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Roy and Chris Cochran on Chris's Birthday.

I am so excited to share with you all what the Lord has been doing over the last two months! The Lord is good and He is on the move these days. His love for you and I is so great, we are only able to receive a fraction of what He has for us. He has given us so much. He so desires that each of us would step into the Kingdom place He has for each of us. We are HIS Body and He has fit us together in such a way that we and the world can experience and see His love in action. Many of us have experienced some deep wounds in this life. Some of us have opened up doors into our life that the enemy has come into and has

set up strongholds and mindsets that are contrary to what God says and thinks and has for us. We are seeing these wounds, these open doors for the enemy, these strongholds and mindsets being healed by Jesus! Lives being completely transformed by His healing love. It's so important to know who Jesus says you are, what the Word of God tells you and I about our identity in Christ now that we have chosen to follow Jesus and His way of living. It's wonderful that we will spend eternity with Christ when these bodies give out but He has an exciting, faith-filled life available NOW to those who have called on His Name and who have His Spirit ALIVE in them.

A couple months ago, my good friend Arnie Vilches and I were invited to lead worship and a worship workshop for a High School retreat on Catalina Island. I was also able to bring the family along too. During our time there the main topic was that "You Are God's Masterpiece", taken from *Ephesians 2:10* – "...for we are His workmanship, God's masterpiece (poema). He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the things He planned for us long ago." *New Living Translation*.



Roy and Arnie lead a Worship Workshop on Catalina Island.

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Memories of the High School retreat on Catalina Island. Roy and Arnie Vilches led worship.

This “Masterpiece” of the Creation by Michelangelo is shown here with “graffiti” written all over it. On the right over the Hand that represents God’s Hand are statements found in the Bible of who He says we are. On the left over the hand of Adam is a question, “Who am I?”. The students came up the to board and wrote statements beginning with, “I’m no longer who . . .” These statements, many of them lies, some of them half-truths formed an IDENTITY in them. Some of you were told you were stupid as a child by a parent or teacher and you’ve taken that on and have lived your life trying to prove you weren’t but down deep you believed you were. All of us have had these lies GRAFFITIED

over the Masterpiece of who God has made us to be. I’m not sure if you can read what some of these High School students wrote: “I’m no longer who my dad says I’m not, I’m no longer worthless, I am no longer my past, I’m no longer who I think I HAVE to be,” and more. Do you deal with this? Most of us have and do. Until someone began to tell me the truth of who I am In Christ and I was in a place to really receive that truth from Jesus, I was “saved” or rescued from an eternity separated from God but I was still needing to be rescued or saved from these lies that I believed from my past by receiving the truth of who I am as a follower of Christ and being delivered from the hold these lies had on me. This is done through prayer and discipleship. This kind of living is very much like a person living homeless on the street but having millions in the bank available to them. We’ve not been disciplined or mentored into who we are in Christ. We have not gained access to the freedom we have In Christ. Yes we’ve heard the information of these truths coming from sermons but discipleship and mentoring seems to be more of a life on life walking with someone. Seeing if they get it. Letting them see it in your life – what it looks like.

Do you have someone like this in your life? Are you someone like this in someone else’s life? Transformation happens on both sides of discipleship, both for the disciple and the discipler. As a supporter of this ministry, you are part of this process happening in the lives of an incredible group of people in the church, an important part of the Body of Christ. (Well, actually, all parts are important!) Your giving supports every life giving conversation that a mentor pours into this next generation of worship leaders, artists, musicians, visual worship leaders – men & women using their God-given creativity to support people connecting with God in worship, art and music.

Well here’s some truth from the right side of that painting you’ve probably heard before (but it’s true non-the-less AND it’s true about YOU!) “You are no longer a slave but God’s own CHILD. You are a MEMBER of God’s own family. You are the LIGHT of the world. You are the BODY of Christ. You are a CHOSEN people. You are a ROYAL priesthood. You are a HOLY nation. You are a CITIZEN of Heaven. You are the SALT of the earth. He is the VINE , you are the BRANCHES. You are LOVED by God.” There is so much more in God’s Word about who you are. AND just as important as our identity is We also need to know WHO HE IS to us and what that wonderful relationship provides for us.

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Conner, Roy, Chris and Trevor on Catalina Island.

Chris and I love praying for you. Actually, Trevor and Connor regularly pray that God would bless our supporters. We believe He is and does. If we could pray for you in any other specific way, it would be our privilege and joy to do so. Maybe it's in this area. It's really never just a one-time thing. The Lord, continually over our lifetime, leads us further and further into the freedom He has for us In Christ. That's why, by His design, we need Him and we need one another – His Body. It's so good being connected to each of you in this Kingdom adventure.

Remember that myself, along with my wife Chris and our son's Trevor and Connor are praying for an ever increasing awareness of His powerful love for you in every moment of every day.

A Few Ministry Highlights, Updates and Prayer requests:



Worship Mentor Network – We've been working on developing a new website for the Worship Mentor Network the last couple of months and we are close to having it go live! It will be an invaluable tool for connecting Mentors in the Network to each other and

allowing others to gain access to the Mentors and the resources they have developed for the worship community. Please pray for us as we finish this up and get it up and running in the next month, Lord willing!



Gathering site in Laguna Beach.

I continue to work on our next **National Worship Mentor Gathering** being held in Laguna Beach in May of 2011. We have our guest speaker, **Ian Cron, author of Chasing Francis, www.iancron.com**. We have our meeting place, an amazing multimillion-dollar mansion on the water, built in 1920's in Laguna Beach, which was donated for our event. And we also have our meals and lodging. The Lord has provided much help in these areas and we have already seen Him at work for this Gathering in amazing ways. Now we have to send out the invitations and see how we can somehow limit the attendance to 30 key people from around the country. Please join us in praying for the right people to get in.



Author, Ian Cron will be speaking at the 2011 Gathering.

In the last newsletter I spoke of the opportunity to go overseas on a trip to China and India taking mentors with me. We were thinking it might be this year but it looks like it more likely will be in early 2011. Allowing God to open the doors through relationships and waiting on His timing always seems to require patience & prayer. Both are in play here. The Lord is moving so strongly right now in China. Millions of people are being saved and are experiencing the power & love of Christ in a country that for so long opposed the Lord and the Gospel. It's not like Jesus needs our help in what He is doing over there. It's more like, "can we experience and in any way support what You are doing there Lord?" When we step out of our normal routines, yes even the routines of our weekly gatherings, and we get on a plane and go to another culture, somehow the Lord does more in our lives & in our faith in a couple of weeks than He does in a couple years. Supporting God's love being spread globally always seems to benefit and grow us here locally. Please pray for His timing and for His provision to go and take mentors with me.



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Please pray for emerging relationships with both **Worship Leader Magazine** and their **Song Discovery** and with **Integrity Music**. Not sure exactly what the Lord is doing here but we continue to walk through the doors that He seems to be opening. Both ministries of Song Discovery and Integrity Music are great encouragements & resources for the worship community. As I meet with leaders from these awesome ministries, please pray for me that I will understand what He has for us in these relationships. It's exciting and humbling to walk through these doors. I'm travelling to Mobile, Alabama in early November to attend Integrity's Seminars for Worship and meet with some folks there from Integrity, which is based in Mobile.

Living Free Event – October 22, 2010: San Diego War Memorial Building. We had an amazing time together. Many gave their hearts to Jesus for the first time. Many were delivered from their past, from open doors the enemy came through, and even from disease resulting in healing. The event was organized simply by followers of Jesus, connected through years of relationships in many different ministries who heard His direction to reach out to people – people without homes, people who sold themselves, people in the adult entertainment industry, people in the gay lifestyle, people going to church but still in bondage, people who are successful and have nothing, you know, people like you and me. People needing more of Jesus in their lives. A church that you might attend on the weekends didn't put this on. The church, people like you and me just did it and I think that's kinda cool!

People: The many phone conversations, coffee meetings and e-mails that go on day to day with worship leaders, pastors, and whoever else Jesus puts in my path are really hard to quantify and qualify. But it's through relationships that Jesus does His best work, which is loving people. Many times Chris and I will wonder at the end of a day, "Why and how in the world did you meet with *THAT* person?" Most of the time we just smile and trust that the Lord is the Lord and He is the One orchestrating my calendar. But it's been through these kind of meetings that the Lord develops into relationships that ultimately bring Him Glory and build His Kingdom through strengthening and encouraging worship leaders and artists, who not only influence the church, they are the church. Just like you and I.

Here's to the CHURCH coming more fully into who they are In Christ, free and beautiful, full of love and grace, humble and yet powerful. Jesus, the hope of the world. You and I, the Body of Christ. I pray that each and everyday, you and I look more and more like Jesus.

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 2010, 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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