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Roy & Chris Cochran's January/February 2011 Newsletter

Hello and greetings from the Cochran's. WOW! How did we get to mid February already? We hit the ground running in January. 2011 looks so promising in so many ways. The conversations I am having with musicians, with pastors, with worship leaders, with artists and friends all seem to center around our increasing desire to experience a deeply connected life WITH Christ. The irony is that many times our involvement in our local churches can be at such a high level of activity that it's easy to slip into a mindset of DOING things FOR Him vs. JOINING Him in serving and loving people. It's so subtle.

It wasn't until a man who walked with God, came along side me in all my activity and invited me into His life in Christ as a mentor, as a friend. He didn't put it that way. He simply invited me over to pray with him one morning. That turned into a conversation I looked forward to for years to come. As a result, my life, my marriage, my family, my reason for getting up in the morning has been forever changed for the better. Because Jeff Beal allowed me to look into His walk WITH Jesus, I learned what that could look like in my life. Jesus showed me through Jeff what a life deeply connect to Him could look like over the years that we met together. For me, serving the Lord FOR God is a completely different experience than serving the Lord WITH God. It's really a different life that I've been given and it all changed when someone invested a bit of time and shared their walk with Christ with me. **This is Mentoring. This is discipleship.** This is a Kingdom way of reaching into families, into communities and yes even into Nations! Yes, it can seem counter-intuitive investing into just ONE person at a time when many of us reach out to hundreds and even thousands at many of our weekend services. That's what I see Jesus doing with the three disciples closest to Him. I would guess that those conversations spilled over to all twelve disciples.

That's what He has asked me to do with Him – to join Him in strengthening and encouraging worship leaders, musicians, creative artists, painters, writers, photographers, visual worship leaders, technical directors, film directors – PEOPLE artistically gifted and serving with their art and with their lives. I believe the greatest life change happens in the context of relationship and experience.

This year, doors are opening up in AMAZING ways both here and abroad. We are seeing and feeling the fruit of your consistent prayers and your consistent giving that YOU have sown with us for a little more than two years now! Truth be told, you are an amazingly powerful small tribe of people who have been able to support us these last two years. Thank you! You have been used by God to strengthen and encourage Chris and I to continue on in this wonderfully dependant relationship with Christ and His Body. God's faithfulness to us through you has and



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Author, Ian Cron (*Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale*) will be speaking at the 2011 Worship Mentor Gathering.

continues to be such a testimony to people watching us living our lives in this way, a way of faith, a way of community. Each and every gift has come exactly when we needed it and has been the amount we specifically needed. Thank you again for responding to the promptings the Lord has given you toward us. Each and every night at bed-time prayers, both Trevor and Connor ask the Father to bless you, our supporters. I can't help but wonder how this lifestyle of faith that our boys are growing up in will play out in their lives.

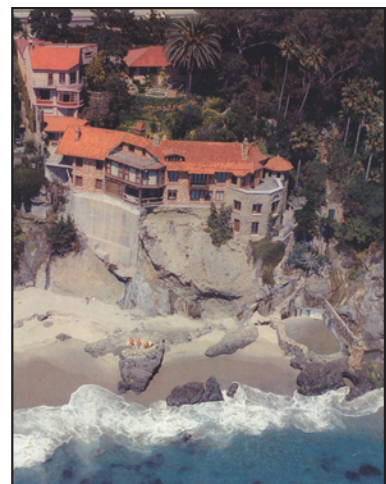
Worship Mentor News

Well ... we CONTINUE to work on the new www.worshipmentor.com site. CRAZY! the hours and time that has been invested into it. We believe the site will be greatly used to connect, encourage and resource those in the Worship Mentor Network and those looking to be mentored. Please pray for us in this work. I can't wait for you to see it. It will blow your mind the technology that has gone into it being interactively connected with all of our mentors and their own personal sites, blogs, Facebook postings and tweets. Also www.roycochran.com will be updated & become part of this new network. New giving options will also be part of the upgrade allowing supporters a fixed monthly giving amount as an option.

Just for fun, if you want to take a peek at our Invitation for our upcoming 2011 Worship Mentor Gathering, go to www.worshipmentorgathering.com. This is unfolding to be another INCREDIBLE Gathering. Sorry, I would love to invite you but it already has filled up! If you have not heard of author Ian Cron and his book "Chasing Francis", I highly recommend you getting hold of this book. Ian will be our Gathering facilitator this year. We also received a miraculously generous gift in that Villa Rockledge in Laguna Beach has offered their multi-million dollar seaside estate to us for this year's Gathering for FREE! YES!

On the Worship Leading front, I finished up leading at Capo Valley Church in San Juan Capistrano, at Christmas. We are currently asking the Lord for our next part time assignment. Hoping to lead 2-3 weekends per month at a local church. I so love pouring into a Worship community. In February, my good friend and amazing worship leader Jefferson Denim has invited me to lead with him a couple of times at Mt. of Olives Lutheran Church in Mission Viejo. I will also be leading in Rancho Palos Verdes at Peninsula Community Church while Martin Allen, President of Worship Foundations International leads a team of musicians over to India. Todd Tolson the pastor of Riverview Community Church in Santee had me out in January and has invited me back out in March.

On the Church Sound, Video and Lighting front, things have picked up in 2011. I have been able to help many churches with their technical needs making a better way for worship and teaching to go on unhindered, even inspiring! We have also been able to help teams to grow in their understanding of a worship environment with the help of Stephen Proctor and Camron Ware of www.visualworshipper.com and www.worshipvj.com. You should check out these sights. I have also been invited to serve as a spiritual encourager for the Southern California Church Tech Directors Round Table. Quite an honor encouraging these people responsible for production at the largest churches in Southern California.



The Worship Mentor Gathering site is the beautiful Villa Rockledge in Laguna Beach.

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And of course there was the NAMM show! The largest MUSIC convention in the nation for every musical instrument made! Such a great time to catch up with friends, and to make new ones. Had an amazing time of prayer with James Goodall (FANTASTIC GUITAR BUILDER) with my good buddies Don Schoenberger AND Tyler Kelley right there in his booth. Many stories and memories.

We hope you feel included in all these happenings and we pray this newsletter will strengthen & encourage you with what the Lord is doing in and through this ministry. We believe your prayers ARE opening all these doors. We plan to continue sending these letters to you once a month, even if we are a little late. And remember, you are welcome to visit our website at www.roycochran.com. Check out my **blogs** on my website and visit us on **FACEBOOK** every week or so for weekly updates and encouragements. Please keep in touch. We love hearing from each of you and love seeing you even more. We'd love to have you over for dinner and catch up with what He is doing in your life. Your prayers and donations have increased our faith and His kingdom and are particularly valuable to us in the times in which we live. Thank you for sacrificially supporting us!

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Thank you all for allowing God to love us, to encourage us, to support us through your lives, through your words, through your gifts. In 2011, may you see more and more of Who God is and more and more of what He has done. And may your response to that be WORSHIP!

We love you and are thankful for each one of you!

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Dave Burns (worship pastor) Roy Cochran and James Goodall (guitar builder) at NAMM 2011.



Guitarist Drew Moberly and Roy drooling over Duesenberg Guitars at The NAMM Show 2011.