

Hey all,

I want to thank everyone again who came out to Mercy Me at State Fair this year. Wow, what an amazing time we had. Thanks for coming!!

Since that time though, some people have been asking what happened to the ministry after we played at State Fair in August, "You kind of disappeared". And I realized that it has been a while since I last wrote to y'all so I thought I would keep you informed as to what happened to us.

Well, we didn't disappear, were still here. I really wanted to just take a break after the Mercy Me show for about a month or so to regroup and make sure I had a correct focus going forward. (I believe it's good to do that every so often in ministry, probably don't do it often enough) I had been hitting it pretty hard over the last 4 years, two on my own acoustically and another two with the band. This on top of working part time and leading worship at my church or someone else's on Sundays. I felt it was time (to take some time) and really look inward.

To be honest, things had been financially difficult here at home over the past 2 years, I'm sure many of you have the same story. I had been praying for full time work for some time now but nothing was really coming together. Apart from the 2 to 3 insurance sales jobs per week that keep calling. (No offense to anyone in the insurance business, but please stop calling my house, I'm not interested)! Lol. It has really been a time of trusting in God for direction. Truthfully it came down to my wife and I looking at each other a few weeks ago and saying "By next month I really don't know what we are going to do if I cant find anything"

God really knows how to stretch you to the last possible moment doesn't He! Only to come swooping in at the last hour to rescue you. And He does it in a way that YOU KNOW, that you know, it was Him. There could really be no other explanation. I believe many times He HAS to do it in such drastic ways or else we would think it was of our own doing. It may not be when we would like the help, nor in the moment do I always understand His timing, but I do know that in His perfect wisdom, His timing is best!

But that's exactly what He did. In our last month – resources drained – employers not calling. One did call, and not only call, but wanted me to start the following week.. Wow, thank you Jesus!

That being said I'm working now for a major bank in their loss mitigation department trying to help people stay in their homes by doing loan modifications. And there's lots of work to be done. God is full of irony isn't He? One month I am worried about losing our own home and the next He not only provides me with a job, but one that its purpose is to try and help others keep theirs. I am always amazed at Gods wisdom!!

It does come at a cost though; the hours are 3pm till midnight, Mon-Fri. I don't get to see much of my family during the week. So in an attempt to stay faithful to my first ministry which IS my family, I have made the decision to only play (outside of my church) once a month for now. This is the reason for the drastic change in my calendar schedule.

So what does the future hold? I'm really not sure, but I am excited to find out. Walking with the Lord is always an adventure. I believe this new job was an appointment by God, so I am embracing it and His wisdom over mine. The terrain may change, but the Lord is the Lord and ministry is ministry where ever you are. I have always said that I just wanted to be where God wants me, it may not always be as

glamorous as playing in front of 6,000 people at a Mercy Me concert (lol), but if its where God wants me, then I am totally satisfied in Him! Amen!!

As for playing out with the band or simply playing acoustically? We will continue to play out once a month, as God allows and continue to lean on Him for guidance.

I am not always confident in my ability to hear correctly from God; however I am confident in His ability to lead me.

Take the coal, sear my lips, here I am...

Thank you all for the support and kindness that you have shown over the years, we hope to see you soon, perhaps at a church near you!

To God alone be the glory!

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