deduction and the peace of mind that comes from knowing that I have a source of support, balance, and accountability. This is a temporary arrangement and in time we will re-evaluate the needs of the ministry and perhaps make changes in the set up accordingly.



Stephanie at work... another word, another line, another song to sing.

I have now written about two hundred songs many of which I believe are inspired by God and are meant to touch the hearts and lives of many people. I share them on a small scale right now...and daily meet people who have a need that is met in one of them or in a word that God gives me. Much of what I am doing and writing right now will not see any monetary rewards for perhaps years. Walking day by day through this process of carving out a place for these messages God has given me takes much faith, vision, patience and a lot of hard work.

Projects:

I recorded a little mini (promo) CD that is now ready for distribution, which right now just means that I tell you how you can get it and hopefully you will. I also recorded another little CD that should be released in a couple months.

I am going to give the CD's away, by donation only, for a number of reasons. 1) It sets a precedent right away that says that this is about love not money. 2) If someone does not have the money to purchase the CD there is no way I would want to keep them from having it and this way they are in a position to not feel left out.

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At Creation Studio, Mpls.



(Above left) Friend and guitarist Neil. (Left) Stephanie by sound board, and recording. (above)

- That this mustard seed will take root and grow in the hearts of those who hear the music messages.
- That God will keep me grounded and humble before himself and others, and that with that, God will grant me favor.
- For sound equipment and the ability to record a full length CD.
- For a place to live that is affordable with enough office space to run this ministry efficiently.

Involvement Opportunities:

There is no way I could do what I am doing if I didn't have your support and the support of my God. I am a single parent and that alone is a demanding, sometimes-difficult role but I am also called to this ministry. I am to share these songs and my life with people and inspire them on towards their own growth and relationship with God. I sometimes get frustrated and question God as to why He has given me so much...I am overflowing and I often times can hardly keep up with myself. It is not mine to know the answer to that but I know what I am to do, and I can't do it alone.

Will you invest in this ministry? Will you pray for me diligently when you pray? Will you tell your friends and family about this ministry and what I am trying to do. Will you check out my web site (www.StephaniePauline.org) and get more information?

When I look towards the future, what I see is sometimes very big and daunting. What is this about? It is about not settling for less than that to which God has called me. It's about using the gifts God has given me and inspiring others to use theirs. It is about being a living, breathing, tangible example and expression of God's heart as revealed through His son Jesus to all I encounter including you, and yet somehow at the same time living my life out broken and honest before you and God. I am not capable and I am not worthy and I cannot ever claim to be. It is about being a catalyst for authenticity and truth by just being real and sharing the good and bad of my life. It's about bringing healing and love to those in need; showing them by example that there IS such a thing as freedom and that they are not forgotten.

Music is a key to the door of words. Music is the draw and the dismantler that allows the word to seep into the soul and change the heart. Through music God has poured through me identifiers...that will touch the lives of many...perhaps even you.

Gratefully yours,

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3) It allows you, (the receiver), to give out of your own heart, not out of obligation. I am giving this CD to you freely because God has given to me freely. What you choose to give to me, if anything, is between you and God alone. 4) I love this quote I heard from a friend of mine. "Find something you love to do so much you'd do it for free. Then do it well enough that people would love to pay you for it." -John Maxwell. So that is what I am doing and I hope I have succeeded.

Highlights This Quarter:

- I sang to and taught an impromptu fourth grade music class at Trevor's school. I shared words of inspiration and I believe planted seeds about God's plan for their lives. It was a powerful encounter.
- I sang to a group of kids with net ministries. A low-key time of sharing about the music and the journey on which God has me.
- I was flown to CA to sing a song that I wrote for the wedding of a friend whom I met on a mission's trip a couple of years ago.
- I have shared one on one with roughly fifty people about God, and sang them songs that God has given to me.
- I've written 28 songs.

Prayer Needs:

- That God will lead dedicated musicians and partners to me that will invest in the development of this music ministry.
- That God will continue to pour His heart through me in the form of these songs and words.
- That our financial needs will be provided so I am enabled to pay those who have been sacrificially giving of their time.

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Action:



The debut self-titled mini CD. The long awaited little piece of the promised land!

A 3-song CD is available to you by donation only. Please complete the order form below and return in the pre-addressed envelope provided. This form also provides a place for you to indicate your level of involvement in this ministry.

Also... 😊 A fun little incentive...

If you join the S.P.M. Club by giving ten dollars or more a month toward the ministry you will automatically receive any and all recordings and products that are produced by S.P.M. (I'll try to get things pumped out for you to make it worth your while, although...I still think I might be getting the better end of the deal.)

Special Thanks:

To my boy Trevor for his understanding and giving nature, for knowing all the words to my songs before anyone else, and for being my silly song co-writer. To my Mom for her unending support and to my friend and cousin, Carl. Both have been instrumental in helping to accomplish what has been so far. To my church family at Cornerstone. To Mimi Anderson and Neil Knutson and the rest of my voluntary musicians and friends.



Some of the musicians/friends that played on the mini CD. (From left to right) Me, Julie Nelson, Neil Knutson, David Watts and Simon De La Pena.

To Jim Reiberg, my co-producer for his patience and belief in me. To my cousin and friend, Kim for doing such a great job on the web site...which you can check out at www.StephaniePauline.org.

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