



In the Studio

— Craig Vendouris

This past summer, Christian Edition began working on its newest album, *Jesus Paid It All*, the 12th album recorded by the men's chorus. Our work at Martinsound Studios began on the first Sunday in August and continued several Sundays into October. Each recording session commenced with prayer, as we made sure our focus was clear before facing the microphones.

After all these years with CE, I still find the recording process to be a fascinating experience. In the studio there are several microphones placed intentionally and deliberately in certain locations, and the singers are located around the mics in a specific order with each section (first tenor, second tenor, baritone and bass) having its own microphone. We do not stand in formation like we would for a concert, thus allowing our engineer and director to adjust each section in a song according to the balancing needs. After recording an entire song, one section at a time, the singers are able to sit back and listen to a rough cut of the entire rendition through impressive stereo speakers in the studio. Each musical

piece, typically three to four minutes in length, can take from one to three hours to record.

After all of the recording is finished, director Calvin Knipschild sits with Dan Blessinger, our engineer. Together, they go through each musical cut and begin the process of perfecting an enjoyable sound of high quality for the



listeners and, more importantly, to point them to Jesus and His great love for each of us through music.

The recording sessions can be long and exhausting, but the spirit of each man never fades, and each gathering is filled with plenty of laughs. It is our prayer that this newest album will be a blessing to all who hear it. You can order the new album by calling 800 290-7782 or from christianedition.com. ●



Placerville SDA Church — Christian Edition enjoyed dinner with Max and Greg Mace and Chuck Fulmore at The Olive Garden following the concert.

Friends Along the Way— the Northern California Trip

— Darlene Thomson

Mt. Shasta's heights never appeared more imposing and the snows more glistening, which made Mt. Shasta City a spectacular and truly cold place to visit. But, the warm hearts and hospitality of the folks made this trip worthwhile! Friday afternoon we were welcomed into the home of long-time support member Malisa Smith's parents, Christine and Bob Smith (a.k.a. Mom and Dad), with a wonderful feast and lots of love. We had a great time of fellowship and relaxation.

The winter-wonderland setting enticed some of the CE members, who were brave enough, to go play in the snow (Rob Peterson, Paul Wilcox, Frank Rubio, Michael Spencer and his daughter Jillian, Ruth Holland, and even John Thomson)! I, however, wasn't that brave.

The guys sang a song for Malisa's family just before we had to leave and check into our hotel before heading up to Yreka for our evening concert. Sabbath morning, Mom and Dad made sure that we had breakfast before and lunch after the worship service. The other members of the church were just as hospitable. If we needed something, they were right there to lend a helping hand.

We thoroughly enjoyed the time of fellowship and even sang a couple of encores after the potluck. It was difficult to break away, but we needed to head to Redding for the evening concert.

Mom and Dad Smith were truly angels on earth in heavenly Mt. Shasta. We really must return someday for another visit. Maybe next time I'll be courageous enough to go out in the snow! ●



Mt. Shasta SDA Church — Bob and Christine Smith with daughter Malisa Smith and Calvin Knipschild.



Paradise SDA Church — Former Eagle Rock members Nolberto and Arleise Ramos and Arlenice Schiavetto.



Yreka SDA Church — Support member Richard Gutsche visits with former church friends Linda and Mike Lamb.

Pine Springs Retreat

The Christian Edition family met at Pine Springs Ranch the weekend of October 24–26, 2009, for their annual weekend retreat. The time was spent learning music for the new season and holding their annual business meeting and election of officers. A highlight of each of these retreats is an outdoor, candlelight re-commitment ceremony. ●

First tenor David L. Taylor arranged for Santa Monica's Delaware Avenue SDA Church Pastor, Moise Isaac, to share spiritual insights during the weekend. They are pictured with Moise's lovely wife Jesica.



A New Perspective

— Keith Smith

Many of us have heard the saying “today is the first day of the rest of your life.” Well, the morning of October 11, 2008, made that old saying a little more meaningful for me. I have sung with other groups before: glee clubs, church choirs, chorales, and even another male chorus, but that day I had the feeling of something special. Even though I had sung with Christian Edition at Sunnyvale SDA Church and Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center at the end of the 2007–2008 season, that day was a special day, a new day, because that would be the first worship service of my first year with CE. As one of the newest members of Christian Edition, I was fortunate to be part of an organization that has blessed my family since the first time we heard them.

Not only was this going to be my inaugural worship service with Christian Edition, but we were also

singing at the Orange Seventh-day Adventist Church, a church that CE had never worshiped in before. Some of the questions asked of me that day by the other singers were: “How do you feel?” “Are you ready?” “Do you know that song?” Interestingly, none of those questions bothered me or made me any more anxious, but it showed what I already knew, that the dedicated members of the CE family were genuinely concerned and wanted me to feel as comfortable as possible. I can confess that in order to feel as prepared as possible, I did arise at 5:00 A.M. to go over the music for the day once again. I guess I was a *little* anxious.

When Michael Spencer started playing the piano and CE began to walk in, all apprehension quickly dissipated, especially as I thought about the title of the song he was playing, “Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God.” This was so appropriate because this is what all of us should do as we contemplate the undeserved mercies of God. It was also a beautiful day, weather-wise and

socially, because we had the opportunity to meet some new friends.

At the conclusion of the service, I met one lady who lived in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, the same place my wife and I lived before coming to California. She stated that she had never heard of Christian Edition and was at church that day because she was visiting her family. She expressed that it was no coincidence she was there as, in her words, she “received such a wonderful blessing.” As we talked for a while and shared lunch together, we also discovered we knew some of the same people in Hawaii and probably even had a few Bible studies together!

Christian Edition's 28th year presents us with new friends, a new year in which to sing praises to our Creator, and definitely a new perspective as my wife, Amithy, and I are seeing firsthand what a wonderful impact CE has on all of us. We will continue to sing praises as we wait expectantly for the most anticipated new perspective of all... a new heaven and a new earth. Now *that* will be a day! ●



Director's Message

— Calvin Knipschild

One of my favorite Bible stories is found in Luke 15, The Prodigal Son. It is one of the classic examples of salvation. I would like to share with you a humorous rendition of this wonderful story. It never hurts to smile while remembering the all-important truth that God always loves us and desires us to be with Him. I hope you enjoy...

Melody In "F"

Feeling footloose and frisky, a featherbrained freshman from Fargo named Fred forced his father to fork over the family fortune. Feeling free, Fred flew far to fancy foreign fields — finding foolish frivolities, frequent fornication, and fabulous feasting with faithless friends. Fred frittered away his father's fortune, fleeced by his friends in folly.

Fully fatigued and facing famine, Fred found himself a feed-flinger in a filthy farmyard with fungus on his face and a fist full of fresh fragrant fertilizer. "Fooley!

What a fiasco!" the frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. "My father's flunkies fare far finer!"

Freezing, frightened and frustrated by failure, Fred fled forth-with to his Fargo family, filled with fear and foreboding. Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled, "Father, I've flunked, and fruitlessly forfeited family favor. Frankly, I've flopped."

Fortunately for Fred, the far-sighted father said, "Fantastic!" and forgetting Fred's failings, frantically flagged the flunkies to furnish Fred with fashionable flannel, fetch a fatling from the flock, and fix a feast!

But Fred's faulting brother, Farley, flew into a fit, frowning on Fred's fancy footwork and his father's fickle forgiveness. "Fred's a fool!" said Farley. But the faithful father figured, "Filial fidelity is fine, Farley, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Find the fiddles and flutes! Let fanfares flare!"

Father's forgiveness formed the foundation for Fred the former fugitive's future fortitude. ●

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Reflections on the Life of Susan Kunkel

Board of Directors' Secretary for Christian Edition

Susan Dianne Kunkel was born on March 27, 1950, at Behrens Memorial Hospital in Glendale, California, where her parents, Spud and Billie Kunkel, lived. Upon graduation from Glendale Union Academy, she continued her education and obtained her Licensed Vocational Nurse certificate and worked for three years in the Emergency Room at Burbank Memorial Hospital. However, her real passion and the bulk of her nursing career were spent in the motion picture industry. This is where she excelled! Susan loved her responsibilities as the baby nurse and the resident animal expert on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno and other variety shows. She taught snake handling at the Los Angeles Zoo, so she was the one called on in case there was an emergency. She was also employed on the movie set of *Beethoven* where she cared for and handled the canines and ultimately adopted one of the stars, a Cocker Spaniel named Chelsea.

Susan loved music and Christian Edition was one of her favorite musical groups. She credited her re-conversion to a Christian Edition concert she attended several years ago which ultimately led her back to God. She and Calvin had attended GUA together so when

Susie saw that Christian Edition was singing at a church nearby, she made it a point to attend and renew the acquaintance. Her heart was touched with the messages in song and word and she determined to return to church attendance. She took Bible studies, gave up smoking and was baptized. Susie became a very active member of the Eagle Rock SDA Church, eventually assuming the office of Outreach Ministry Coordinator. She was the



motivational sparkplug behind the Celebrate Recovery and Breath-Free stop smoking programs because she felt a burden to minister to others with addiction issues. Susie also wanted to get involved with Christian Edition's ministry, so when the opportunity arose, she was elected to serve as the Secretary on the Board of Directors, a position she held for the past three and a half years.

Additionally, Susan served many years as the President of the Glendale Adventist Academy Alumni Association where she planned many Alumni Weekend events. Her circle of service also embraced Secretary of Motion Picture Local 767 and involvement in the Burbank Tournament of Roses committee for 12 years.

Susie also loved horses. She helped train them and taught young riders the skills of the equestrian arts. For many years she traveled with her mom, attending horse shows and competitive events.

Susie was always comforting others and was there for anyone who needed an open, non-judgmental ear to listen and offer wisdom. When her brother-in-law's shop burned to the ground, Susie gave comfort and support all night to her family. When her sister, Marti, was in the hospital for a month, unconscious, Susie was by her side every day. She was Marti's advocate for health care and assisted her through the crisis. The accounts of her dedication to family and friends are numerous.

Susan was loyal, organized, loving, happy, unselfish, beautifully soulful and an asset to all whose lives she nurtured and touched. She was loved by all and her memory will not fade with time.

Although Susan's earthly journey ended on January 9, 2009, and she now rests in peace, let each of us determine to see her again "Soon and Very Soon" where there will be no more sickness, pain or parting by death, because all the causes of tears will be wiped away. ●

Calendar

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- 26 Thursday 7:00 P.M. **Concert**
Paw Paw SDA Church
60409 M-40
Paw Paw, MI 49079-9273
269 657-5051
- 27 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Concert**
All Nations SDA Church
4259 E. Snow Road
Berrien Springs, MI 49103-9223
269 473-4400
- 28 Saturday 10:45 A.M. **Concert**
Stevensville SDA Church
6657 Stevensville Baroda Road
Stevensville, MI 49127-9780
269 422-2391

- 28 Saturday 6:30 P.M. **Concert**
Hinsdale SDA Church
201 N. Oak Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521
630 323-0182

- 29 Sunday 2:00 P.M. **Concert**
South Shore United Methodist Church
7350 S. Jeffery Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60649-3165
773 752-6233

April 2009

- 3 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Rehearsal**
- 17 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Rehearsal**
- 18 Saturday 11:00 A.M. **Concert**
Orange Coast SDA Church
77 Post
Irvine, CA 92618
949 769-6777
- 18 Saturday 6:30 P.M. **Concert**
Westminster Good Samaritan
SDA Church
14362 Willow Lane
Westminster, CA 92683
714 897-4026

May 2009

- 1 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Rehearsal**
- 8 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Rehearsal**
- 9 Saturday 7:00 P.M. **Concert**
Voice of Prophecy – Family Reunion
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort
44-400 Indian Wells Lane
Indian Wells, CA 92210
760 773-4444
- 15 Friday 7:30 P.M. **Concert**
Ogden SDA Church
2185 Taylor Avenue
Ogden, UT 84401-2957
801 393-6991

- 16 Saturday 10:00 A.M. **Concert**
Wasatch Hills SDA Church
2139 Foothill Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
801 484-4331

- 16 Saturday 3:00 P.M. **Concert**
West Jordan SDA Church
2125 W 9000 S
West Jordan, UT 84088-9347
801 566-7100

- 16 Saturday 7:00 P.M. **Concert**
Provo SDA Church
255 S 700 E
Provo, UT 84606-4955
801 374-2978

- 17 Sunday 11:00 A.M. **Concert**
Community Presbyterian Church
75 N 100 E
American Fork, UT 84003
801 756-2621

JUNE 2009

- 12 Friday 7:00 P.M. **Rehearsal**
- 27 Saturday 10:45 A.M. **Concert**
Mountain View Japanese SDA Church
195 N. Rengstorff Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043
650 968-2551
- 27 Saturday 8:00 P.M. **Concert**
Mount Hermon
Christian Conference Center
37 Conference Drive
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