

Roy & Chris Cochran's December 2011 Newsletter **Merry Christmas to You!**

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We are so grateful for you our friends and supporters. We thank God upon every remembrance we have of you and continually pray for God to Bless your life, for the aroma of Jesus to be all about everything you put your hand to and for the wonderful Holy Spirit to come forth in you in greater measure with grace and power to the end that Jesus would be noticed, right? That people who are without Christ would SEE Him Alive in us, that they would be strengthened

by our faith, that they would be encouraged by our love that is strangely sacrificial. The way we live, the way we love, the way we handle adversity. It is our honor to be called to strengthen and encourage one another in our walk with Christ.

“Let every heart, prepare Him room. . .” It’s a significant line that most of us *know by heart*, but somehow seems to get buried between the bigness of JOY TO THE WORLD! and Heaven and Nature SING! And you must SING that line *three times*.

In this time known as **Avent**, expectation and anticipation is the atmosphere that seems to resonate in my spirit. Expectation and anticipation are just current words for what we would call faith.

Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. How can I live in the truth of this statement with expectation and anticipation? Joy has been imparted to me and has become my state of being because Jesus has come and made Himself accessible to me. The opportunity – the hope – the desire of God is this, *let Roy* or (insert your own name here) *receive his/her King*. Have you ever purchased a gift for someone and it didn’t make it to them? Total bummer they didn’t receive your expression of love. A gift isn’t fully alive until it is received.



Sunny California Christmas Greetings to All of You from the Cochran Family:
Christine, Trevor, Roy, Conner and Sadie the Reindog!

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Let every heart, prepare Him room. Easier said than done. When my family moved into our current home, I was SO excited to finally get a 2 car garage! I had BIG plans for that garage. What it has become is a place to put or store “stuff” that doesn’t really fit in our home but that we still value. I have planked the rafters and we now have an attic in our garage for the valuable stuff that doesn’t fit in our house but that we can’t let go of. Now, we’re not hoarders or anything on that level. It’s just life gets full and we have kids and they have stuff and where do you put a drum kit, etc. I think at times, if I’m honest with myself, I put Jesus out in the garage. *Let every heart, prepare Him room.* I have found that making room for Jesus in my heart – the place of my values & desires, requires me to throw some things out, or at least move *them* out to the garage! You just can’t ADD Jesus to your already full life.



The other challenge to this is that Jesus is invisible! Our faith is a mystical, radical faith and it is being lived out here in America in a rational, practical environment, which at times has even invaded our houses of worship. I had a mentor in my life for close to 17 years, an older, wiser, simpler man of God. I cannot think of anyone else who lived in such an awareness of the nearness of God. When I would come over to his home to talk and to pray and to just breathe on Wednesday mornings he would pull out a third chair for Jesus. It was to remind us both not to just talk about Jesus, but to include Him in our conversation, to actually stop and wait for Him to answer or to comment. This can be a tad awkward . . . at first. It would be rude if we talked about someone who was sitting right here with us, about what He would do, what He thought, what He meant, how it applied to us and never give Him a chance to join the conversation. He was simply making room for Jesus, where we were sitting, in our conversation, engaging our spirit and our minds.

Little weird you might say. What was the last thing Jesus said to you or showed you? I would venture a guess that it was in the context of you preparing Him room – a time of worship, bible devotion, a prayer walk, a time of solitude. Something you set aside just for Him.

My prayer for you in this time of Advent, of expectation and anticipation is that you somehow, in the midst of this busy season, pull out an extra chair in your life for Jesus. I believe you will, like me, be surprised that He has much to tell you, and show you and restore in you.

He IS alive you know.

The end of another year. It’s hard to believe that we are on the brink of 2012. We have seen the Lord coming forth so much in people’s lives this year. He really is capturing the hearts and minds of His Artists, Musicians and Worship Leaders in greater measure. You have been a huge part of this. Thank you for all you who pray and support us.



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The Lord willing, in 2012 we hope to dive in with even greater measure into this ministry of the Worship Mentor Network. We will hold our 2012 Worship Mentor Gathering in Colorado Springs, CO and expect an amazing time with more people joining our growing community. In 2012 we expect to launch, 4-5 Regional Worship Mentor Gatherings in Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Southern California and possibly in Washington. We have also been invited to teach and support Mentoring with Operation Mobilization's International Arts in their training facility in the Italian Alps this next year. There are countless opportunities for us to bring musicians and artists overseas to China, India and Europe. We are seeing the Lord opening up all these doors – AMAZING!!!! My new role as the director of the Worship Mentor Network is to facilitate musicians, worship leaders and artists WALKING THROUGH these open doors. The gift of TIME is what I desperately need. That is our prayer for this next year – that the Lord will make a way for me to invest all of my time in this calling.

Our hope is and will always be in the Lord. He uses gifts and offerings from you our friends to supply our daily bread. If you do not currently support us financially, would you consider prayerfully a monthly commitment of \$25 or \$50 a month? We are so blessed to have so many of you praying for us and for that we are also humbled and grateful.

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 this Christmas time, 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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