

Stephanie Pauline Ministries

...Inspiring all encountered to search out and embrace the truth, through the expression of our gifts given and our lives lived...healing and holding hearts in the flesh and blood hands of our Jesus...Being real before God and others about who we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

The second official newsletter!

Greetings! I love that I get to update you in this fashion and stay connected despite busyness and sometimes distance. I am so excited about the ongoing developments in this ministry. In the past few months, in the shadow of a national tragedy, God has been moving in great big small ways through me and I am overjoyed!

From My Heart:

In this section I'd like to share a short message with you. Lately I've been thinking about how God gives a person the faith to carry out His Call on their life. (Eph 2:8-9; James 1:17.) Here I am one little girl, a single Mom no less, armed with only a voice, a song, and the spirit of God. Most would think me presumptuous if not a little a loony to quit working a traditional job to live by faith, so that I can carry out what I believe God has mandated me to do. But you know, I knew that people would think that before I made the decision to step out in faith, off that cliff from which I have been soaring ever since...and God has given me the faith to do what I need to do.

I went into establishments these past few months with my little CD in hand. (Only three songs because that's all I could afford to record and even that was a stretch!) I would ask them to place a CD display and some said no. I realized even if they said yes that if people hadn't heard the CD it probably wouldn't be in high demand and besides we're only talking about five dollars a pop which is certainly not going to pay my rent. But you know I did it anyway and I did it with a gleam in my eye and a skip in my step. Why? Because I have faith in what God has given me to give.

As I stood in a roomful of nursing home residents singing their favorite hymns, I saw the faces of visitors change at the site of me. Immediately their faces said, who are you and what are you doing here? They couldn't understand why this girl would be standing amongst these, so often forgotten members of our society, singing her heart out. Surely there's no glory in that. But you know following God's call isn't about glory or human recognition. Success in God's eyes isn't defined as we so often define it. Faith believes that somehow standing there singing to those people, some of whom were not even coherent, is what I'm here to do...and that alone is reason enough to do it with a smile on my face.

I've been thinking about you, my friends and my family. How it takes so much faith to go about your daily lives. I've had people say to me, "Wow, I could never do what you are doing. I just don't have that much faith." You know what my response is going to be to that from now on?! "That's funny because I was just thinking about how I could never do what you do because I just don't have that much faith." It's true!

I think about the schoolteachers who get up every morning to spend six hours with a group of kids for only one year of their lives and they do so with faith that somehow God will use them to make a difference in those kid's lives. That takes faith!

I think about the business people who work away for hours on end only being able to say bits about God to co-workers here and there when the rare opportunity presents itself. How they take their hard earned money and try to channel it to the places God leads them. How God calls them to serve by giving their money and they trust that somehow God is going to take those pieces of paper and make an eternal impact. That takes faith!!! Lots of Faith!

I think about the mothers who stay home with their children and have been called to pour their lives into them. (I have been called to this as well.) How they have the faith that their investment in their children is going to change the world one life at a time and leave a legacy of love that is passed down from one generation to another. That takes great faith!

A synonym of Faith is hope and the Bible says in Romans 5:5 that "Hope does not disappoint!" It also says in Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for the conviction of things not seen."

So it is a matter of gifting. It is a matter of calling. It is a matter of faith. (1 Cor. 12) So bless you all in all of your acts of faith from wiping your child's nose to preaching to thousands. No one else has been called to your life but you and NO ONE could have a greater impact than you. Remember...faith does not disappoint! Believe!

I could tell you how God revealed to me that I was to do this full time but I'll leave that for another newsletter.

Projects/Updates:

So many projects are in the works right now that it's sometimes hard for me to keep them all straight! Let's see...due out first, in the month of March, is the nine song CD "From Me to You." My cousin and friend, Carl, has been laboring away on that one for a while now and things are going to be in the final stages soon enough on that. Yeah!

Another ongoing project is a worship CD I'm working on with a new friend of mine, Michael Adams, a great musician with an awesome heart for God. We are working on arranging worship songs I have written, (about 17 songs as of today), and recording them to send for evaluation and possible use by Integrity Records. That was a total God hook up! I also have a full-length CD due out the summer of 2002! This CD is as of yet untitled but just based on the songs that I am expecting to be on it and the capabilities we have as of now for recording and arrangements, I am anticipating that this CD will be a great one. I am concentrating my efforts on recording this and the worship CD while managing the final development of "From Me to You." It's a busy but fulfilling season for me!

I should mention as well that God led a key supporter to me in these past couple months. Victor Carbonell is currently serving as my manager and friend. An owner of a growing record company here in Colorado Springs, (Soteria Records), and with proven talent in the area of recording I am very excited about his involvement in these endeavors and consider him to be a direct answer to prayer. So Praise God!

Stephanie Pauline Ministries

...Inspiring all encountered to search out and embrace the truth, through the expression of our gifts given and our lives lived...healing and holding hearts in the flesh and blood hands of our Jesus...Being real before God and others about who we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

Highlights:

- *I had the honor of singing for the Alzheimer's unit of Bethel Nursing Home in Williston, ND.
- *I sang to and shared with my son Trevor's first grade class. That was lots of fun!
- *I spoke and sang to a special group of girls at the Cleo Wallace Detention Center here in Colorado Springs. It is why I do what I do.
- *I had a divine appointment with Integrity Records. (Ask me and I'll tell you all about it!)
- *I wrote 31 songs and a couple poems.
- *Eight CD displays were placed (5 in Colorado Spring, CO; 2 in Wildrose, ND; 1 in Farmington, MN)

Prayer Needs:

- *That I would be balanced, focused and healthy in these upcoming seasons of fruitfulness.
- *That God would bring continuity between me and the musicians with whom I am working.
- *That God would anoint me with songs and words to share; with wisdom and direction.
- *That God would continue to bring the needed supporters to me; spiritual, financial, musical and personal supporters are needed.
- *That our financial needs would be provided: \$1,500 a month for living expenses, \$1,000 a month for business expenses, \$5,000 for initial equipment costs: (*touch sensitive* keyboard, sound equipment, composition software, basic recording equipment, CD burner).

Involvement Opportunities:

- *We can use your help in many ways. The first way I can think of is prayer. Please see the order form below and check the box to be added to our prayer chain if you are willing to commit to lifting this ministry, me, and my son up in prayer.
- *Another thing you could do to help is be a voice for me in your area. We have displays now available for CD

distribution and flyers as well. If you would be willing to post the flyers in your locality and/or place the displays, please check the appropriate box in the form below and return ASAP...we could really use your help in this way. If you need more information about this just call me at (651) 226-8268 (or Genny at 651.460.2510) and I'll tell you more.

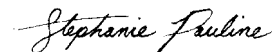
*You can still order the mini CD, the rookie card with great potential by specifying your CD order on the form, making a donation and sending them in. You can also order the CD online now at www.StephaniePauline.org.

*Also you can join the S.P.M. club by giving ten dollars or more a month toward the ministry. When you commit to doing so you will automatically receive any and all recordings and products that are produced by S.P.M.

Special Thanks:

To my dear little boy Trevor...for being a tool of God in my life, and being my nursing home singing partner. (Who always steals the show!!!) To my Mom and Dad for their undying support of the God in me. To my Mom, specifically, for how she has sacrificed her time to help with the administrative details of this ministry. To my friend and cousin, Carl, who is still working on the upcoming CD "From Me to You." To my new coworkers and friends, Michael Adams and Victor Carbonell, for your willingness to invest so much of your time in me. You have both been a huge encouragement...I'm still thanking God for your unexpected arrival in my life. To my cousin and friend, Kim, for her continuing work on the website that I absolutely love and which you can check out at www.StephaniePauline.org. She does great work!

Gratefully yours,



Stephanie Pauline

Stephanie Pauline Ministries

...Inspiring all encountered to search out and embrace the truth, through the expression of our gifts given and our lives lived...healing and holding hearts in the flesh and blood hands of our Jesus...Being real before God and others about who we are, where we have been, and where we are going.

-----Return this form by e-mail (Stephanie@StephaniePauline.org) or fax to 651.460.2530, or mail -----
to Stephanie Pauline Ministries, P.O. Box 31, Farmington, MN. 55024

Order: Please send me _____ CD's, and accept my donation of _____.

(Please make checks payable to Stephanie Pauline Ministries. (S.P.M.) Thank you. Suggested donation is five dollars per CD. Some restrictions apply.)

Your Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

(It is more cost effective to send the newsletter over E-mail. So please provide that information if you didn't receive the newsletter via E-mail this last time.)

Day Phone_() _____

Evening Phone_() _____

Referrals:

Friends or Family members I think would want to order a CD and/or receive the quarterly newsletter:

Name _____

Address (E-mail or otherwise) _____

Phone_() _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone_() _____

(Please list referrals if possible and feel free to use the backside for additional listings if you don't have enough room here. This is my only means for distribution right now and the primary way to get the word out. Please assist me in this way. Thank you!)

Involvement info:

*I want to continue to receive your newsletter.

Yes No

*I am committing to sending you support in the amount of _____ a month, and I want to be a part of the S.P.M. club.

Yes No

*I want to be added to your prayer chain.

Yes No

(this would include committing to pray for Stephanie and the ministry's specific needs, and receiving a very occasional call from another prayer chain member in case of great need.)

*I want to be a voice in my area and place flyers and/or CD displays with CD's

Yes No

COMMENTS: _____

